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Law Clinic launched at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT
"University of Dhaka Law Clinic," an experimental education programme on law, was launched at the law faculty of Dhaka University yesterday.
The clinical education programme is being implemented in partnership with Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust and with support of Community Legal Services, said a press release.

TIB wants Bangladeshis named in Panama Papers to be punished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday demanded that the government take exemplary punishment against alleged Bangladeshis whose names have been published in the list of Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca following the proof of their crimes in the proper legal system.
TIB expressed a deep concern over the connections of the Bangladeshis to possible tax dodging and money smuggling mentioned in the second batch of Panama Papers, published yesterday. Three new companies, 14 new addresses and a host of names with links to Bangladesh were on the second list of offshore entities.

Obituary

CITY DESK
Wasim Sajjad, director of SS Builders and Developers Ltd and Comilla Spinning Mills Ltd, died at St Luke's Hospital in Texas, USA on Friday. He was 48.
He left behind his father Rtn Saiful Islam and mother Ln Sultana Shaheda Islam, sister Tahmina Rahman, wife Kaniz Fatema, four sons and a daughter.

**WORKPLACE ACCIDENT IN MALAYSIA
Minister orders Miraj's proper treatment**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam has directed officials of Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB) in Dhaka to take necessary measures to ensure proper treatment of Miraj Munshi, a Bangladeshi worker who was injured as a portion of heavy equipment fell on his leg in his workplace in Malaysia in March.
He also asked Labour Wing officials at Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur to investigate the incident and take necessary actions, Mohsin Chowdhury, personal secretary of the minister, told The Daily Star yesterday.
The minister's directives came following a report published by The Daily Star on Monday.
Seriously injured, thirty-five-year-old Miraj, hailing from Comilla, had to return to Bangladesh empty-handed without a proper treatment as his employer, Peck Chew Piling (M) Sdn Bhd, forced him to lie about the incident to cover up its fault, and then went back on its promise of compensating him in exchange for "cooperation".
Jahid Anwar, assistant director (public relations) of WEWB, yesterday visited Miraj at a hospital in Dhanmondi.
"We already sent a letter to Labour Wing of Bangladesh High Commission in Malaysia yesterday on this matter," he said. "On humanitarian grounds, we'll try to give financial support to him though he was an undocumented worker."

Family relocates graveyard

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The DNCC is currently improving 22km roads, 27km drains and 14km footpaths in Uttara model town, he said, adding that the work is scheduled to be completed by this June.
Aminuddin and Others Waqf Estate used to manage the graveyard on behalf of Sarkar family.

Khaleda petitions for stay

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the ACC lodged the Gatco case against Khaleda, her youngest son late Arafat Rahman Koko, Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and 10 others.
According to the case statement, there was corruption in the awarding of a contract to Global Agro Trade (Pvt) Company Ltd (Gatco) for container management at inland depots in Dhaka and Chittagong. The graft allegedly cost the state exchequer over Tk 1,000 crore. Khaleda was arrested in the case on September 2, 2007, and freed on bail the following year.

SSC results today

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The results will also be available on <http://www.educationboardresults.gov.bd>
This year around 16 lakh students under the 10 education boards appeared for the SSC and equivalent examinations that began on February 1.

HC summons OC, SI for not

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Amin with 7kg gold on August 7, 2014, and filed a case against him, Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star.
On April 13 this year, during Al Amin's hearing, the HC asked Farman and Moniruzzaman to submit the report by yesterday, said the DAG. The HC bench also fixed May 29 for further hearing of Al Amin's bail petition, he added.

Cabinet 'safe haven for convicts'

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Besides, he said the Supreme Court convicted Food Minister Qamrul Islam and Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq and fined them Tk 50,000 each for committing contempt of court by making contemptuous comments about Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha.
"They have already paid the money fined by the court. But they are still ministers. There were supposed to be suspended as per the law," Rizvi said. Referring to a newspaper report, he said condemned Faridpur Jubo League leader Aslam Fakir was saved just a day before his execution.
He said the Awami League government broke all previous records of giving clemency to condemned convicts.
"Twenty-five convicts have got presidential clemency since the country's independence. Of them, 22 have got it under this illegal government," he said.

BNP turned to Mossad to stay

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advocating for BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in different international forums, which was "very significant".

PROPOSED POWER PLANT IN BANSHKHALI

Apr 4 clash result of misconception, discontent over land purchase

Finds govt-led investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG
Misconception about the coal-fired power plant among the locals and their discontentment over the land purchasing were the causes which resulted in a clash between law enforcers and locals in Banshkhali upazila of Chittagong over its installation that left four people killed and 30 others injured on April 4.
The three-member probe committee formed by Chittagong District Administration mentioned it in its probe report.
The probe committee headed by Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Mominur Rashid handed over the report to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mesbah Uddin of Chittagong yesterday.
The two other committee members are Additional Public Prosecutor Monoranjan Das and Senor Assistant Superintendent of Police Tariqul Islam.
The probe committee in its five-page report also gave a two-point recommendation, said ADM Rashid.
"A misconception is prevailing among the locals about implementation of the power plant, which is the reason behind

the unfortunate incident. We have to solve this confusion. Why the project is essential for the national interest and how the people would be benefited from it should be explained. People's involvement is needed, which is also recommended in the report," said the ADM, adding that people should be ensured that they would not be affected through the project.
The second recommendation of the report stressed on involving local administration as they knew and understood the local problems better, said Rashid.
The head of the probe committee said during the investigation they found that conflict of interest, financial implication and political ambition have influenced creating the incident.
DC Mesbah Uddin said the report mentioned that people were agitated because spreading of negative propaganda and one Liakat Ali was behind spreading those. However, no political party's name came in the report, he added.
Liakat did not receive any calls despite several attempts.
Police were forced to open fire during the incident as they had no alternative to



