

Inqilab journo sent to jail over 'false' report against AIG

UNB, Dhaka

A Dhaka court yesterday sent a special correspondent of the Dainik Inqilab to jail in a case filed for publishing a "false report" against an assistant inspector general (AIG) of police. Judge KM Shamsul Alam of the Cyber Crimes Tribunal passed the order when Sakhawat Hossain surrendered before it, seeking bail.

The case was filed with Wari Police Station by AIG Proloy Kumar Joardar on August 18, 2014.

According to the case statement, the report accused the AIG of exercising influence in the name of the prime minister.

On March 20, 2015, the tribunal issued arrest warrants for the daily's Editor AMM Bahauddin and Special Correspondent Sakhawat Hossain taking cognisance of the charge sheet submitted on December 31.



A road flooded with dirty and smelly water in front of the capital's Merul Badda Kacha Bazar area on Wednesday. It has been more than six months the road is waterlogged, and in a desperate need of removal of the water from its surface to provide a safe passage for all vehicles and pedestrians. Why the authorities concerned are turning a blind eye to this crisis is anybody's guess.

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TONU MURDER

Shift case to speedy trial tribunal

Demand cultural activists

DU CORRESPONDENT

Cultural personalities yesterday demanded justice for the murder of Comilla Victoria College student Sohagi Jahon Tonu and shifting of the case to a speedy trial tribunal.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the government and law enforcers' indifference to arresting the killers, they raised the demands from a rally at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital.

Bangladesh Patha Natok Parishad organised the rally as part of a five-day demonstration, which was previously announced by Sammilita Sanskritik Jote (SSJ) on Monday, seeking justice for her murder.

Hasan Arif, general secretary of SSJ, said, "We want a fair probe into the murder and exemplary punishment for the killers. They must be tried under a speedy trial tribunal."

Theatre personality Ramendu Majumder alleged, "Tonu's father said that he had identified stab marks on her head, but the doctors submitted a 'false report' showing no stab marks."

Renowned actor and play director Mamunur Rashid said, "Exemplary punishment for the killers has to be ensured so that none can dare to think of committing such barbaric crimes and attacking women in the future."

SSJ President Golam Kuddus said, "It is shameful for the whole nation that none was arrested yet...even after one month of her killing." Three dramas were staged at the rally in order to raise awareness among the people against violence against women. They also announced that they would hold a candlelight protest rally across the country on April 23.

Four to walk gallows for killing Gazipur schoolboy

UNB, Gazipur

A Gazipur court yesterday sentenced four people including two siblings to death for killing a schoolboy at Pubail in the city in August 2004.

The condemned convicts are Iqbal Hossain Bhuiyan, 32, and his brother Md Shakil Bhuiyan, 30, sons of Abdul Hamid Bhuiyan; Zaman Sarker, 32, son of Afzal Hossain Sarker of Pubail; and Abu Sayem, 34, son of Mujibur Rahman of Kurigram. The court also fined them Tk 10,000 each.

According to the prosecution, Zaman had proposed to marry Rokhsana, daughter of Hasan Khandker of Pubail, which Rokhsana's family turned down. Outraged, Zaman on August 10, 2004 abducted her brother Mamun, then an eighth-grader of a local school, who was found dead in a septic tank adjacent to one Shahjahan Bhuiyan's house, three days after his abduction.

The victim's father filed a murder case with Joydebpur Police Station against seven people. After examining the records and 15 witnesses, Judge of Additional District and Sessions Judge Court-1 Md Fazle Elahi Bhuiyan gave the verdict. He, however, acquitted three other accused as the allegations against them could not be proved.

SIGNING OF PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT TODAY Leaders pledge specific actions on carbon pricing

UNB, Dhaka

A panel of World Bank Group, including six heads of states and governments, yesterday agreed on an ambitious global target for putting a price on carbon pollution.

The Carbon Pricing Panel challenged the world to expand carbon pricing to cover 25 percent of global emissions by 2020 -- double the current level -- and to achieve 50 percent coverage within the next decade.

The panel also includes heads of the World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund, and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The call, which comes on the eve of the signing ceremony in New York of the Paris COP21 Agreement today, was made, among others, by Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, President of Chile Michelle Bachelet, Prime Minister of Ethiopia Hailemariam Dessalegn, President of France François Hollande, Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel, and President of Mexico Enrique Peña Nieto.

