

Ctg veterinary univ closes sine die for campus violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) was closed for an indefinite period following a chase and counter chase between two groups of students yesterday.
Vice Chancellor Goutam Buddha Das declared the closure after a meeting with the teachers.
Campus sources said there was a clash between the students of the veterinary medicine faculty and the fisheries faculty during a cricket match on the campus on Monday.
The university authorities settled the crisis on that day through a meeting.
The veterinary medicine students, however, got the fisheries students out of the dormitory yesterday, leading to the chase and counter chase on the campus, said Sub-inspector Md Shahjahan of Khulshi Police Station.
Khalilur Rahman, assistant director of CVASU, said the male students had already left the dormitory and the female ones would leave today.

NIKO GRAFT CASE Indictment hearing against Khaleda again deferred

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday for the second time deferred to June 7 for hearing on charge framing against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and 10 others in Niko graft case.
Judge Md Aminul Islam of the Special Judge Court-9 accepted Khaleda's non-appearance plea for yesterday and passed the order in response to two petitions seeking adjournment of the hearing.
BNP leader and former state minister for energy AKM Mosharrar Hossain and four others, now on bail, were present at the court. Khaleda and former law minister Moudud Ahmed remained absent due to their illness.
Another accused former acting energy secretary Khondaker Shahidul Islam was also absent. Three others are still at large.

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WAR CRIMES Four Netrakona suspects arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday arrested four war crimes accused of Netrakona, hours after the International Crimes Tribunal-1 ordered the arrest of five men who allegedly committed crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.
The arrested are Azizur Rahman, 65, Ashak Ali, 82, Md Shahnewaz, 88, and Ramjan Ali, 78, of Durgapur upazila.
Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Durgapur Police Station, said Azizur, Ashak, and Shahnewaz were arrested at their homes in Durgapur around 1:00pm. They will be produced before the tribunal on Thursday, he said.
Meanwhile, detectives arrested Ramjan Ali in Narsingdi town around 3:30pm, reported our district correspondent quoting Delwar Hossain, inspector of Detective Branch of police in Narsingdi.
A fifth accused, Khalilur Rahman, 72, also a brother of Azizur Rahman, is yet to be arrested.
Earlier in the day, Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta sought the arrest of the five, saying the investigation officer of the case had already found evidence over their involvement in genocide and crimes against humanity committed in 1971.
He said the accused were locally influential persons and were intimidating the witnesses. Besides, they need to be interrogated for proper investigation, said Rana Dasgupta, adding that the accused might flee the country as they were living in a bordering area. The prosecutor said the accused were involved with Jamaat-e-Islami in 1971, and when the war broke out, they joined Razakar and Al-Badr Bahini, two auxiliary forces of the Pakistani army. Badrul Alam, the investigation officer, said the probe started on April 30 last year and he had found "preliminary evidence" over their involvement in crimes.

BOMB ATTACK ON LAKSHMIPUR COURT SC imprisons JMB's Amjad till death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court yesterday sentenced Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) activist Amjad Ali to imprisonment until his death in two cases filed for killing a litigant and injuring some others by carrying out a bomb attack on a Lakshmipur court in 2005.
A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice SK Sinha delivered verdict after modifying its previous order in these cases.
The apex court had earlier scrapped the High Court order that acquitted Amjad.
Yesterday, the apex court modified its earlier order and handed him imprisonment until death, Deputy Attorney General Sashanka Shekhar Sarkar told The Daily Star.
Earlier on April 6, the SC upheld the acquittal of Amjad, and ordered the lower court concerned to hold his retrial.
The same day, the apex court affirmed the HC verdict that upheld the death sentence of JMB leader Masumur Rahman Masum in the cases.
Yesterday, the SC too upheld death sentence of Masumur, DAG Sashanka said.
The Appellate Division came up with the verdict after allowing two appeals filed by the government against the HC verdict on Amjad and dismissing two appeals filed by Masum challenging the HC verdict on him.
The SC yesterday reheard the appeals on its own move, the DAG added.
On October 3, 2005, JMB activists carried out the bomb attack, killing Mojibul Hoque, a litigant, and injuring MA Sufian, a judge, and some others.
On August 15, 2006, a Lakshmipur court sentenced JMB's military commander Aatur Rahman Sunny, Masum and Amjad to death in both the cases. Sunny was executed for killing two Jhalakathi judges.
The HC in 2013 upheld the death penalty of Masum and acquitted Amjad after hearing death reference and their appeals against the court's judgment.

