

Admit Manna to Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the prison authorities to admit Nagorik Oikya convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna to the capital's Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital immediately for treatment following his petition.

Manna, in the petition, said he has been suffering from different diseases including cardiac problem and diabetes and he needs better treatment, Deputy Attorney General Md Bashir Ullah told The Daily Star.

Manna was arrested on February 25 last year after a telephone conversation with BNP leader Sadeque Hossain Khoka about strengthening the anti-government movement, was leaked. Yesterday, the HC dropped the bail petitions from its hearing list, as it was refused, said DAG Bashir.



Guests look at photographs on display as part of the Celebrating Life festival on the Chittagong University campus yesterday, jointly organised by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank. Inset, CU Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, the chief guest, motivating youths with his inaugural speech.

PHOTOS: STAR

Timeframe for probe not being followed at ACC

Says its Chairman Iqbal Mahmood

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Thousands of cases remain frozen at the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) though each investigation should be completed within a 30-day timeframe, its chairman said yesterday.

Iqbal Mahmood also underscored the need for earning public trust in ACC.

"I have not seen any case solved within the timeframe. I am very sorry to say I have to deal with 10-year-old case documents," he told a prize distribution ceremony at Rajshahi Shilpakala Academy.

"There is corruption inside the commission. I have seen in the last two and a half months that investigations were not conducted within the given period," he said.

"If this situation continues, how would this organisation function? How would people have confidence in it? Trust is the power of society. So this organisation must earn public trust."

He said steps were already taken to check corruption inside ACC. Some 873 letters were sent to ACC officials asking them to explain their delay in investigating cases.

At the programme, crests and certificates were distributed among best anti-graft committees of different cities, upazilas and districts of Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions.

Rajshahi Deputy Commissioner Kazi Ashraf Uddin presided over the function.

ACC Director General M Shamsul Arefin, Rajshahi divisional commissioner

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CU celebrates life

CU CORRESPONDENT

The "Celebrating Life" festival, jointly organised by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank was held at Chittagong University (CU) campus yesterday.

As part of the programme, a photography exhibition was held on the CU Social Science faculty premises where 33 photographs from professional and amateur photographers were exhibited in the "Celebrating Life" contest.

The daylong festival was inaugurated by CU Vice-Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury. He said youths were the country's focal strength and urged them to rejoice life since it is full of hope and celebration and engage in creative activities aiming to lead the nation forward.

The festival ended with a musical show by the country's renowned band "Chirkut". Star Showbiz and Insight Editor Rafi Hossain delivered the welcome speech, where The Daily Star General Manager (finance and admin) Mizanur Rahman and CU Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury, were also present.



Obituary

CITY DESK

Syed Mansur Ul Haq, former chairman of the Chittagong Port Authority and a member of NBR, died of old-age complications at a Dhaka hospital on Saturday. He was 84.

Hailed from Mithachara under Mirsarai upazila of Chittagong, he was buried in Mithachara.

AKM Habibur Rahman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Freedom fighter AKM Habibur Rahman died of old-age complications at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital yesterday. He was 83.

A group commander during the Liberation War, he was buried in his family graveyard in Hossainpur upazila of Kishoreganj with state honour. He was the founder convener of Mymensingh Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

Dr Amir Hossain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Amir Hossain, father of Bangla Vision reporter Ahmed Sarwar Hossain Bhuiyan, died yesterday at his Shanir Akhra residence. He was 77.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Seema Roy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seema Roy, wife of Jagannath Hall Alumni Association General Secretary Birendra Nath Adhikary, died of cancer at her home in capital's Mohakhali yesterday, aged 52.

The body of Seema, a librarian of the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine, would be donated to Dhaka Medical College for research after necessary formalities, family sources said. Her body now is kept at icddr's Bangladesh Puja Udjan Parishad mourned her death.

Syeda Rabeya Khatun

CITY DESK

Syeda Rabeya Khatun, wife of late Badruddin Ahmed, died yesterday morning in her Sylhet city residence.

