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PM lashes out at Star editor

Says he should have resigned; accuses the newspaper of many ill-attempts to brand her as corrupt politician

BSS, Dhaka



International Mother Language Day.

The Awami League organised the discussion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

Referring to the resignation of BBC director general and its some other journalists over running false news against a minister or MP, the premier said they had quit their posts showing moral courage.

"When it was proved that the news was fake, the BBC director general and others involved in disseminating that news had not only begged pardon, but also resigned from their posts," she said adding, they did it as they had moral courage.

Hasina said who would believe that a

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Blasting The Daily Star for running "the DGF-supplied false news" against her during the tenure of the last caretaker government, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the Star editor himself could not demonstrate his "courage" by stepping down from his post after admitting his faults.

"He must have tendered his resignation had he any self-dignity.... For such a mistake, everybody including the common people, Awami League leaders and workers, businessmen and the student community had paid an unbearable price. My family and I also had to pay for the mistake dearly," she told a discussion on the occasion of Amar Ekushey and the



Even though the gate (which is a bar and not in the photo) is lowered at Tejgaon-FDC level crossing in the capital, a motorcycle rider slips through and waits close to a train at speed to pass. This act is not only illegal but also shows utter carelessness. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

ANN demands withdrawal of all cases

Editors of 19 Asian countries write to PM

ANN, Bangkok

The Asia News Network (ANN) has demanded immediate withdrawal of cases filed against The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, calling it an act of harassment and intimidation against the media in Bangladesh.

In a letter addressed to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, a group of ANN editors have expressed serious concern

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More cases, summons against Mahfuz Anam

79 CASES SO FAR FILED IN 53 DISTRICTS	Sedition	Defamation
	17	62
TOTAL DEFACTION CLAIM TK 1,32,811.55 CRORE		

STAR REPORT

The Magura court that had earlier kept pending its decision on a Tk 50,000-crore defamation case against Mahfuz Anam yesterday ordered The Daily Star editor to appear before it on March 8.

On Thursday, Senior Judicial Magistrate Imtiazul Islam heard the complainant filed by Magura district Chhatra League Joint Secretary Sohrab Hossain Sabuj, but did not take the case into cognisance and set March 8 for hearing.

The court issued the summons, as the plaintiff went to the court again yesterday and submitted a plea requesting it to take the defamation suit into cognisance and issue an order.

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Foreigner, 3 bankers held

Bank officials helped the foreigner skim off ATM booths to steal money of card holders first time in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A "German national" and three officials of the card division of City Bank have been arrested in connection with stealing money from card holders by copying card data from ATM booths.

The arrestees reportedly told detectives that they from Bangladesh had stolen hundreds of thousands of foreign currencies from accounts abroad but this was their first attempt to steal from local bank accounts.

Arrestee Thomas was born in Ukraine and had obtained German nationality. He entered Bangladesh using the stolen Polish passport of one Piotr Szczepan Mazurek and a one-year business visa that expired recently, detectives said quoting Thomas.

The three Bangladeshis are: Moksed alias Maksud,



Piotr Szczepan Mazurek

Rezaul Karim alias Shahin, and Refaz Ahmed alias Rony.

"The trio assisted the foreign national skim off the ATMs," said Additional Commissioner Monirul Islam of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) at a press briefing at the DMP Media Centre yesterday.

The ATM frauds, committed between February 6 and February 12, surprised many in the country as it was the first instance of such a crime in Bangladesh.

So far, the investigations found that fraudsters took away over Tk 25 lakh by making clone cards.

The gang of foreign and local nationals used data

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TOP QUOTE

"You have to devote yourselves to pursuit of knowledge.... You must remain alert so that blind faith and fundamentalism cannot inhibit your creativity."

PRESIDENT ABDUL HAMID TOLD STUDENTS AT ASHER MAHMUD COLLEGE, JAMALPUR YESTERDAY.



Pedestrians risking accidents cross a footbridge linking to the Babu Bazar Bridge in the capital by scaling a wall and the guard rail of the bridge. The photo was taken a few days ago.

Mashrafe made UNDP's goodwill ambassador

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh ODI and T20I skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza is all set to become the first ever Bangladeshi to be appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

A press release from the UNDP stated that the appointment will be made official on Thursday following a signing ceremony.

"UNDP Bangladesh will appoint Mr. Mashrafe Bin Mortaza as the UNDP National Goodwill Ambassador for Youth in Bangladesh," the press release stated.

When contacted, Mashrafe said that he had received the proposal a month ago



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PRIEST KILLING Police still clueless

2 suspected JMB men, a Jamaat activist held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Although the police arrested three suspects in connection with the killing of a priest at a temple in Debiganj of Panchagarh, they were still clueless about the motive behind the gruesome murder.

Law enforcers picked up one of them on Sunday evening while the other two were held from different places in the upazila during a drive that night.

Panchagarh Superintendent of Police Giasuddin Ahmed said they picked up two

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Pay hike for judges

Effective from July last year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved a proposal to increase the salaries of judges in line with the Eighth National Pay Scale.

The salary hike will be effective from July 1, 2015, while the increased allowances and other benefits from July 1 this year, said Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiqul Alam at the secretariat after the cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

According to the new pay scale, the salary of a senior district judge will be Tk 78,000 (fixed), which is equivalent to that of a secretary. In 2009, their salary was Tk 40,000.

District judges' salary will be Tk 70,925 to 76,350. It was Tk 36,000-39,600 in the last pay scale.

Besides, additional sessions judges will get between Tk 62,350 and 75,880, up from

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