



Re-excavation and cleaning of Chaktai Khal going on in Chittagong city yesterday. Following reports published by different media, including The Daily Star, the city corporation finally started the drive on the canal early this month to avert waterlogging during the upcoming monsoon. The authorities want to implement the project within two months. The photo was taken at Bakalia-Bou Bazaar.

Why Fakhru's bail extension petitions were dropped from cause list

SC directs registrar general to probe

The Supreme Court directed its registrar general to probe why the bail petitions of BNP's Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir were not included in its yesterday's cause list.

The apex court on February 22 fixed yesterday for dealing with Fakhru's petitions seeking extension of his bail granted by the High Court in three separate arson and vandalism cases. But, the petitions were not included in yesterday's cause list, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star.

SC Registrar General Syed Aminul Islam told The Daily Star last night that his office was yet to get any order from the apex court.

The HC on November 24 last year granted three months' bail to Fakhru in the cases filed in January last year.

The BNP leader recently filed three petitions with the SC seeking extension of his bail in the cases.

On February 18, during hearing on the petitions, a five-member SC bench headed by Chief Justice

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NEWS IN brief

Pedestrian dies being crushed between buses in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A pedestrian was killed after being sandwiched between two buses in the capital's Azimpur yesterday afternoon.

Mohammad Russell, 24, of Savar was standing in front of a parked bus when another bus driver of Falgun Paribahan tried to speedily pass it and Russell got sandwiched between the two vehicles. Seriously injured Russell was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead.

Kabir Hasan, who was with Russel, said they came from Savar in search of a job as a cook at the Police headquarters mess. They stood there to board a Savar bound bus for Savar. Police said they seized the bus of Falgun Paribahan but the driver fled.

Janitor found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A cleaner of Eastern Bank was found dead in its office in Motijheel yesterday.

Police recovered the hanging body of Jahangir Alam, 27, of Mugda, from the storeroom. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Inspector (Investigation) of Motijheel police Proloy Kumar Saha told The Daily Star that a note was found in Jahangir's pocket, where he mentioned about his frustration over his job.

Police arrested one Omar Asish Belal, who supplied Jahangir to the bank as a cleaner under his company Sumo Maintenance.

Police also filed a case against him for provoking him commit suicide.

One of Jahangir's relatives Feroz Miah, however, said there was no reason for him to commit suicide. He claimed it was a murder and demanded justice after proper investigation.

ARSON ATTACK CASE Bail granted for BNP leader MK Anwar

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted BNP standing committee member MK Anwar bail in a case filed for an arson attack that killed a policeman near Matsya Bhaban in the capital last year.

A metropolitan magistrate passed the order after the BNP leader surrendered before it seeking bail in the case. Anwar was accompanied by his lawyer.

Thirteen policemen, including Constable Shamim Mia, were severely injured while trying to escape a petrol bomb attack on a police bus near Matsya Bhaban intersection on January 17 last year during the BNP-led alliance's three-month blockade. Shamim later died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Police filed a case against MK Anwar, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, Amanullah Aman and 23 others for their alleged involvement in the attack.

After an investigation, Sub-inspector Dipak Chandra Das of Detective Branch of police on June 8 submitted a charge sheet, from which names of 26 BNP leaders and activists, including MK Anwar and Rizvi, were dropped while only seven people, including BNP leader Habibunnabi Khan Sohel, were charged.

Later on September 10, the court directed Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to probe into the case as it found flaws in the probe by detective branch of police.

SC stays bail of Shakila Farjana

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed till February 29 a High Court verdict that granted bail to Barrister Shakila Farjana, a Supreme Court lawyer, in two cases filed on charge of financing militants.

A chamber judge passed the order in response to two government petitions seeking a stay on the HC verdict. The judge also placed the petitions for a full bench hearing on February 29.

Earlier on February 22, Shakila Farjana secured bail from the HC in two cases.

Shakila along with two other lawyers Hasanuzzaman Liton and Mahfuz Chowdhury Bapon were arrested from Dhanmondi in the capital on August 18 last year for their alleged involvement in funding a Chittagong-based militant outfit.

Cops rescue shackled 14-yr-old in N'ganj

He was used in forced factory labour

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A 14-year-old worker was tortured and kept in shackles for almost two weeks inside a factory in Narayanganj and was forced to work by his employer.

On February 22, police arrested Akhter Hossain, owner of a Jamdani factory at Dakkhin Rupasi, in Rupganj and rescued Anarul Islam, hailing from Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat.

Anarul has been working for Akhter for a couple of years. He wanted to quit his job since Akhter did not pay his last few months salary. When he approached his employer, much to his surprise, Akhter demanded Tk 50,000 from him before letting him leave. On February 9, Akhter shackled his legs and made him work in the factory, said ABM Mehedi Hossain, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Rupganj.