She left behind seven sons and four daughters to mourn her death. Her namaz-e-janaza was held at Hazrat Shahjalal Dargah mosque after Asr prayer.

She is the mother-in-law of late Social Welfare minister Syed Mohsin Ali.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mohammad Mokter Hossain, 40, of Chapainawabganj, is suffering from colon cancer, says a press release.

He is being treated at Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital in the capital's Uttara. He has already undergone three rounds of chemotherapy and needs further chemo.

But Mokter or his family cannot afford the treatment. So he appealed to the well-to-do of the society for financial assistance to complete his treatment.

Aid can be sent to Account No-11603, Islmai Bank Bangladesh Ltd, Rohonpur Branch, Chapainawabganj; bKash A/C No-01788857195.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the sixth death anniversary of Hasina Banu Younus; wife of late Ahmed Younus, former joint-secretary of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation and founder president of Rajshahi Zila Samity.

She was a longtime resident of house-17, road-14, sector-3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka. Her eldest son is Ahmed Reza, a professor of English at Jahangirnagar University. All are requested to pray for the departed soul.

Govt to scrap

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class-I to VIII to primary and mass education ministry.

Previously, the academic activities of class-VI to VIII were under the jurisdiction of the education ministry.

The minister yesterday said they are working on finalising the matter and would come up with a decision soon.



Trucker Deen Islam being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after robbers hacked him in the head and right arm in the capital's Shyamoli while he with 16 tonnes of sugar in his truck was moving towards Savar from Meghna Ghat early yesterday. According to police, a pickup used in the robbery fled after hitting his right leg when he stayed injured on the road after the attack. The gang drove away the truck but left the vehicle and the sugar in Savar after locals chased it being informed by the rescuers of the victim.

PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Aslam Chy

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sedition on May 26.

Earlier on May 15, Aslam was picked up from the capital's Khilkhet over the alleged plot with Israel to topple the Bangladesh government. Later, he was remanded for seven days showing arrested under section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

On May 24, he was also shown arrested in two arson cases filed during BNP-led 20-party alliance's anti-government agitation in January last year. Police also prayed for 20 days' remand. But the court fixed June 6 for remand hearing.

Known to be a trusted lieutenant of BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman, Chittagong-based businessman Aslam came under severe criticism from in and outside the party after several photographs went viral in social media showing him with Israeli politician Mendi N Safadi, also chief of Safadi Center for International Diplomacy and Public Relations.

Newspapers ran reports that he "conspired" with the Israeli politician to overthrow the Awami League government in Bangladesh.

Verdict today in case against 3 Habiganj men

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Wrapping up their arguments, the prosecution sought capital punishment saying they were able to prove all charges "beyond any doubt". Refuting this, defence counsels prayed for acquittal.

If convicted, the accused may face the maximum penalty, capital punishment.

The prosecution pressed the charges against the brothers on May 17, 2015. Later, Razzak was implicated. They were indicted on September 29.

The prosecution produced 12 witnesses, including the case's investigation officer, and submitted several

documents. Seven witnesses testified for the accused.

The four charges are over the killing of two freedom fighters, rape of two women, confinement and torture of an unarmed civilian, and torching and looting of the house of Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Rob, the Liberation War's deputy commander-in-chief.

On April 17, a Dhaka court rejected the applications of Khaleda after her lawyers submitted those before the court at Bakshibazar in the presence of Khaleda.

Khaleda appeals to SC for stay

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rejected two revision petitions of Khaleda, seeking a stay on the trial, and cleared the way for the lower court to continue the trial.

On April 18, the BNP chief filed two separate revision petitions with the HC

challenging a lower court order that rejected her two applications in the graft case lodged by the Anti Corruption Commission on August 8, 2011.

One of the applications was filed for re-cross examination of the investiga-

tion officer of the case while the other for scrutinising the case diary.

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JS goes into budget session this afternoon

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treated, Kazi Mazur Rahman, her personal secretary, told The Daily Star

last afternoon.

Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Mia will preside over the parliament

programme if the speaker does not get well by tomorrow, parliament secretariat sources said.