"There is a growing sense of inevitability about putting a price on carbon pollution," World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim was quoted as saying in a statement received from IMF yesterday.

"In order to deliver on the promises of the historic Paris climate agreement, a price on carbon pollution will be essential to help cut emissions and drive investments into innovation and cleaner technologies. Prices for producing renewable energy are falling fast, and putting a price on carbon has the potential to make them even cheaper than fuels that pollute our planet," Kim said.

The call to expand carbon pricing was supported by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

"Carbon pricing is an invaluable tool for redirecting investments and transforming markets to build low-carbon, climate-resilient economies that will drive prosper-

ity, strengthen security and improve the health and well-being of billions of people," he said.

In a joint vision statement, the leaders declared that carbon pricing needs to be implemented faster and further on a global scale to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and drive efforts to keep the rise to no more than 1.5°C.

"Carbon pricing is the most effective policy for reducing emissions, raises significant revenues, is administratively straightforward, and can have substantial domestic health benefits," said IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde.

In support of the global goals in the vision statement, Canada, Chile, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Mexico, California and Rio de Janeiro committed to taking specific actions to strengthen and expand carbon pricing mechanisms.

The call by the Carbon Pricing Panel complements the work of the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition, which brings together 24 countries and more than 90 global companies and strategic partners to push for an action on carbon pricing by collecting and sharing best practices and mobilising business support.

At present, some 40 countries and 23 cities, states and regions around the world are using carbon pricing schemes, representing about 7 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide.

The schemes, now worth about \$50 billion, cover about 12 percent of global emissions, which is a threefold increase over the last decade.

The vision statement, which calls for that level to double by 2020 and double again within a decade, says it can be done in three ways: by increasing the number of governments putting a price on carbon, deepening existing carbon pricing programmes, and promoting global cooperation.

Three Nordic embassies join hands with Bengal Art Lounge

Start 4-day exhibition on women empowerment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three Nordic embassies in Dhaka -- Denmark, Norway and Sweden -- have joined hands with the Bengal Art Lounge of Host a four-day "Wings of Hope" exhibition, celebrating women's empowerment.

Inaugurated by Sir Fazle Hassan Abed and Sultana Kamal, the exhibition began yesterday and will end on April 24, the third anniversary of the Rana Plaza disaster, says a press release.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has extended her support to the project and the exhibition. She has taken an interest in their rehabilitation and bought one of the sculptures created by them.

The embassies in partnership with Meena e.V, an NGO working with the survivors, had conducted an art workshop on March 7, where the survivors had created metal sculptures representing their aspirations and desires with guidance from the artists of ShaKo, which were sold at an exhibition held by the Nordic countries the same day, but some are yet to be sold.

The proceedings from the exhibition will help the survivors starting their own sewing workshops to generate income and gain economic independence.

State-of-the-art nat'l data centre closer to reality

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has recently given the nod to taking on a \$154 million concessional loan from a Chinese state bank, for establishing a "Tier-IV National Data Centre" in the country to ensure safe and secure data storage.

An official at the Economic Relations Division (ERD) said that on April 10, Sheikh Hasina approved the approximate Tk 1,200 crore loan agreement with the Exim Bank of China, likely to be signed soon.

The Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division has also cleared the draft agreement. On March 31, Finance Minister AMA Muhith gave his consent.

An eight-member government team held

a meeting with the Chinese authorities on March 3 at the ERD, and the agreed minutes were signed by the Chinese Exim Bank's Deputy Division Chief of Concessional Loan Department Zhang Yun, and ERD Additional Secretary Md Asif Uz Zaman afterwards.

Once the project is implemented, Bangladesh will have its own state-of-the-art data centre, said the ERD official, adding, the centre will be installed on seven acres of land at Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park.

The national data centre would need to be housed in a maximum-security building for ensuring data safety.

Bangladesh Computer Council has been entrusted with the task of implementing the project by June 2018.



Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, centre, the prime minister's energy, power and mineral resources adviser, at the launching ceremony of Bangladesh Energy and Research Council at Independent University, Bangladesh in the capital's Bashundhara area yesterday.



