

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday again rejected the bail petitions of BNP's Student Affairs Secretary Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annee in nine cases filed against him. Of the nine cases, seven arson and vandalism cases were filed with Paltan police; one was lodged with Motijheel police in January last year and a murder case was filed with Sutrapur police in November 2013. Judge Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after his lawyer moved the bail petitions. Earlier on January 28, Annee was sent to jail after surrendering before two Dhaka courts, seeking bails. In all of the cases, Annee's name was in the First Information Report (FIR). He also stands accused in a graft case, pending with the senior special judge's court of Dhaka.

HC asks govt to explain why Abbas will not get bail
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government and Anti Corruption Commission to explain in two weeks as to why BNP leader Mirza Abbas should not be granted bail in a corruption case. The ACC filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station on March 6, 2014 on charge of causing the state a loss of Tk 16 crore by allocating seven acres of Rajuk's land to a journalists' cooperative society at a lower rate. On January 6 this year, a Dhaka court sent Abbas, a former housing and public works minister, to jail in connection with the case. Abbas's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star. The HC bench issued the rule after hearing a bail petition filed by Abbas, he added.



Grabbers erected illegal structures on the Zirani canal in front of the Billal Hossain Super Market near Trimohona-Kheaghat in the capital's Khilgaon, encroaching upon it despite the presence of a glaring signboard, inset, put up by Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority, prohibiting occupation of the canal and construction of any structure on it.



DPDC penalises electricity thieves

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd (DPDC) with a special taskforce drive unearthed an aggregated power pilferage of over seven lakh units, worth Tk 1.25 crore, in different parts of the capital during the past week. It conducted 11 drives at five industrial, three commercial, and one residential establishment since February 2 in Bongshal, Lalbagh and Bansree. Around 100 illegal power connections were severed and an engineer had been suspended. Several cases were filed.

Hindi translation of Bangabandhu's "Unfinished Memoirs" soon

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
India will translate the "Unfinished Memoirs" of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman into Hindi soon. This was conveyed by the newly appointed Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla when he called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Sunday, said a press release of the Indian High Commission.

Pakistan's willingness to settle

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ghoulishly against us...they had no decency...That is why there was no scope for wealth distribution," he said. Muhith said Bangladesh started placing the claims when diplomatic ties were established between the two countries. "I was the chairman of a committee formed in this regard," he added. Recalling Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's first visit while in office as Pakistan's prime minister, Muhith said, "Our then prime minister, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, strongly placed the claim and I was the member of that delegation." However, Bhutto did not respond to that claim, he said, adding, "He refused to discuss anything with us regarding that claim." Muhith said discussions regarding the claim were also held later and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation helped Bangladesh. However, the discussions never went far as Pakistan never recognised the claims, he said, adding, "This is the character of Pakistan." Bangladesh always tries to realise the claims, he said adding that the demand was still placed whenever a Bangladeshi delegation met their Pakistani counterpart. Muhith, however, lamented that the claim was never consistently placed. "There was a time when this demand went away from the discussion list and we again put it back in the list," he added. Replying to another query, he said the government was planning to reduce the interest rate of savings certificates in less than one year, as was usually done, in order to bring a balance between interest charged by commercial and government banks.

Cops, DU students scuffle

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scuffled with police because an Ansar man stopped their bus. The students also blocked the road for about half an hour in protest, and left the place after assurances of a proper investigation into the incident, he added.

6 CU BCL men hurt in factional clashes

CU CORRESPONDENT
At least six activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were injured during factional clashes at Chittagong University yesterday over a trifling matter. Of the injured students, Enam Chowdhury and Arafat Hossain of history, Mirza Khair of law, and Masum of sociology were treated at the university medical center, said Md Salauddin, inspector (investigation) of Hathazari Police Station. He said loyalists of CU BCL President Mohammad Alamgir Tipu beat up Khair, a follower of CU BCL General Secretary Fazle Rabby Sujon, in front of the central library around 5:00pm. They had an altercation over senior-junior relationship, said a police source. The inspector said on information, the loyalists of the general secretary beat up Enam Chowdhury and Arafat Hossain, who are supporters of the president. Later, both groups organised, and chased and pelted each other, he said. Police fired teargas to bring the situation under control, he added. Tipu and Sujon said the activists responsible would face organisational action. Around 8:00pm, the two groups pelted each other again from inside Shahjalal hall, which is said to be dominated by the president, and Shah Amanat hall, the stronghold of the general secretary. Two activists, Md Foysal of mathematics and Rezaul Karim Titu of philosophy, were injured at that time. The clash was stopped when police fired a few more tear shells. Additional police were deployed to prevent further violence.

Dalits deprived of edu, sanitation

Say research-based books of Nagorik Uddyog, Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement launched at The Daily Star Centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Dalits are being deprived of education, sanitation and hygienic accommodations in Bangladesh, cited two books based on research and surveys launched at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Based on surveys on 632 Dalits, "Challenges and Prospects for Dalits Securing their Right to Education in Bangladesh" found that the school drop-out rate was very high among the community's children. Of the respondents, 74.30 percent believe that financial constraints were barring the community's access to education. Another 26 percent said to have faced discrimination during school admissions, 32 percent victimised by teachers or staff and 16.7 percent discouraged by teachers from getting an education, all due to their caste. Among Dalits, 63 percent of the Domar, Telegu, Bede, Kaiputra, Hela and Kolu communities had enrolled in schools while it was lower among those of the Jele, Hari, Robidas, Karigar and Buno communities. The publication recommended ensuring compulsory primary education for Dalit children, providing education through their mother tongues, ensuring government benefits and stipends and ending the discrimination in society. The books were published by Nagorik Uddyog and Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM). The other book, "Access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (Wash) for Dalits in Bangladesh: Challenges and Ways Forward", is based on 126 Dalit colonies in urban areas and 46 communities in villages. It said the colonies faced a scarcity of drinking water with 84 Dalits in Dhaka having to share one water source on an average while those in villages faced discrimination when using water from sources accessed by all. **SEE PAGE 10 COL 1, SEE PHOTO ONLINE**



