

### CENTRAL BANK SCAM Gonojagoron Mancha demands removal of finance minister

**For his failure to prevent looting of money**  
DU CORRESPONDENT

The Imran H Sarker-led faction of Gonojagoron Mancha brought out a rally at the capital's Shabbagh intersection yesterday afternoon, demanding a removal of Finance Minister AMA Muhith from the ministry for "his failure" to save the money recently embezzled from a Bangladesh Bank account with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"Ensure exemplary punishment for those involved in looting of the money so that nobody dares to commit such crimes again, and oust the finance minister since he tried to save the looters rather than the money," Imran urged the prime minister, demanding an appointment of a responsible, honest and patriotic person to the position.

Slain blogger Rajib's father, Dr Nazim Uddin demanded strong security measures to safeguard the money kept in the financial institutions including BB, against further lootings.

"The rulers turn the thieves to robbers by appreciating their misdeeds," alleged Imran and lambasted the appointment of the central bank's new governor Fazle Kabir, who was the former chairman of state-owned Sonali Bank and secretary to the finance division.

"Kabir has been appointed to the post of governor to cover up the looting, just as he did before," said Imran.

Later, the Mancha activists brought out a protest procession to press home their demands.

### Man held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a man with a pistol, two magazines and 7 rounds of bullets during a raid in Sapahar upazila of Naogaon yesterday afternoon.

Arrested Md Mahmud alias Sentu, 65, was a resident of Kamaspur village in the upazila.



(From left) Engineer-turned-stand-up comedian Naveed Mahbub; Abu Daud Khan, managing director and CEO, Enroute International Limited; M Manzur Rahman, country head (Digital Services), Robi Axiata Limited; Sajid Rahman, chief executive officer, Telenor Health, Telenor Group, at the first ever Alumni Association of Brac University (AABRACU) Fest organised by AABRACU at Emmanuel's Banquet Hall in Gulshan 1 of the capital yesterday.

### Read books to be enlightened

**Prof Zafar Iqbal tells Juvenile Science Convention in Ctg**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Highlighting the importance of reading, popular science-fiction writer Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal in Chittagong city yesterday urged children to read books.

He was addressing as the chief guest in the inauguration ceremony of a three-day Jamal Nazrul Islam Juvenile Science Convention in DC hill area, organised by Fulki School as part of its 40th founding anniversary celebration.

He said, books have the power to open our minds and can enlighten us. He also urged the children to learn from Prof Islam, who was not only a scientist but also a patriot, and to follow his footsteps.

Suraiya Islam, spouse of the late Prof Jamal Nazrul shared memories of the scientist and his love for painting.

Poet Abul Momen said, "We cannot save ourselves from extremism, militancy without making a pro-science nation. It is vital to make students interested in science. Fulki has been trying that from its inception."

Among others, Shila Momen, principal of Fulki and Munir Hasan, secretary of Math Olympiad, were present as special guests. Shamsul Hossain, former deputy curator of Chittagong University Museum, presided over the ceremony.

The convention started on March 17 and would end today.

### Courage integral part to gain success in life

**Alumni Association of Brac University Fest told**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Youths must have courage to face challenges and defeat in the path towards building their careers because these are the integral parts of attaining success in life, speakers told a programme of Alumni Association of Brac University (AABRACU) in the capital yesterday.

There is also no alternative to being passionate towards work as it leads people towards success gradually, they observed at the first ever AABRACU Fest organised by AABRACU at Emmanuel's Banquet Hall in Gulshan 1.

Presenting the keynote speech, Sonia Bashir Kabir, managing director, Microsoft Bangladesh, told students of the university that future leaders should believe in four key words, courage, challenge, curiosity and compassion, if they dream to attain success in careers.

It is essential to have courage to face challenges and changes while taking part in any job, she added. "I really believe in one inherent quality that is curiosity, a sense of curiosity as it will take us to challenge," she observed.

She mentioned that it was also urgent to have compassion for career goals as it connects a person emotionally, to whatever that person wants.

M Manzur Rahman, country head (Digital Services), Robi Axiata Limited, said knowing what was happening in the whole world was necessary to cope with changes.

"Self-determination is very important for building careers. It is also vital to discuss with parents about own choices," he added.

Engineer-turned-stand-up comedian Naveed Mahbub, also a columnist, said it was essential for a person to identify the sector of interest where she or he would like to build up a career.

Sajid Rahman, chief executive officer, Telenor Health, Telenor Group, however, said youths should not care about failures, rather take rest which was also essential for building up a successful career.

Abu Daud Khan, managing director and CEO, Enroute International Limited, said it was difficult to predict futures but there was no alternative to enriching skills.

Sumayia Noor of AABRACU's executive committee gave the welcome speech.

### NEWS IN brief

### NI Khan Bangabandhu Memorial Museum's new curator

BSS, Dhaka

Former Education Secretary Md Nazrul Islam Khan has been made curator of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum which contains rare collection of Bangabandhu's personal effects and photographs.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Thursday gave the responsibility to Khan to act as a curator of the museum, the house of Bangabandhu on Dhanmondi Road-32 in the capital that was turned into a museum in 1997. He earlier also served as ICT secretary, personal secretary to the prime minister, and national project director of access to information (a2i) programme.