Sylhet City Corporation demolishes a three-storey residential building in Tantipara area of the city yesterday morning, one of 32 buildings listed as "risky" and vulnerable to earthquakes. The remaining buildings will also be knocked down by the corporation, as part of a drive to ensure safety of the citizens. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

HC refuses to stay trial

FROM PAGE 3 ongoing annual vacation.

The HC bench passed the order as one of its judges refused to hear Khaleida's two petitions without mentioning any reason, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

He said Khaleida Zia's lawyer AJ Mohammad Ali yesterday prayed to the HC bench to stay the trial proceedings of the case till reopening of the court.

On April 18, the BNP chairperson filed the petitions with the HC challenging a lower court order that rejected her two applications in the corruption case.

One of the applications was filed for re-cross examination of the investigation officer of the case while another was for scrutinising the case diary.

On April 17, a Dhaka court rejected the applications of the BNP chief after her lawyers submitted those before the court at Bakshibazar in the presence of Khaleida. It also fixed April 25 for hearing her statements in the case.

Earlier on April 7, the HC rejected another petition of Khaleida, clearing the way for a lower court to continue the trial proceedings against her in the graft case.

Kuwaiti PM due


FROM PAGE 4 be discussed, a foreign ministry official said without elaborating.

The official said Bangladesh might seek \$1 billion as investment in the oil refinery sector. He, however, said the nature of investment will be decided through discussions.

The Kuwaiti prime minister will hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on May 4, said another official. The ministry sources said a large delegation will accompany the Kuwaiti prime minister, who will also meet President Abdul Hamid.

Meanwhile, an inter-ministerial meeting was held at the foreign ministry with Foreign Secretary M Shahidul Haque in the chair on Wednesday that discussed the upcoming visit.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Kuwait in February 2010 when four agreements on cultural and tourism promotion, formation of a joint commission and economic and technical cooperation were signed.



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NOTICE

Request for Proposal (RFP)
Senior Loan for Refinancing of Delivery Payment for
1st Boeing 737-800 (MSN: 40334) aircraft delivered to Biman

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. (Biman) has entered into an agreement with the Boeing Company ("Boeing") for the purchase of 2 (two) Boeing 737-800 aircraft ("the Aircraft") which were delivered in November 2015 and December 2015.

- The first 737-800 (MSN:40334) aircraft was acquired directly and registered under the ownership of Biman Bangladesh Airlines rather than an SPC (Special Purpose Company) as required pursuant to the Ex-Im FC. It can be converted to SPC subject to approval from Ex-Im Bank.
- Biman seeks offer from reputed financial institutions for Delivery Financing for the Aircraft in either of the following form:
 - Invitation - Senior Commercial Loan ("the Senior Loan") Financing
 - Invitation - Ex-Im Bank Guaranteed Loan Financing.

The financing shall be in US Dollars for a 12 years term for up to USD 45.50 Million. The loan will be supported by a guarantee from the Government of Bangladesh. The form and structure of the loan and the guarantee will be as agreed with Biman and the Government of Bangladesh; or

Purpose of Financing	Term Loan to finance the senior portion of the net delivery price of aircraft plus 100% of Ex-Im Bank Exposure Fee.
Estimated Amount of Financing	Aggregate amount of Ex-Im Bank guaranteed financing including the exposure fee will be up to USD 45.50 Million
Term of Guaranteed Loan	12 years from respective aircraft delivery dates.
Currency of Financing	US Dollars

- Invitation - Combination Senior Commercial Loan and Ex-Im Bank Guaranteed Loan Financing

Detailed information is available in the RFP Schedule, which may be viewed at Biman's website: www.biman-airlines.com. For further information or query, Controller of Accounts, Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd, may be contacted at Telephone: +8802-890-1590, Cell: ++88-01-7777-5526, e-mail: controller@bdbiman.com during the office hours.

- The proposal/offer should be submitted at the latest by 1000 hours BST (0400 hours UTC) on 06 June 2016 addressed to Controller of Accounts, Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd., Head Office, Balaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh through Courier Service or E-mail at finance-737-800-sl2@bdbiman.com. The proposal(s)/offer(s) will be opened on the same day immediately after the closing time. No proposal/offer would be accepted after the closing time on the date specified above. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. would not be responsible for late receipt of any proposal/offer due to any reason whatsoever.
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