Ashim Pal puts the final touches on the idol of Saraswati, Hindu goddess of true knowledge, insight and wisdom as final preparations for the Saraswati Puja are going in full swing. This year's Saraswati Puja, which is on this Saturday, will be held in around 4,000 places in Sylhet district with throngs of people participating. The photo was taken yesterday in the city's Mirjajangal Monipuri Rajbari area.

3 new judges inducted to Appellate Division

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After the oath ceremony yesterday, Chief Justice SK Sinha reconstituted two benches of the apex court including the newly elevated judges. Meanwhile, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), dominated by pro-BNP lawyers, protested the government's move in promoting judges to the apex court. "Justice Md Nizamul Huq and Justice Mohammad Bazlur Rahman were promoted by superseding 30 other HC judges," said SCBA President Khandker Mahub Hossain at a press conference at its auditorium. He said a question was raised in people's mind over the appointment of judges "violating seniority". Khandker Mahub, also an adviser to the BNP chairperson, said a guideline for recruitment of judges needed to be formulated. "We will protest and take a tough stand if any judge is appointed before the guideline was formulated." Attorney General Mahubub Alam, who greeted the three judges at the chief justice's court, told journalists that no violation of seniority took place in promoting the HC judges. Justice Nizamul and Justice Bazlur were appointed in 2001 but it was not confirmed by the then BNP-Jamaat alliance government although the then chief justice had recommended it, he said. If they had been confirmed following the chief justice's recommendation in 2003, they would have already been promoted, the attorney general added.

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Apollo Hospitals Dhaka observes World Cancer Day

CITY DESK
Aiming to raise awareness among mass people, Apollo Hospitals Dhaka observed World Cancer Day on February 4, said a press release. On this occasion, it has announced a free counseling campaign to raise awareness about cancer and its damaging consequences. Around 120 people with family history of cancer had registered with Apollo for free counseling services which will continue till February 14. R Basil, CEO of the hospital, said Apollo will shortly be launching multiple customer awareness campaigns and cancer prevention programmes.

Rajuk on demolition spree

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They also removed ground floor shops at two other buildings on the avenue and fined another building owner Tk 1 lakh for a similar offence and dismantled two different access ramps built illegally occupying footpaths and road width. Khandokar Zakir Hossain, executive magistrate, who led the mobile court for the Uttara drive, said they knocked down illegal structures at two buildings in the sector-4 area, a ground floor sweets shop of Sea Shell restaurant, a tyre shop and a pharmacy. They also partially demolished some illegal structures on the ground floor of Samsung's showroom and Al-Arafah Islami Bank and gave a 10-day ultimatum to remove the rest of the structures including an ATM booth, he said. Rajuk launched the drives simultaneously in Dhanmondi, Gulshan and Uttara on January 18 in a bid to recover designated basement parking lots and remove illegal access ramps built occupying footpaths and road width.

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এতদ্বারা জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন পরিত্যক্ত সম্পত্তি ব্যবস্থাপনা বোর্ডের অকেজো ঘোষিত মাইক্রোবাস নং-ঢাকা মেট্রো-চ-০২-৩৮০৩ যে স্থানে যে অবস্থায় আছে তা নিলামে বিক্রয় করার জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিক আত্মহী ক্রেতাদের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। উপসচিব (প্রশাসন-৩) এর অনকুলে যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক থেকে ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকা পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা করে পত্রিকায় প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে আগামী ২৩.০২.২০১৬ইং তারিখ, রোজঃ রবিবার বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে কক্ষ নং ১১০, ভবন নং-৫, গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা হতে অকেজো ঘোষিত গাড়ি বিক্রয়ের শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রি করা হবে না। সিডিউল ক্রয় ব্যতীত কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। সিডিউল ক্রয়ের পর গাড়িটি সরেজমিনে দেখার জন্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে গণপূর্ত প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর পরিবহন পুল গ্যারেজ, মতিঝিল (রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইন, ওয়ারলেস সিগন্যালের পূর্ব পাশে) যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন। দরপত্র দাখিলের জন্য দরপত্র বাস্তব উপসচিব (প্রশাসন-৩) দপ্তরে রক্ষিত থাকবে। আত্মহী দরদাতাগণ আগামী ২৪.০২.২০১৬ তারিখ রোজঃ সোমবার বেলা ০২ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র বাস্তব দাখিল করতে পারবেন। উক্ত তারিখে উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে।

- প্রত্যেক দরদাতাকে উদ্ধৃত টাকার ১০% এর সমপরিমাণ টাকা উপসচিব (প্রশাসন-৩), গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা এর অনকুলে জামানতস্বরূপ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- দরপত্র গৃহীত হলে বিক্রয়কৃত অর্থের অবশিষ্ট টাকা পরবর্তী ১৫ দিনের মধ্যে পরিশোধ করতে হবে অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে এবং জামানতের টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত হবে।
- নির্ধারিত মূল্যের চেয়ে কম হলে দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- দরপত্র গ্রহণ এবং বাতিলের ব্যাপারে সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বময় ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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