

## Convict Ctg BCL leader gets bail in one case, denied in another

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday rejected a BCL leader's bail petition in an arms case and granted another over two concurrent one-year sentences handed down by a mobile court at a polling centre.

Nurul Azim Rony, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Chittagong city unit general secretary, was arrested at the Chariya Board School centre in Hathazari upazila's Mirzapur union during union parishad elections on May 7.

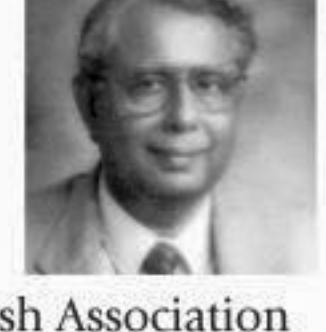
An unlicensed 9mm pistol, 15 bullets, a voting seal and Tk 26,000 were seized from his possession. A judicial magistrate handed down the sentences and the case was filed with Hathazari Police Station by Sub-inspector Robiul Huq.

Chittagong District Sessions Judge Md Nurul Huda passed yesterday's orders.

Advocate Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury, representing Rony, said they would seek bail at High Court.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 24th death anniversary of Dr MA Sattar, founder of the Bangladesh Association for Community Education (BACE).

On the occasion, BACE will hold a doa mahfil at its office in the capital's Paltan today.

He also worked as a secretary of the Bangladesh government, said a press release.



Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla, accompanied by representatives of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) of India and Moyeen Foundation of Bangladesh, providing artificial limbs to National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) in the capital yesterday. A 15-member team of BMVSS, popularly known as Jaipur Foot, is also conducting a month-long limb fitment camp, which started on May 8.

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## Security improves significantly at Dhaka airport

Diplomats tell foreign ministry meeting; international forum formed for Biman's security

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Seven foreign diplomats yesterday expressed satisfaction over "substantial" and "significant" improvements in security and management at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, especially after British company Redline Aviation Security Limited was appointed in March to undertake the task.

At the meeting on "Aviation Security" at the foreign ministry,

Bangladesh formed a forum to work on security issues of Bangladesh Biman with the countries and union yesterday's diplomats represented -- the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Japan, United Arab Emirates and European Union.

The forum came about in light of that formed by the friends and partners of Bangladesh after the Rana Plaza collapse, foreign ministry sources said. The British firm was appointed after

the UK imposed a ban on direct cargo flights from Dhaka to London.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque was in the chair and Civil Aviation Secretary ASM Golam Faruque was present. However, the home secretary was absent. A civil aviation ministry official gave a presentation on the airport's latest situation.

Emphasising that "more needs to be done" to maintain international

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## Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra

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Council and Home Economics College jointly organised the programme that turned into a nostalgic gathering of the artistes and inspiration for the youths.

Ashraful Alam, a news presenter and scriptwriter for the radio station, said for a drama he needed the sounds of frogs and cricket [insect]. He had to remain in the nearby water body for hours to record it as it was not easy making a programme then, he said smilingly.

However, crossing all hurdles was possible because of the love for the nation and the freedom fighters who eagerly awaited their voices, he added.

"We knew the radio was the heart of Bangladesh during the Liberation War," Ashraful said.

The inspirational songs and programmes like "Charampatra" and "Jallader Darbar" would make the freedom fighters, including him, determined and confident, said freedom fighter Maj (retd) Waker Hasan Bir Protik.

The speakers also urged the new generation to learn the history well so they can be proud of their forefathers.

Some, however, expressed frustration over the current state of affairs.

"The way a headmaster in Narayanganj was humiliated is unacceptable. It drew a countrywide protest, yet the teacher did not get justice. He remains in fear. Did we want this Bangladesh?" Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra head of news Kamal Lohani posed a question.

Shila Bhadra, an artist of the radio station, said she had to cross the border into India to perform. "I witnessed killings and tortures by the Pakistanis and wanted to inspire the nation through my voice," she said.

"Sadly, such killings and tortures have not stopped. Amid us there are few who don't allow goodness or truth to move forward. In between good and evil, we became old and tired," she told her correspondent.

She, however, thinks it is the new generation that can take the nation to such a height where all will have equal rights, peace and justice.

Artists and other employees of the radio centre -- Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Ashfaqur Rahman Khan, Maulana Sheikh Md Ubaidullah bin Sayeed Jalalbadi, also spoke at the programme moderated by Monowar Hossain Khan, general secretary of Swadhin Bangla Betar Employees Council.

Artists of the radio station, Gendaria Kochi-Kachar Mela, Savar Oitijya Shilpigoshthi, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and Home Economics College performed at the programme.

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# NEWS IN brief

## ACC quizzes Odhikar's Adilur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday interrogated Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan in connection with money laundering against the rights organisation.

Deputy Director of ACC Jalal Uddin Ahmed interrogated him for about half an hour.

Although no details could be found from ACC, Adilur later told BBC Bangla that his organisation had been working for human rights.

Odhikar was put under pressure to continue its activities, Adilur claimed, adding that the investigation officer failed to disclose the identity of accuser.

On January 22, 2014 ACC quizzed Adilur and Odhikar's Director ASM Nasiruddin Elan in connection with alleged corruption. Odhikar is a Dhaka-based human rights organisation founded in 1994.

## 2 held with 135 firebombs in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two men were arrested with 135 firebombs in the capital's Kafrul on Tuesday night, claimed police.

The arrestees are Rezaul Islam and Khabir Hossain.

"They were trying to carry out subversive activities on Swadhinata Chattar field around 11:30pm," said Shikdar Shamim Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kafrul Police Station.

During primary interrogation, they confessed to such attempt, police said.

## 300 DU business students get

### Dean's Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday gave 300 meritorious students of business studies the Dean's Award for obtaining good results in the BBA and MBA examinations.

As chief guest, Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arfin Siddique handed over the awards among the students of eight departments under the Faculty of Business Studies at a programme at the senate building of the university, said a press release.

## Forhad new Bangladeshi envoy to Iraq

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



The government has decided to appoint AMM Forhad, a former joint secretary, as the next Bangladeshi ambassador to Iraq, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

Forhad, a member of the BCS (administration) cadre, served as the member (finance), the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and as the director (accommodation), the public works ministry.

He also served as the deputy commissioner of Kishoreganj.

Forhad completed BA (Hons) and MA in history from Dhaka University.

## 3 edible oil factories fined in N'ganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday fined three edible oil factories a total of Tk 15 lakh in Narayanganj on different charges including absence of vitamin A in their oil.

Sharia Oil Refinery Ltd and South Stand Oil Refinery Ltd in Fatullah were fined Tk 6 lakh each for not enriching edible oil, and Kamal Vegetable and Oil Ltd Tk 3 lakh for not renewing its license after 2009, said Executive magistrate Sarwoer Alam, who led the drive.

## Green University holds orientation

CITY DESK

The orientation programme of summer semester-2016 of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) was held on the university premises on Tuesday, says a press release.

Vice Chancellor Prof Md Golam Samdani Fakir chaired the programme while Ejaj Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center, was the chief guest.

Md Shahid Ullah, treasurer and director of student affairs; Lt Gen Md Mainul Islam (LPR), registrar; Prof MM Khan, adviser of Green Business School; Prof Golam Ahmed Faruqui, dean, the school; Prof Md Fayzur Rahman, dean, the Faculty of Science and Engineering; Prof SMK Nazmul Haque, controller of examinations; Md Ashraful Anowar, director of account and finance, were among others present.

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