N'GANJ SEVEN-MURDER

HC order over

further probe

The High Court yesterday deferred

the date to December 14 for passing

an order on a petition seeking

further investigation into the

made by the petitioner before the magistrate concerned was not

submitted before the HC, said petitioner's counsel Abdul Bastet

A Narayanganj court recorded the

statement from Selina Islam Beauty, wife of former Narayanganj city panel

mayor Nazrul Islam, before rejecting

local influential people's names were

included in the FIR, but were dropped

and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker,

were abducted from the Dhaka-

Narayanganj Link Road on April 27,

2014. Later, their bodies were found

from the charge sheet.

in the river Shitalakkhya.

In the petition, Selina said five

Seven people, including Nazrul

her no-confidence petition, he said.

The deferral came as the statement

Narayanganj seven-murder case.

deferred till

Dec 14

Majumder.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

NEWS_{IN} brief

BNP's Fakhrul bailed in all cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted permanent bail to BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir in a vandalism and arson case.

The case was filed with Paltan police on January 4 over vandalising and torching a car. He is accused in a total of 86 cases, and now on bail in all of them, his lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star.

SAMS Kibria murder case testimoy recording deferred again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Sylhet court yesterday deferred, for the 10th time, recoding of testimonies of witnesses till today in the former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder case as only five accused out of 14 appeared before the court yesterday.

Public Prosecutor Kishore Kumar Kar said former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar and suspended Sylhet City Corporation mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury did not appear on grounds of sickness while the others had to appear before other courts.

Five people, including Kibria, were killed and 70 others injured in a grenade attack on a public rally of local Awami League at Baidder Bazar in Sadar upazila on January 27, 2005.

Three held over stabbing of Indians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested three people in Chittagong district on Tuesday in connection with the attack on two Indian Shikhs on the Chittagong-Dhaka highway at Sitakunda upazila on Monday night.

The arrestees, Mosharraf Hossain, 22, Emrul Islam Saju, and Md Bablu, both 19, were produced before a Chittagong court yesterday with a seven-day remand

Masked men stabbed Bhupindor Singh, 68, and Mul Chand Singh, 63, and allegedly looted Tk 50,000 and a mobile phone set from them when their microbus stopped at Panthichhila. They were given primary treatment at a local hospital and later police escorted them to their destinations in Dhaka.

Dhaka Sub-editors Council celebrates 15th birthday

Dhaka Sub-editors Council observed its 15th founding anniversary at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) on Monday.

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury was present as chief guest at the event chaired by DSEC President Nasima Aktar.

Among others Prime Minister's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, JPC President Shafiqur Rahman, Rangpur Mayor Sarafuddin Ahmed Jhantu, Acting Editor of the daily Ittefaq Tasmima Hossain and Land Reforms Board Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman were present.

Huzzatul Mursalin wins COP21 Photographic Award

CITY DESK

Huzzatul Mursalin, a Bangladeshi photographer, yesterday won the 2015 Photographic Award, organised by International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris.

The photography contest -- an official Paris Climate Conference (COP21) event -- was held at ICC Global Headquarters. It aimed at drawing attention to the global challenge of climate change.

Mursalin came first for his photo "An Unusual Funeral", a depiction of residents of Bangladeshi island Kutubdia paying their respects to dried earth and dead trees. Bipayan Bhar of India was placed second.

Bangladeshi to get British queen's Young Leaders Award

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi youth has been selected as one of the 60 young recipients of prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award, according to an announcement of the British High Commission yesterday.

Twenty-four-year-old Osama Bin Noor founded Youth Opportunities, an opportunities discovery platform for youths across the globe, which highlights and shares prospects from governmental bodies, NGOs, businesses and universities around the world. The award will be presented in London by the British queen next year.



Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique and Rafi Hossain, festival director of Celebrating Life, look on at a programme organised in DU's Teacher-Student Centre auditorium yesterday as a part of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Bank "Celebrating Life 2015" contest's district festivals. The organisers and DU have reached an understanding on the university participating in hosting a weeklong Celebrating Life event for the next three years. PHOTO: STAR

HC stays Dinajpur municipal mayor's suspension for a month STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for a month a government order that suspended Dinajpur Pourasava mayor Syed Jahangir Alam on charge of irregularities.

Following a petition filed by Jahangir, the court also issued a rule asking the government to explain as to why the suspension should not be declared illegal.

The LGRD ministry, without issuing any show cause notice, suspended Jahangir on December 3 for appointing "excessive" manpower at his office and reducing municipality tax.

The HC stayed his suspension on the ground that Jahangir was not accused in any criminal case and the government had not given him any scope to defend himself, said the petitioner's counsel, Ruhul Quddus Kazal. Jahangir is a BNP candidate for the upcoming Pourasava election on December 30.

Why 5 teachers must EC discriminated against them refund salaries

HC asks two DSHE high-ups to explain appearing before it by Jan 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the director general and an assistant director of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) to appear before it on January 5 on the charge of violating its order over cancellation of monthly pay orders (MPOs) of five college teachers.

DG of DSHE Fahima Khatun and its Assistant Director Helal Uddin have been asked to appear by January 5 next year to explain why they ordered five teachers of Rangpur Model College to refund their salaries despite a stay order of this court. The HC also issued a rule asking seven government high officials, including the education secretary, Fahima and Helal, to explain in two weeks why contempt of court proceedings should not be initiated against them.

