

CU suspends 3 JMB suspects

CU CORRESPONDENT

The authorities of Chittagong University yesterday suspended three students who were arrested on Saturday for being alleged members of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh. The three—Naimur Rahman Nayan, Faisal Mahmud and Shawkat Russell—are students of physics department. Talking to The Daily Star, Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury said their suspension would be revoked if they are acquitted.

Road crashes kill 3

CITY DESK

Sumon Shah, 25 and his sister Sabrina Akter, 20, were killed when a bus hit their motorcycle at Motaharmor in Parbatipur of Dinajpur yesterday. In Panchagarh Sadar, Rezia Khatun, 44, of Jamunidiar village, died when a truck hit her in Sarenoyim village on Monday.

Cancer patients doubled in the last decade

Says report of NICRH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of cancer patients in the country has doubled in the last decade, according to a report of National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital (NICRH). The report, launched yesterday, said last year 18,556 new patients visited its Out Patient Department. Of them, 11,108 (59.9 percent) had either confirmed or provisional diagnosis of some kind of cancer. Most of the patients were diagnosed with cancers of the respiratory tract -- 2,436 --, including 1,983 lung cancer patients, said the report. Dr Habibullah Talukdar, head of the cancer epidemiology department at NICRH, said the number of patients treated at the hospital was about 5,000 in 2005. "Smoking is the biggest reason behind lung cancer while other reasons include tobacco chewing and air pollution," he told The Daily Star. He said NICRH is the only tertiary-level institute for cancer patients in Bangladesh. Talukdar said the death rate of cancer patients at the hospital was only 2.2 percent. According to the report, average age of cancer patient was 50 years and majority of them were male. About 67.9 percent male patients have smoked at one point in their life and 42 percent were current smokers. Of the female patients, only 3.1 percent were smokers, but about 30 percent had the habit of chewing tobacco. A PDF version of the report is available on the website of the Directorate General of Health Services.



Participants at a multilogue, "Meet the Training and Employment Needs of Young People with Disability", organised at The Daily Star Centre by Access Bangladesh Foundation and ActionAid.

PHOTO: STAR

Khaleda's remark

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people against any attempt of anti-liberation forces, which is destabilising the country and insulting the spirit of independence.

"We don't have a leadership that can unite mass people and compel Khaleda Zia to apologise... I have doubt whether even the Awami League can do it," said Pankaj Bhattacharya, president of Oikya Nap. Sammilita Samajik Andolon, a citizens' organisation, organised the discussion in its Shahbagh office. On December 21, the BNP chief said, "There are controversies over how many people were martyred in the Liberation War. There are also many books and documents on the controversies."

Her comments came hard on the heels of Pakistan's denial last month of committing any war crimes or atrocities in the nine-month war in 1971.

Amid protest against Khaleda, Goyeshwar on Friday described the 1971 martyred intellectuals as "anti-liberation elements" and "fools".

Addressing the Gulshan sit-in, Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury, a former Supreme Court judge, said, "Khaleda has insulted the Liberation War and the martyrs -- it constitutes sedition for which death is the highest punishment."

"She should be tried for sedition," he said. Many speakers supported his call. Khaleda is already facing sedition charges, and a Dhaka court has asked police to probe the allegations.

Days after her comments, Sajeeb Wazed Joy, the son of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, had told pro-liberation forces to protest near the residence of Khaleda for her outrageous comments.

Shahriar Kabir, executive president of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, said she would have to apologise.

Accusing Khaleda of hatching a conspiracy living in the diplomatic area, he urged the government to oust her from the area.

Tarana Halim, state minister for posts, telecommunications and information technology, said Khaleda and her leaders were continuously demeaning the Liberation War, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, martyrs, intellectuals, and rape victims.

"We will not tolerate it anymore," she said. "We will raise the issue of the 'Liberation War Denial Crimes Act' in parliament soon."

"There is nothing to be surprised with her (Khaleda) comment. She is an agent of Pakistan. She should be ousted from the country... tried for sedition," said Ferdousi Priyabhashini, a victim.

She urged the media to boycott Khaleda. Cultural personality Nasiruddin Yousuff Bachchu said, "They (Khaleda and Goyeshwar) have denied the Liberation War by denying the 30 lakh martyrs and describing intellectual as fools."

"Those denying the Liberation War are not allowed to engage in politics in the country," he said.

Tureen Afroz, a prosecutor of International Crimes Tribunal, said they hurt the national sentiment by distorting the Liberation War history.

An act is necessary to stop such distortion, which is going on for years, she said.