### 200 maunds jatka seized in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Department of Fisheries and Bangladesh Coast Guard in a joint drive yesterday seized 200 maunds of jatka (young hilsa) from 52 drums, in Taltoli Bazar of Barisal city.

Bimal Chandra Das, district fishery officer (hilsa), said that they searched different trawlers in the area and seized the jatkas, which were later distributed to different orphanages.

### Deer musks seized in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yearly yesterday seized 52 deer musks worth about Tk 1.04 crore from an open field at Rambhadrapur village of Panchbibi upazila in Joypurhat.

Acting on a tip-off, BGB raided the area, and handed the musks to Dinaipur Customs, said Lt Col Abdul Khobir, commander of BGB-3 Battalion, adding that sensing BGB's presence, the smugglers fled the scene.



Participants at a fellowship meeting of Bangladesh Malaysia Rotary International, held in the capital's Gulshan Rotary Club Auditorium Wednesday. The meeting was chaired by founder president of Dhaka Rotary Shereen Bon. Rotary Governor ASM Sawket Hossain, Malaysia Rotary Governor Siti Subiadah among others spoke in the meeting, which jointly presented Bangladesh and Malaysia for humanities project in the two countries.

### Passenger launch escapes capsizing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Sundarban-9, a Patuakhali-bound launch carrying over six hundred passengers, was luckily saved from sinking in Meghna river early yesterday.

Saidur Rahaman Rintu, managing director of Sundarban Navigation, said, "The launch suddenly collided with a sunken cargo ship in the river near Miarchar of Hijla upazila in Barisal, causing a crack at the bottom of it." No major damage was reported with the launch immediately anchoring at a nearby char and passengers on board hurriedly coming out of it, he added.



Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding recovery and proper preservation of playfields, including the capital's Golapbag playground, and open spaces from the clutches of land grabbers.

### Architecture fuses

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population live in the urban area, and the population is projected to be 200 million in the next 35 years, of which half will live in the urban area, said Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, who is on the advisory board of Bengal Institute.

So the agenda of the symposium is to discuss how to optimise space for a meaningful life, he said.

The symposium aims at understanding new directions in architecture and city building along with the kind of work that should be recognised as exemplary.

The invited speakers and moderators included globally acclaimed professionals, academics, writers, critics and thinkers.

Some are architect Peter Stutchbury from Australia, Peter Buchanan from the UK, Prof Adele Santos, Prof Timmy Aziz and historian Naem Mohaiemen from the US, architect Alberto Kalach from Mexico, architect Suha Ozkan from Turkey, architect Byoung Soo Cho from South Korea, architect Vo Trong Nghia from Vietnam, Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam from Bangladesh, and architect Nikalus Graber from Switzerland.

Kazi Khaleed Ashraf, director general of Bengal Institute, and Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation, also spoke, while Fazle Hasan Abed chaired and Luva Nahid Choudhury, director general of Bengal Foundation, conducted the inaugural session.

Last year, Bengal Foundation organised a similar conference of renowned architects from home and abroad titled "Engage Dhaka", and it was dedicated to Muzharul Islam, considered the father of modern architecture in Bangladesh.

### Saarc countries must

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addressing the 37th session of the Saarc Council of Ministers (COM) held in Pokhara, Nepal.

The foreign minister also emphasised important areas of cooperation including connectivity, trade and investment, energy, agriculture, terrorism and violent extremism, and blue economy, according to a foreign ministry statement.

The meeting of Saarc COM was preceded by the 42nd session of the Saarc standing committee and the 52nd session of the Saarc programming committee, as part of the Saarc inter-summit sessions.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque led the Bangladesh delegation at the standing committee.

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan and Afghanistan on the sidelines of the Inter-Summit Sessions.

### Book fair begins

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guests at the function presided over by Director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy Mosharraf Hossain.

A total of 50 publishing companies are taking part in the fair to showcase different kinds of books particularly books on children. The fair would remain open for public from 3:00pm to 8:00pm every day, but in holidays from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

### Girl raped, rapist held in Bogra

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court sent him to jail, added the OC.

She was rushed to Dupchanchia Upazila Health Complex initially and later to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital in Bogra, as her condition deteriorated, said family members.

Meanwhile, in Sherpur, a case was lodged yesterday afternoon against a man for attempting to rape a minor school girl on Wednesday afternoon in Banikpara area, said Khan Md Erfan, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sherpur police.

The nine-year-old victim was the daughter of Khokon Mia, a local paddy trader, and a student of class-III of Sherpur Town Colony Government Primary School.

The accused, Nannu Mia, 28, son of Mohor Ali of Banikpara, also a bird trader, took her to his shop Thursday afternoon and tried to rape her. As she started crying, he released her and gave her some money. She informed her mother about the incident after reaching home, who filed the case.

She was taken to Sherpur Upazila Health Complex for treatment.

Nannu has been absconding following the incident, added the OC.

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