RECOVERING BB'S STOLEN MONEY Why govt should not be directed to take specific steps HC seeks explanation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to take necessary steps to recover the US \$101 million hackers recently stole from Bangladesh Bank's account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
The foreign, home and finance secretaries and the present and former Bangladesh Bank governors have been made respondents.
The rule came following Supreme Court lawyer Eunos Ali Akond's writ petition, filed with the HC as public interest litigation on March 22, seeking the recovery and stating that the respondents did not take any effective step to this end.
Eunos told The Daily Star that the bench of Justice Zinat Ara and Justice AKM Zahurul Hoque did not respond to two prayers in the petition.
One was for ordering the government to constitute a search committee for appointing an "adequate", "competent", "sincere" and "honest" finance minister and a governor for Bangladesh Bank, he said. The other was to direct the government to arrest the former governor, Atiur Rahman, for not taking any step for the recovery, he added.



Unemployed diploma nurses stage a sit-in in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding cancellation of a Bangladesh Public Service Commission circular seeking to recruit 3,616 senior nurses, and employment based on seniority and merits instead. The diploma nurses have been continuing their protest since April 4 to press home their demands.

Agri ministry praises media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The ministry of agriculture yesterday commended role of newspapers and journalists in pointing out anomalies in the construction work of a building under the ministry where bamboo sticks were being used in place of iron rods.
The ministry made a strong note of commitment to ensure highest punishment to the culprits through complete investigation. "None will be spared to this end," said a ministry press release.
Part of Biological Research Centre and Lab building in Darshana under Damurhuda upazila had been constructed using bamboo sticks instead of iron rods. Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) of Chuadanga was implementing the 2.41 crore project.
Different newspapers and private television channels carried out reports highlighting the construction anomalies.
In the news release, the ministry pointed out different actions taken against the persons responsible. It said it has formed a three-member inquiry committee apart from another by DAE to probe into the anomalies.
Project director has been transferred to Khagrachhari and a project consultant has been transferred to Barguna. Both have been asked to join the new offices within a day. A sub-assistant engineer has been suspended.
All new construction works under the infrastructure development section of the DAE's planning, project implementation and ICT wings have been stopped.
DAE director general has been given 24 hours to inform the ministry about legal action to be taken against the construction firm Joy International and supervising institution Engineers Consortium Limited.
The release said a case has been filed on April 11 in this connection.

Woman's decomposed body found in house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The decomposed body of a woman was found in her rented house in South Badda area in the capital yesterday.
The dead, Shahida Akhter, 23, a garment worker, hailed from Bhola.
Shahida was estranged from her husband Anisur Rahman for the last one year, said Abdul Jalil, officer-in-charge of Badda Police Station. Recently she rented the house identifying another man as her husband, Anisur said but did not disclose his name for the sake of investigation.
Quoting locals, police said the room was locked from outside for about six-seven days and sensing trouble neighbours informed police of the matter. Police broke open the door of the first floor at 10:00am and recovered the body.
Police suspect that someone strangled Shahida to death.

IUB holds talk on ethnocentrism, strategic culture, leadership language

CITY DESK
The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised a talk on ethnocentrism, strategic culture and leadership language on its Bashundhara campus in Dhaka yesterday.
Lt Gen Mahfuzur Rahman, principal staff officer of Armed Forces Division, was the keynote speaker while IUB Vice-Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman delivered the welcome remarks. Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of IUB Board of Trustees, and Towhid Samad, chairman of Board of Trustees of Chittagong Independent University, also spoke at the event.

Obituary

CITY DESK
Nek Parvin Chowdhury of Borhanuddin Chowdhury family in Bhola died from lung ailments at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in the capital on April 5, says a press release.
She left behind her husband Kutubuddin Jung Chowdhury, a lawyer, a freedom fighter of Daulatkhan in Bhola and former president of Padatik Natya Sangsad; a son, and a daughter.
Parvin was buried at Banani graveyard in Dhaka.

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Herewith JSC Nizhny Novgorod Engineering Company "ATOMENERGOPROEKT" informs about open tender in non-electronic form for the right to conclude a residential property rental agreement for staff accommodation of the JSC ASE Branch Office in Bangladesh. The documentation of the above tender is available on the official website of the state Corporation "Rosatom" <http://zakupki.rosatom.ru>, the procurement No: 160411/0536/498.

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Man killed in CEPZ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A man was stabbed to death inside Chittagong Export Processing Zone on Monday night.
Alauddin Tamim, 23, of Pirojpur, worked under a sub-contractor at Regency One, an RMG factory in CEPZ, said police.
A group of youths beat Tamim and some of his colleagues and tried to snatch their cellphones, said EPZ police Sub-inspector Ruhul Amin, adding that they stabbed Tamim and fled the scene.
"The whole matter seemed to be mysterious," said Ruhul, adding, "We are investigating the incident."

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