NEWS IN brief

Another luxury car seized over tax dodging in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs intelligence yesterday seized another luxury car, allegedly brought into the country by dodging tax worth Tk 1 crore, from the capital's Uttara.

The car was parked in front of Milestone School in sector-9, Moinul Khan, director general of customs intelligence, told The Daily Star.

Tipped-off, the team raided the area and seized the car, which used a fake registration number plate of Dhaka Metro Gha 02-2032, he said, adding that the number belonged to a vehicle of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority.

So far, customs intelligence seized 15 luxury vehicles over the last couple of months.

BNP's Rafiqul gets ad-interim bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted ad-interim bail to BNP leader Rafiqul Islam Mia in seven cases.

The cases were filed over vandalism and arson attacks during the nonstop movement enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance last year.

Rafiqul cannot get released from jail, as he is accused in six other cases, Raghbir Rauf Chowdhury, a lawyer for Rafiqul, told The Daily Star.

Rafiqul is accused in total 28 cases and got bail so far in 22 cases. He was denied bail and sent to jail by a Dhaka court after his surrender on May 16 this year in nine arson cases.

Eight members of doping gang held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court and detectives yesterday claimed to have arrested eight members of a dope gang in Gabtoli and Bhatara area of the capital.

The arrestees, caught with sedatives, were jailed, said police, adding, they confessed to robbing travelers by drugging them. The drive was led by Moshir Rahaman, executive magistrate of Dhaka metropolitan area. Sheikh Nazmul Alam, deputy commissioner of DMP north, who directed the drive, said raids will continue in the terminal areas ahead of the Eid.

Man found killed in Dhaka house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police found a man dead with his throat slit in his Modhubagh residence in Dhaka's Dakshinkhan yesterday evening.

Abdul Berek, 37, a loader of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, used to live at the house with his first wife. He was home alone yesterday, said police. They found no clue to the murder, said police. No case was filed till last night.

280 get Bangladesh Kindergarten

Samity scholarship

CITY DESK

Some 280 students have got Bangladesh Kindergarten Samity (BKS) scholarship this year.

BKS, an association of over 50 kindergarten schools in Chapainawabganj, distributed certificates and scholarship money among the students at a ceremony held at Bright Star Preparatory School in Shibganj upazila headquarters on Monday, said a press release.

BKS President Jamalul Islam Jamal presided over the event while General Secretary Tofiqul Islam, Instructor of Upazila Resource Centre of Shibganj Manirul Islam, assistant upazila education officers Abdul Mannan and Rizwanul Kabir were present. The Kindergarten Scholarship Examination was held on December 20 and 22 last year.

JU to go on vacation on Tuesday

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University will go on a 41-day vacation on Tuesday on the occasions of summer, Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr.

Classes will remain closed till July 17 while the administrative activities will remain closed from June 11 to June 16, said a press release. The JU authorities will also keep the student's dormitories closed from July 1 to July 14 to maintain security and conduct some renovation works.

France Alumni platform launched in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Ambassador of France to Bangladesh Sophie Aubert yesterday launched the France Alumni platform in Bangladesh.

A good number of guests, including representatives of different companies, former scholarship holders and friends of France attended the event held at the residence de France, said a press release.

Around 300,000 foreign students choose France for their higher education every year, it added.

Masum president, Nurul general secretary of 20th BCS Forum

CITY DESK

Masum Patwary, deputy secretary of Prime Minister's Office, and Syed Nurul Islam, DC of Wari, DMP, have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the 20th BCS Forum, said a press release.

Mohammad Fazley Ahad Kaiser, joint commissioner of Taxes, has been elected treasurer of the 71-member executive committee.

British Council to organise UK Education Open Day June 4

CITY DESK

The British Council Bangladesh is going to organise a UK Education Open Day on June 4, 2016 on its Fuller Road premises in the capital, says a press release.

Thirteen education agencies trained by the council will participate in the event to provide information on more than 100 higher education institutions in the UK.

Pre-registration can be done by visiting the link <http://bit.ly/eduukopendaydhaka2>.