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NBR slated for random use of statutory orders

2 HC judges, AG also rap tax authority for 'not always helping AG office'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two judges of the High Court and the attorney general yesterday came down heavily on the National Board of Revenue for randomly exercising statutory regulatory orders and not always cooperating with the attorney general's office in settling tax-related cases.

Justice Shamim Hasnain said statutory regulatory orders (SROs) are issued every now and then because of the powers delegated to the NBR.

"An SRO is issued and the duties go down. Two months later, another SRO is issued and the duties go up."

"This is not fair. There must be equality in the system," he said at a seminar on the management of tax-related cases and the effectiveness of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) at the Sonargaon Hotel in the capital.

Suggesting that the NBR's authority to issue the SROs should be curtailed, he sought attention from Finance Minister AMA Muhith, who was present at the seminar.

Muhith said, "In 2009, we said that we were irritated by an excess of the SROs. We are bringing down its number. We will reduce it further."

Attorney General Mahubey Alam said the ADR system is fine if cases are resolved and money is realised. But it will be a matter of concern whether the system creates further

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A FREAKISH WAY OF EXTORTION INDEED! Ignoring the risk of an accident, a mahout intercepts a car with his elephant on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Hemayetpur of Savar to extort money from its passengers. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

TAVELLA KILLING Matin refuses to give any confessional statement

COURT CORRESPONDENT

MA Matin arrested in Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella murder case refused to make a confession yesterday.

Russell Chowdhury alias "Chakki" Russell arrested with two others in connection with the murder earlier said in his confessional statement that Matin, younger brother of former BNP-backed ward commissioner MA Quayum, had given him Tk 5 lakh to shoot and injure any foreigner in the capital's Gulshan to create panic.

Matin had been on remand for 13 days in two phases before he was produced before Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan for recording of his statement.

There he refused to give any confessional statement. He was then sent to Dhaka Central Jail, sources said.

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Why Bacchu won't be implicated?

HC issues rule over BASIC Bank scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has asked the authorities concerned to explain within four weeks why the Anti-Corruption Commission chief should not be directed to implicate BASIC Bank's former chairman Sheikh Abdul Hye Bacchu and its ex-board members in a Tk 154 crore loan scam case.

The court also issued a rule upon the ACC chairman, finance secretary, Bangladesh Bank governor, and managing director of BASIC Bank, asking them to show cause as to why the ACC chief will not be ordered to conduct a further investigation into the loan scam in the

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JS withdraws bill that 'challenged SC jurisdiction'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The proposed Ports (amendment) Act-2015 was withdrawn from the Jatiya Sangsad last night after a parliamentary committee pointed out that the bill challenged the Supreme Court's jurisdiction to question any legislation.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan had placed the bill in parliament on September 6.

Yesterday, he proposed withdrawal of the bill. The House passed the proposal by a voice vote.

The bill stipulated that no courts will have the jurisdiction to question the construction of "all relevant structures, including terminal building, terminal, gangway, landing station, transit shed, warehouse, jetties, ferries, wharf, quay, dock, mooring, and other facilities related thereto, operated by or under a license from the conservator, or other work on any part of the foreshore or shore or bank of a river within the declared ports limits constructed and operated according to the provision of this Act and Rules made thereunder".

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Shipping Ministry in its report to the House said it will not be right for parliament to interfere in the SC's jurisdiction.

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UTTARA CAR CHASE

'Underage driver was out on a joyride'

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

The speeding car at which Uttara police shot live rounds during a chase on Monday afternoon was being driven by an under-age boy.

The teenage boy, son of a Supreme Court lawyer, was out with three friends on a joyride and didn't have a driving license, said a source close to the boy's family.

He sped off when police signalled him to pull over at a checkpoint on Jasimuddin Road.

"As police chased the car, the driver went reckless and hit several cars, rickshaws and rickshaw-vans.

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The 40-second memory booster

BBC FUTURE

Have you ever seen or heard something amazing -- a scene in a film, a joke or a song -- only to forget it later on?

Instead of the crystal clear images you wanted to recall, you're left with scraps of images and mangled sentences, or more frustratingly still, nothing at all. Even monumental events, like meeting a film star, can sometimes fade surprisingly quickly.

There may be a disarmingly simple way to cement those memories, however. According to research by Chris Bird at the University of Sussex,

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4 to die for murder of Champa

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday handed down the capital punishment on four youths for murdering a teenage girl after gang rape in Faridpur in December 2012.

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JAMAAT 5-40 1-15 4-00 5-24 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A huge hoarding stands slap bang in the middle of Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Signboard intersection of Narayanganj. Many are baffled that the authorities concerned have failed to recognise the danger posed by such billboards. The photo was taken earlier this month.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

HOME SECY MEETING Dhaka, Delhi agree on more intel sharing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India pledged to share intelligence about any sort of terrorism and insurgency on the last day of two-day home secretary-level talks in Dhaka yesterday.

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Cops asked to know their guns

Police headquarters issues 18-point security directive for all units

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

All police personnel have been asked to master the techniques of properly operating their weapons.

In a set of directives aimed at ensuring security of the force, the Police Headquarters (PHQ) has ordered the unit

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ATTACK ON MILITARY COP Arrestee to be tried under military law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The man who hacked a military police member with a sharp weapon at a checkpoint in the capital's Kachukhet on November 10 will be tried under military law, according to the

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'স্বাধীন দেশ গড়তে ভাই
আয়করের বিকল্প নাই'



'সমৃদ্ধির সোনালী দিন
আনতে হলে আয়কর দিন'

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শীতকালীন আয়কর মেলা-২০১৫

আয়কর মেলার ব্যাপক সাফল্য ও সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের অনুরোধের প্রেক্ষিতে তাঁদের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের সুবিধার্থে প্রথমবারের মতো আগামী ১৯, ২০ ও ২১ নভেম্বর ২০১৫ খ্রিস্টাব্দ (বৃহস্পতি, শুক্র ও শনিবার) ঢাকায় ০২(দুই) টি স্পটে এবং ঢাকার বাইরে ০৬ (ছয়) টি বিভাগীয় শহরে মোট ০৮ (আট) টি স্পটে সীমিত পরিসরে শীতকালীন আয়কর মেলা-২০১৫ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

সময় : প্রতিদিন সকাল ১০:০০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ০৫:০০ ঘটিকা।

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ঢাকা	কর অঞ্চল-৯, ঢাকা এর প্রাঙ্গণ। (৩২ গরীব-ই-নেওয়াজ এভিনিউ, সেক্টর-১৩, উত্তরা ঢাকা)	রাজশাহী	কর অঞ্চল-রাজশাহী এর প্রাঙ্গণ। (কর ভবন, হেলেনাবাদ, রাজশাহী)
সিলেট	২৩/এ, বিহঙ্গ, কাজীটুলা রোড, নয়াসড়ক, সিলেট। (কর তথ্য ও সেবা কেন্দ্র প্রাঙ্গণ)	বরিশাল	কর অঞ্চল-বরিশাল এর প্রাঙ্গণ। (কর ভবন, ক্লাব রোড, বরিশাল)
রংপুর	কর অঞ্চল-রংপুর এর প্রাঙ্গণ। (কর ভবন, কাচারী বাজার, রংপুর)		
খুলনা	কর ভবন প্রাঙ্গণ, বয়রা, খুলনা।		

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