A file photo of the locals of Banshkhali upazila in Gondamara union of Chittagong protesting setting up of a coal-fired power plant there. PHOTO: STAR

control the situation. The other side also opened fire, mentioned the report. However, the report did not mention whether the four locals were killed in police or other firing, said a district administration source.
"During the investigation, it was found that the situation deteriorated rapidly and the local administration had no alternative but to impose Section 144," said the DC.



A group of students of City Corporation Adarsha High School of the capital's Dhalpur yesterday listening to the DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon's speech at Dhalpur Community Centre. PHOTO: STAR

Students taken off classes to convey demands to mayor

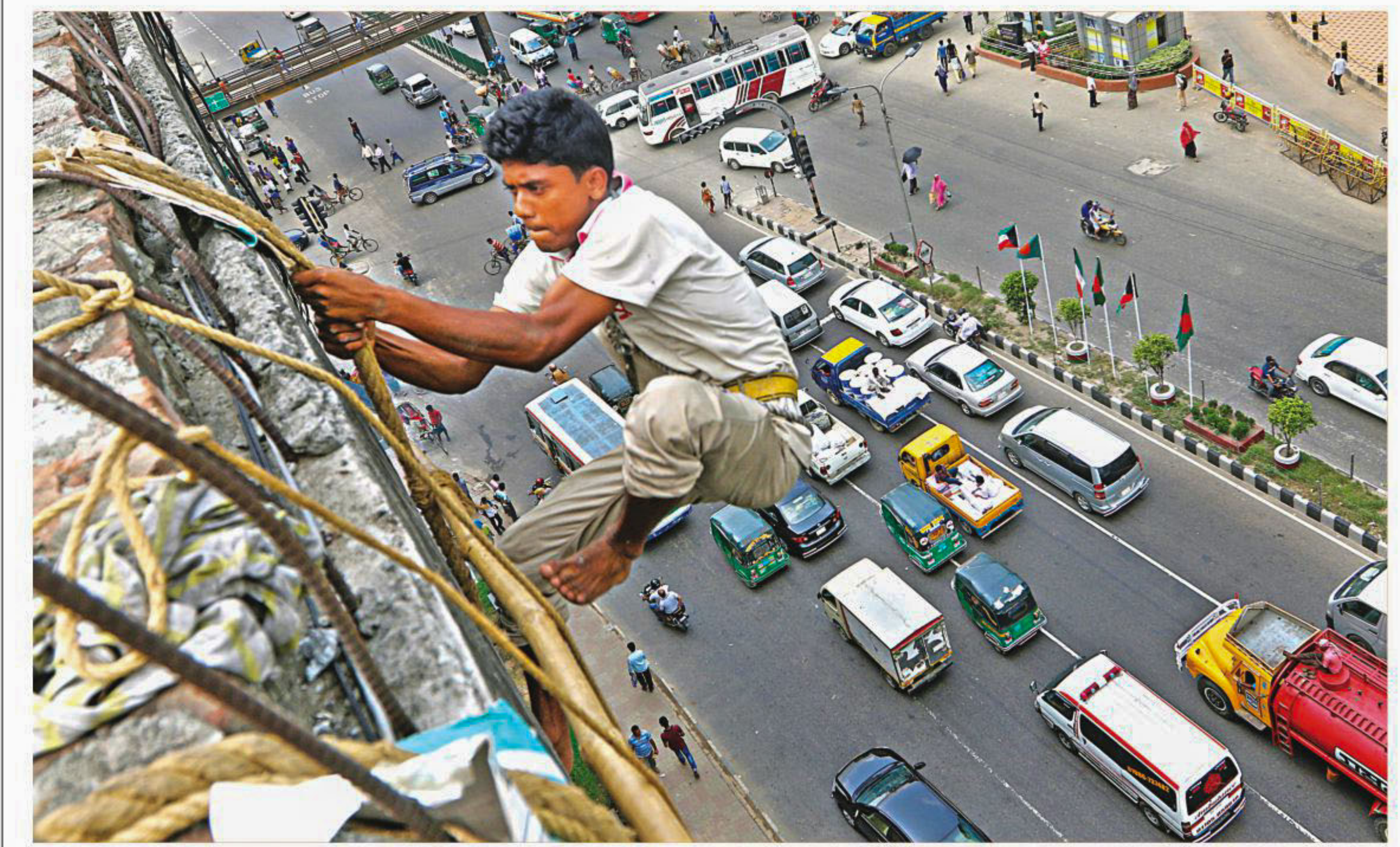
MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN
They could have got a good lesson on grammar or learnt crucial strategies of maths but the students of class IX and X of City Corporation Adarsha High School of the capital's Dhalpur yesterday learnt how seniors wrestle to get microphones and complain to the mayor about local problems.
Calling off classes, the school authority brought the students of class IX and X to nearby Dhalpur Community Centre to press their demands before Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Mohammad Sayeed Khokon who heard locals' problems and promised of giving solutions at a programme.
Headmaster of the school, Iqbal Hossain, who was surrounded by the students at the community centre, later told the correspondent over the phone that "no class was called off".
Councillor of ward 49 Badal Sardar organised the programme, "Janatar Mukhomukhi" (face to face with public), at 11:00am at the community centre.
The correspondent arrived there at 10:45am and saw students wearing white shirts and blue trousers and roaming inside the centre.
Classes are held in two shifts and the day shift begins at 12:30pm and continues till 5:00pm with a break in the middle.
"Teachers asked us to come here," one of the students said, adding that no class of IX and X would be held.
Most of the students of the school gathered on the 2nd floor of the community centre to see the programme.
During the programme, teachers of the school wrote down their demands for nationalising the school, constructing a building and turning it into a college, in a paper, handed it to students and pushed them into the crowd to place it before the mayor.
Students attempted several times but failed as the locals were wrestling with each other to place their demands before the mayor.
At one stage, the school's headmaster, Iqbal, himself was able to point out their three demands and Khokon agreed to provide donations for the construction of the building.
The correspondent visited the school later and found the classroom of section A of class IX vacant. However, other classes were being held.
"Only the students who are in scout went to the programme. Some of their friends too may have gone there but the classes were held accordingly," claimed Iqbal.
Khokon promised locals that Golapbagh Playground would be freed of construction materials and tools that have been kept there.

