

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Tribunal orders ads for six Netrakona fugitives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to publish ads in two national dailies, asking five war crimes fugitives of Netrakona to appear before it within seven days of publication of the ads.

They are Sheikh Abdul Majid alias Majid Maulana, 66, Abdul Khaleque Talukder, 67, Kabir Khan, 70, Salam Begh, 68, and Nuruddin alias Raddin, 70. Abdur Rahman, 70, another accused, is in jail.

The prosecution on May 22 pressed seven charges against the Razakar suspects of Purbadhala upazila for crimes they allegedly committed during the 1971 Liberation War.



Tejgaon Railway Jamia Islamia forms a human chain in the capital's Bijoy Sarani area yesterday, protesting militancy and terrorism. PHOTO: STAR

Dhaka-Beijing defence ties deepening Says Chinese embassy

UNB, Dhaka

The close defence ties between Bangladesh and China in the past four decades have reached an "unprecedented height" in recent times, the Chinese embassy said on Wednesday.

China not only is a reliable and affordable source of weapons and equipment for Bangladesh's armed forces but also provides military technology and training, it said.

The embassy hosted a reception marking the 89th anniversary of the founding of People's Liberation Army (PLA).

In his welcome speech, Defence Attaché Senior Col Zhang Wei highlighted the steady and rapid progress in military cooperation in the last few years.

OBSERVING WORLD HEPATITIS DAY Hepatitis awareness app launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Liver Foundation of Bangladesh yesterday launched a mobile app "Learn about Hepatitis and Live Well" in Bangla targeting almost 300 million Bangla-speaking people across the world to create awareness about the fatal diseases -- hepatitis B and C. The app is available on Google Play Store and can be downloaded for free, they said.

"It is actually a special dictionary about viral hepatitis. People can learn about liver transplant, food, vaccination procedure, hepatitis in pregnancy, liver function tests, among others," Zunaïd Paiker, chief coordinator of the foundation, told The Daily Star.

Prof Mohammad Ali, its general secretary, gave a keynote speech at a seminar yesterday on World Hepatitis Day, observed by 194 member countries of World Health Organization (WHO) and 230 patient organisations of World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA), at the capital's The Daily Star Centre, organised by National Liver Foundation.

This year's theme was elimination, eradication of hepatitis and introducing the "Nohep" slogan to root out hepatitis by 2030, he said.

Around four to seven percent of the country's population is infected by hepatitis B and about one percent has hepatitis C, said Prof Ali mentioning that above three percent of the pregnant women is carrying hepatitis B.

"The viruses are transmitted from mothers to the newborns. Awareness is the best way of preventing the fatal viruses," he observed.

But people should not rely on unscientific treatment, Prof Ali said, adding that the government's involvement in the prevention and treatment of the fatal hepatitis diseases is still not satisfactory.

Prof AQM Mohsen, vice president of the foundation, chaired the seminar where Prof Anisur Rahman, its joint secretary general, also spoke. They highlighted timely diagnosis to avoid hepatitis risks.

Cops foil Rampal

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activists and green campaigners say is likely to affect the forest's bio-diversity and environment in the surrounding areas.

Ignoring repeated protests from green activists, environmentalists and political parties, the government inked an agreement with India to build the plant.

On July 12, BIFPC signed a contract with Indian contractor BHEL to install the plant.

The government maintains that the plant would not affect the forest because of use of supercritical technology.

But the national committee said the technology might help to reduce pollution by only 8-10 percent.

Prof Anu said they wanted to submit an "open letter" explaining the reasons the committee opposed the plant to the prime minister.

The economics professor of Jahangirnagar University called upon the government to hold a referendum on whether people want the coal power plant.

"Some 99 percent of people will vote against the coal plant if they can vote properly," he said.

Meanwhile, different left leaning political organisations condemned and protested the "police attack" on the activists.

In separate statements, Communist Party of Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) and Bangladesh Chhatra Union also demanded cancellation of the proposed power plant.

NEWS IN brief

SC asks Emerald Dresses chairman to surrender in graft case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday directed Syed Hasibul Gani Galib, chairman of M/S Emerald Dresses Ltd, to surrender before the chief metropolitan magistrate's (CMM's) court in Dhaka within three days in connection with the BASIC Bank graft cases.

He is facing charges of taking loans illegally from the bank. The SC also ordered the CMM to take necessary steps to arrest him if he does not surrender in time.

The order was given on 10 separate petitions filed by the government and Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) seeking cancellation of his bail.

Inception workshop on promoting sustainable building held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Oxfam in Bangladesh yesterday held a national inception workshop on a project "Promoting Sustainable Building in Bangladesh" at a hotel in the capital, according to a press release.

Oxfam, Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI), Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), and Jagorani Chakra Foundation (JCF) are jointly implementing the project in Dhaka and Jessore to ensure sustainable consumption and production of eco-friendly alternative bricks and construction materials.

The three-and-a-half-year development project funded by European Union focuses on the reduction of Greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation and land degradation.

CU forms militancy prevention cell

CU CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to resist militancy and terrorist activities on the campus, the Chittagong University authority formed a cell to prevent militancy and terrorism yesterday.

The 17-member cell, headed by CU Vice-Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury was formed to ensure proper educational environment on the campus and resist militancy, said CU Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury, also member secretary of the cell.

College, university students want to get engaged with SDGs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several dozen of college and university students want government's effective mechanism to engage them with the implementation process of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the country.

They said this at a workshop titled "Finalising National Youth Policy 2016" organised by the Centre for Research and Information (CRI), in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Department of Youth Development yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Biren Sikder chaired the workshop where several lawmakers, government officials and representatives of different child organisations were present.

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