Alongside "Joy Bangla", participants shouted slogans like "Those who distort the Liberation War history are the agents of Pakistan".

After protestors left the scene, traffic movement got back to normal there around 12:30pm.

Official figures say the 1971 war death toll is 30 lakh, 2.5 lakh women were raped by the Pakistani occupation army men and their local collaborators, and 10 million people fled the war to neighbouring India.

Experts say the number of genocide victims is always determined by the victim country.

BNP CLAIMS DISTORTION
BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir last night blamed the "pro-ruling party men" for "distorting" a part of the speech of Khaleda over the number of the martyred.

In a statement, he said BNP chief in her December 21 speech mentioned about the "confusion" and "debate" over the number of martyrs as a reference.

"Pro- and anti-liberation forces and others placing different information and debate over the number of the martyred as there is no list of them. Different books upheld different figures. BNP chief just placed the information," claimed Fakhrul, adding that BNP chief had indicated the "importance to find out the real number to express tributes to them".

The people, who do not want to make the list of freedom fighters, dishonoured the real freedom fighters by making a

Full verdict on Sayedee's

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Attorney General Mahbubey Alam earlier told The Daily Star that his office would move a review petition before the SC seeking death sentence for Sayedee after getting the full judgement.

Meanwhile, Sayedee's lawyer Shishir Manir said his client would file a review petition for acquittal.

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Man dies in Karnaphuli River boat capsized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man died as a boat capsized in the Karnaphuli River in Chittagong port area yesterday afternoon. The deceased Nurul Alam, 55, was a staff of Kandari-7, a tugboat used for pulling ships into the port. Quoting eyewitnesses, Nazmul Alam, deputy conservator of the Chittagong Port Authority, said Nurul was working on a small boat with five coworkers when the boat suddenly capsized when all of them moved to a corner of the boat.

ICMAB launches online admission system

CITY DESK

Aiming to digitise the campus, The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) on Monday launched the online admission system at the institution, said a press release. Abu Sayed Md Shaykhul Islam FCMA, ICMAB president, inaugurated the system at institution in the capital's Nilkhet. From now on students can check the admission process and make payments through the newly introduced system by visiting

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Annual Report for the financial year 2014-15 have already been sent to the registered addresses of the hon'ble shareholders of the company through courier service. The report has also been published in DESCO's website (www.desco.org.bd). However, if any shareholders, who are yet to receive the Annual Report, are requested to communicate with Company Secretariat of DESCO during office hours in order to receive the same (subject to verification).
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Nagar Bhaban, Sylhet
Invitation for Tender (IFT)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of the Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives.
2	Agency	Sylhet City Corporation.
3	Procurement entity name	Chief Executive Officer, Sylhet City Corporation.
4	Procuring entity district	Sylhet.
5	Invitation for	Procurement of work.
6	Invitation reference No.	Memo No. SCC/Engr/PW-1/3029/15/
7	Date	28/12/2015.

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method (LTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Fund of SCC.
10	Development partners	N/A.
11	Project/Programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
12	Project/Programme name (if applicable)	N/A.
13	Tender package No.	21/2015-16
14	Tender package name	N/A.
15	Tender publication date	28/12/2015.
16	Tender last selling date	11/01/2016, Time: Bank Hour.
17	Tender closing date and time	12/01/2016, Time: 2:00pm.
18	Tender opening date and time	12/01/2016, Time: 3:00pm.

Name & Address of offices:

19	Selling tender document (Principal)	Office of the Chief Engineer, Nagar Bhaban (Extension Office), Sylhet City Corporation.
	Selling tender document (others)	a) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet. b) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Secretary, Room No-207, Nagar Bhaban, Sylhet City Corporation.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Secretary, Room No-207, Nagar Bhaban, Sylhet City Corporation.
20	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A.

INFORMATION OF TENDERER

21	Eligibility of tenderer	As per terms and conditions of individual tender document.
22	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.
23	Description of work	

Group No.	Name of the work	Tender security amount of Tk	Price of tender document	Completion time of works
1	Construction of dustbin with iron sheet at South Surma new railway station & development of approach road in front of dustbin.	22,000/-	500/-	60 days

24	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Nur Azizur Rahman.
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Engineer (I/C)
26	Address of official inviting tender	Sylhet City Corporation.
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	0821-719534

Terms and conditions:

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- Detailed specification, terms & conditions shall be available in the individual tender document.
- The rules, regulation and procedure of RPPR-2009 shall be applied.
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- If quoted rate is above 5% or less than 5% of official estimate it shall be annulled.
- Quoted lowest prices are more than one, then contractor shall be selected by lottery.

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