"I just asked for my salary as I wanted to go my village. Rather than paying me, he put me in chains and demanded money. He even threatened to kill me," said a relieved Anarul, who is now undergoing treatment at a local hospital.

"I went to see my brother on February 19," said Anwar Hossain, elder brother of Anarul, adding, "Akhter pushed me to the ground and started scolding and sought Tk 50,000 from me. He threatened that he would sell Anarul." To save his brother, Anwar filed a case. Akhter gave a confessional statement in a court yesterday.

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fulfilling our demands, which is unexpected", said a press release of FBUTA.

Prof Maksud said, "After the January 18 meeting with the prime minister at Gono Bhaban they held meetings with four secretaries and officials of the University Grants Commission (UGC) four times to resolve the issue."

The federation on February 4 extended the suspension of the strike until February 23.

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The strategy also underscores an increased focus on areas like women and girls, marginalised and vulnerable communities, gender equality, transparency, anti-corruption, decent and safe workplace for workers, etc.



Guests hold copies of a book "Sangbadikota: Offline Online" written by senior journalist of The Daily Star Mahamudul Haque and published by Academic Press and Publishers Library (APPL), at its publication ceremony at Bangla Academy in the capital yesterday. From left, author of the book Mahamudul Haque, former secretary general of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists Abdul Jalil Bhuyian, Director General of Bangla Academy Dr Shamsuzzaman Khan, Social Scientist Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, Nurul Amin and Secretary to ICT Division Shyam Sunder Sikder. The book is available at stall no 281-282 of APPL at Amar Ekushey Granthamela. PHOTO: STAR

Assam, Meghalaya people could

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a new height, adding that the military-to-military cooperation between the two countries has also increased.

Raha said India and Bangladesh could work together on disaster management sectors and mentioned that a lot of visits are taking place at military training level between the two neighbours.

The Indian Air Chief said they are very happy that the Indian war veterans were honoured by Bangladesh for their participation in the Bangladesh Liberation War while the Bangladeshi war veterans would also be honoured in India.

He also said India could contribute with artefacts of war to the Liberation War Museum of Bangladesh.

PM's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi and Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka Harsh Vardhan Shringla were present at the meeting.

Pahela Baishakh

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Paribartan Chai, Bangladesh Birds Club, and Samonnay Architects organised the seminar. The minister said they were also mulling to beautify Suhrawardy Udyan in a planned way.

Prof Muntassir Mamoon, who chaired the seminar, demanded removal of all the structures from Ramna Park and a stop to construction of structures in it.

Architect Tughlaq Azad said the park was being damaged due to different programmes. He said the number of forest and fruit trees instead of flower plants and decorated trees was increasing at the park.

He also demanded taking care of century-old trees and traditional trees there.

Among others, Bapa Vice President Mobasher Hossain, Prof Dwijen Sharma, the ministry Secretary Mohammad Moynuddin Abdullab, Bapa Joint Secretary Iqbal Habib, Ramna Walkers' Association President AR Khan addressed the programme.

Rajuk reclaims more parking lots

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eviction drive simultaneously in Dhanmondi, Uttara and Gulshan on January 18 in a bid to recover designated car parking spaces and remove illegal access ramps built occupying footpaths and road width.

Four 'JMB men' held in capital

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The DB official said they used to communicate on Facebook and arrived in Dhaka from other parts of the country to recruit more operatives and collect funds.

Meanwhile, Islami Chhatra Shibir activists Jewell, Aziz, Tarikul, Alamgir, Russell, Saiful, Shahidul and Rony were arrested in Ramna on Monday over planning subversive acts, a Dhaka Metropolitan Police press release said.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Tender Notice No. 009/2016. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced enlisted civil contractors/firms of govt/semi-govt/ autonomous bodies those who have successfully completed civil construction/ maintenance work amounting Tk 04 (four) lac (minimum) in a single work order during last three years for repairing & painting of international and domestic counter (inner side wall, ceiling, shutter, door, counter desk) of District Sales Office Motijheel, Dhaka.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয় বাংলাদেশ ইনস্টিটিউট অব ম্যানেজমেন্ট ৪, সোবহানবাগ মিরপুর রোড, ঢাকা-১২০৭. ৮১১৭৪০০-০৭, ৯১০৩১৭১-৩, ৯১০৩১৭৮ (পিএবিএস) প্রশিক্ষণ কর্মসূচী, মার্চ ২০১৬. Table with 3 columns: তারিখ ও সময়, স্থান ও ফি, কোর্স সমন্বয়কারী.