AL-backed panel sweeps JU dean election

Wins in three of five faculties
JU CORRESPONDENT
The ruling Awami League-backed teachers' panels yesterday won the dean election of three out of five faculties of Jahangirnagar University (JU).
Prof Nillanjan Kumar from AL panel won uncontested as the business faculty dean.
The voting took place at JU Teachers' Club on the campus from 9:00am to 2:00pm where 431 teachers cast their votes and 14 candidates contested from pro-Awami League, pro-BNP and independent panels -- Bangabandhur Adarsha o Muktijuddher Chetonay Biswashi Progotishil Shikkhak Samaj, Jatiyatabadi Shikkhak Forum, and Progotishil Shikkhak Jote.
Earlier, 31 candidates submitted their nominations while 17 withdrew theirs.
The newly elected deans are independent candidate Prof Mozammel Haque of Arts and Humanities, and AL backed candidates Prof Amir Hossain of Social Sciences, Prof Ajit Kumar Majumder of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Prof Abdul Zabber Hawlader of Biological Sciences and Business Studies.

PM seeks Swedish help in shipbuilding sector

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday laid emphasis on enhancing bilateral trade and investment between Bangladesh and Sweden.
She also sought Swedish cooperation in shipbuilding and developing the RMG sector in Bangladesh.
The prime minister came up with the remarks when visiting Sweden Minister for Justice and Migration Morgan Johansson met her at her official residence Gono Bhavan.
After the meeting, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Ihsanul Karim briefed the reporters.
Hasina said Bangladesh is a promising investment destination as her government has taken initiatives for setting up 100 economic zones across the country and sought Swedish investments in these economic zones.
After the inauguration of Paira Seaport, she said, economic activities among the seven northeastern states of India and Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal will mark a significant rise.
Following the commencement of the proposed Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor, this region will turn into a big market, she mentioned.
Hasina also said expatriate Bangladeshis living in Sweden have been contributing to the economic development of the country.
The prime minister thanked Sweden for its continued support to Bangladesh in economic development particularly in the RMG sector.
She also thanked the Swedish government for its significant contributions to the global migration discussion.



Tamim, a day labourer, on a flimsy rope ladder tries to gain a balance while working on a high-rise in the capital's Bangla Motor area yesterday afternoon. To support his family consisting of his mother and a sister, he risks his life on a daily basis, for a mere Tk 500. Many like him often die from losing balance, as there is no security measures taken by the authorities concerned regarding workers' safety and business owners always look to cut corners to maximise their profit at the expense of the lives of cheap labourers. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Golapbagh

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city incorporating the eight union parishads, which was being added to the DSCC few days back.
About Jurain graveyard boundary wall, the mayor said they will start the work within the next month.
He also assured to renovate the gymnasium and library in the Dholpur Community Centre shortly.
Earlier, Khokon took part in a token mosquito control activities and garbage management works in the area.
Chief Executive Officer of DSCC Khan Mohammad Billal and local ward councillor was also present.

Closing

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Defence counsel will resume his arguments today.
The charges are: killing of two freedom fighters, raping two women, confining and torturing an unarmed civilian, and arson attack and looting of the house of Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Rob, the Liberation War's deputy commander-in-chief.