A bench of the HC came up with the order and rule after hearing a contempt of court petition filed by the college teachers.

Petitioners' lawyer ABM Altaf Hossain said the DSHE on January 11, 2010 issued a notice cancelling the MPOs of the five teachers Ahsan Habib, Toyob Miah, Kazi Khaled, Zikrul Islam and Mominur Rahman. The DSHE said in the notice that appointments of the five teachers had not been valid and asked them to refund salaries and allowances they had received to the government treasurer.

Following a writ petition filed by the five, the HC on January 27, 2010 stayed the effectiveness of the DSHE notice and issued a rule upon the authorities concerned and DSHE to explain why the notice should not be declared illegal, he said adding, the DSHE on November 24 this year issued another notice asking the five to refund their salaries and allowances and also asked to explain why their MPOs should not be cancelled.



Anita Chowdhury, widow of late Samson H Chowdhury, inaugurates Samson H Chowdhury Centre on the Dhaka Club premises in the capital yesterday by switching on its lights. PHOTO: STAR

STAY ON CANCELLATION OF MPO | ALLOCATION OF MUNICIPAL POLL SYMBOLS FOR WOMEN

Says NHRC chief at award giving ceremony for ten lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman yesterday criticised the Election Commission for discrimination in allocating electoral symbols to women councillors. He added that this reflects the mindset of

the society in which discrimination is deeply rooted. Pointing to some electoral symbols -doll and bangles -- that have been assigned to women councillors, he said, "What a ridiculous thing in the 21st century!" The NHRC chief was addressing an award

giving ceremony organised by the Bandhu Social Welfare Society in The Daily Star Centre in the capital. Ten lawyers were awarded for giving legal counselling and support to persons suffering from discrimination based on their sex under a fellowship

programme of Bandhu Social Welfare Society. Biman Kumar Saha, additional secretary to the health and family welfare ministry, said around 65 percent of the people are

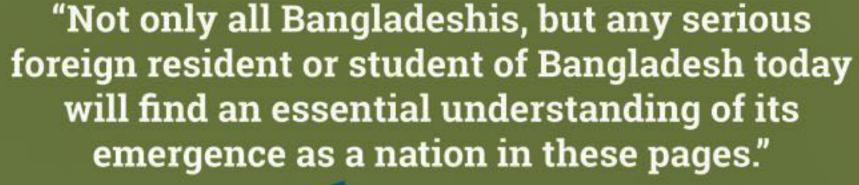
aged between 18 and 35.

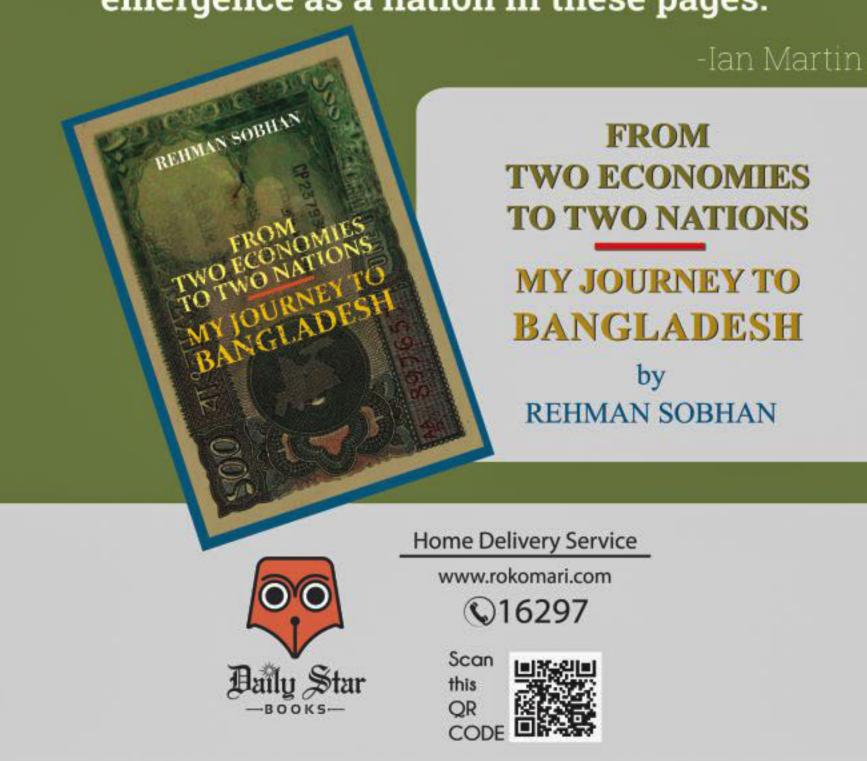
"If we can utilise this population irrespective of gender identity, we will prosper," he said, adding that this includes the hijra community.

Amber Brooks, director of Democracy and Governance Office of USAID in Bangladesh, said people of the LGBT community face formidable barriers around the world.

Advocates who received the award are: Gyanandra Prasad Das, Julekha Akhter, Golam Rabbani, Jahangir Alam, Merina Begamayang, Mostaque Ahmed Sharkar, Mustafizur Rahman, Saiful Islam Talukdar, Shaneaz Sultana and Swapan Kumar Dev.

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