

Star editor

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education secretary of Gazipur district unit of ruling Awami League, filed the defamation suit on February 17. The court had issued a summons asking Anam to appear before it.

It is one of the 79 cases that have been filed against the Star editor in 53 districts since February 9. Of the cases, 17 are pleas for bringing sedition charges against him. The complaints cite Tk 1,32,811 crore as losses incurred due to defamation.

The case spree began after Anam at a TV talk show on February 3 made an introspective comment about a lapse in his editorial judgment in publishing some reports, based on information given by the Taskforce Interrogation Cell during the 2007-08 caretaker government rule, without being able to verify those independently.

Cops deliberately

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Asked for comments, Shikdar Md Shaheen Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kafrul Police Station, said the allegations were wrong. "We are waiting for the postmortem report. We will take action after we receive the report. The law cannot function according to emotions."

Zabed Ali irks

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Bangladesh, Bangladesh Ansar, Bangladesh Coast Guard and Rapid Action Battalion headquarters today and tomorrow.

Nation pays tribute

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Freedom fighter Humayun Kabir, who came to know the poet during the war, recited a poem and voiced the slogan of the independence movement "Joy Bangla".

Turkey pounds PKK camps

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President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in a statement that terror groups were targeting civilians because they were losing the battle against Turkish security forces.

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Ordeal of an AIDS patient

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She suspects that her first husband from Jessore transmitted the virus to her. She had a son who died in 2008 probably of AIDS without any diagnosis and treatment, she said.

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90pc domestic workers have no labour protection: UN

AFP, Geneva

Around 90 percent of the world's 67 million domestic workers have no access to social security protection, with migrants left particularly vulnerable, the International Labour Organization said yesterday.

Domestic work is largely "undervalued and unprotected," the UN labour agency said in a new report. "When domestic workers become old or injured, they are fired, without a pension or adequate income support," said Isabel Ortiz, head of the ILO social protection department.

Obama promises human rights talk with Castro

AFP, Havana

US President Barack Obama, who visits Cuba in a week, promised dissidents he would directly discuss human rights issues with their president, Raul Castro, in a letter published Sunday.

Obama told the Ladies in White, a group of wives and children of political prisoners, that he understood their struggle, in the letter dated March 10 but published online by the dissident organization three days later.

3 killed

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A fierce fight took place between the two sides.

Second round of Iran polls Apr 29

AFP, Tehran
Iran will hold a second round of voting on April 29 to fill 69 parliamentary seats for which no clear winner emerged during last month's elections, state media said yesterday.

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Illegal ice cream factory sealed off in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A mobile court of the Chittagong district administration yesterday sealed off an ice cream factory for running its business illegally and using harmful ingredients.

Road crash kills 2, injures 3

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah
Two people were killed and three others injured when a truck hit a battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying them on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Hatgopalpur Bazar in Jhenidah Sadar upazila yesterday.

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most severe in developing countries. For migrants seeking domestic work, including those flocking to Europe amid the current massive movement of people towards the continent, labour protection is especially rare.

Certain countries which have legally mandated social security systems for domestic workers specifically exclude migrants from those programmes, the ILO said. Ensuring social protection for domestic workers is challenging, the report said, in part because of the extremely high turnover and because many in the sector work for multiple employers under informal arrangements.

"There is no single protection model that works best for domestic workers everywhere," said Fabio Duran-Valverde, the ILO's senior economist. "But mandatory coverage (instead of voluntary coverage) is a crucial element for achieving adequate and

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