

Huge 'jihadi' books seized from CU female dorms

CU CORRESPONDENT

Police seized 10 to 12 sacks of "jihadi" books and booklets written by Jamaat-e-Islami leaders from three female dormitories of Chittagong University last night.

On information, a team of police from Hathazari station and the university authorities raided the university's Pritilata, Shamsunnahar, and Khaleda Zia halls from 7:30pm to 10:00pm and recovered those books.

CU Assistant Proctor Anwar Hossain said they conducted drive in the three dormitories as part of anti-militant drive at the university.

The books and booklets were written by Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and war criminals Motiur Rahman Nizami, Golam Azam and its founder Abul Ala Moududi, he said, adding that those were seized from the Shibir-dominated rooms of the three halls.

He said that they also seized some mobile phones and laptops.

"Identity cards of 16 female students were also seized as their movement were suspicious during the raid," he added.

Earlier on July 22, hundreds of similar type of books and booklets written by Jamaat leaders were seized by police from the Pritilata hall's prayer room.

Meanwhile, the Arabic department of CU yesterday submitted to its registrar office a list of 49 students who remained absent from classes from 10 days to one year.

The university on Monday asked the Arabic department to submit such a list by yesterday following media reports that one of the masterminds of Gulshan cafe attack Nurul Islam Marzan was a student of the department.

On July 14, the CU asked its all department and institute heads to submit a list of absent students within July 21.

The Arabic department was some of them which did not comply with the order. Now the deadline is Sunday.



A large section of an iron bridge at Amua in Jhalakathi's Kathalia upazila collapsed yesterday after being hit by a sand-laden cargo vessel. The bridge is essential for the locals to go to Amua Hospital -- the only one available in the upazila.

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PRE-UP POLL VIOLENCE

Six Ctg AL men sent to jail in murder case

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A Chittagong court yesterday sent six Awami League men, including an upazila unit president, to jail in a case filed for the murder of a man during the last pre-Union Parishad poll violence in Anwara upazila of Chittagong.

The order came after the upazila AL President Kazi Mozammel Huq, former Boirag UP chairman Noab Ali, UP member Md Musa Talukder, and local AL activists Mozammel Huq, Nurul Islam and Ziauddin Bablu surrendered to the court seeking bail, said police.

Of them, Musa is the main accused in the case while Mozammel and Noab are the 31st and 32nd respectively.

On June 3, Md Faruk was killed in a clash between the two groups of supporters of rival member candidates in Boirag union.

Health centres in bad shape

Reveals DGFP, USAID assessment on union level hospitals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The walls of the delivery room are marked with black splotch. A table cum delivery bed, accompanied by a chair, is standing alone at one corner of a room of Churain Union Health and Family Welfare Centre (UHFWC) at Nawabganj upazila in Dhaka, operated by Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

There is a regular medical officer, family welfare visitor (FWV) and a sub-assistant community medical officer (Sacmo) on deputation and the centre, according to a report, was supposed to provide service to 25,300 people.

But there were no delivery service reported in 2014, says a report on the National Assessment of Union Level Facilities in Bangladesh for their Readiness to Provide Normal Delivery Care Services conducted by Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) with support from USAID's MaMoni Health Systems Strengthening project.

In its assessment done in January 18 this year, it is reported that its delivery, recovery, FWV and Sacmo rooms and two toilets need repair as there had

been no repair works since 2008.

The assessment was conducted between April 2015 and February 2016 and its findings were shared yesterday at a hotel in the capital.

A total of 3,590 UHFWCs are functioning. Based on the cumulative scores, each facility was grouped into categories A, B and C. The categorisation indicated the overall readiness of the facilities to provide normal delivery and essential newborn care services and the level of inputs required to make them fully ready.

The Churain UHFWC falls in C category and there are 24 such centres out of 76 in Dhaka district.

There are 621 facilities which are categorised in C group and needed major physical renovation, staffing, supplies and equipment.

There are 489 A category facilities that need minimum resources while 2,480 facilities are classified as B, requiring medium to moderate level of inputs.

Dr Ishtiaq Mannan, deputy country director of Save the Children, Bangladesh, said 90 percent of the deliveries was conducted at home in

2004, which was reduced to 63 percent in 2014.

"But, of the remaining 37 percent, 15 was conducted at the government and NGO facilities," he said, adding, the rest took place at private facilities.

He said poor people do not have the capacity to bear the expenditure of private facilities where normal delivery is a rare practice.

He requested the government to take necessary measures to train skilled midwifery and make the union centres effective.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim said they will take necessary measures on the basis of the assessment.

He asked the government officials to make field visits to know about the real scenario of the facilities.

Zahid Maleque, state minister for health; Prof Dr Deen Mohammad Noorul Huq, director general of DGHS; Melissa Jones, director, office of population health, nutrition and education of USAID; Dr M Iqbal Arslan, secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association; and Syed Monjurul Islam, secretary to the health ministry, also spoke.

Fundraising concert for Lucky Akhand at DU ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The two-day fundraising concert that started at Dhaka University on Tuesday for the legendary singer and composer Lucky Akhand, ended yesterday.

Dhaka University Band Society (DUBS) organised the concert in the TSC auditorium of DU, where around 30 popular bands performed.

Many people came forward and extended their support to hold the concert for a member, said Rakin, a member of a band of the university. They collected Tk 1.7 lakh on the first day, which they would hand over to the singer, said an organiser.

The singer has long been suffering from lung cancer.



Lucky Akhand

Govt offers Hajj flights for those missed earlier

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to take additional pilgrims in each Hajj flight, who have already missed eight flights.

Bigger flights will be arranged to increase the number of passengers from 318 to 419 each to accommodate 100 additional ones, said Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary SM Golam Faruque after a meeting with stakeholders at the civil aviation ministry yesterday.

He said they also have decided to defer two flights for 48 hours which were supposed to be cancelled due to shortage of passengers.

Meanwhile, fate of at least 5,000 Hajj pilgrims from Bangladesh became uncertain as Hajj agencies failed to confirm their visas and plane tickets in time.

The Biman Bangladesh Airlines authorities instructed that, from now on, all the Hajj agencies will have to confirm visas and plane tickets 72 hours before the day of travelling, said an official.

Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh President Md Ibrahim Bahar at a press conference in a Dhaka hotel, however, blamed the government for the situation.



The train engine came to a stop in this position ramming the buffer stop beside platform 4 in Chittagong Railway Station last night. Further details were not available when this photo was published.

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DESTINY OFFICIALS HC asks lower court to order on charge framing Aug 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the lower court concerned to pass an order on August 24 on charge framing in two money laundering cases against Destiny Group officials.

The court also asked Metropolitan Sessions Judge of Dhaka Kamrul Hasan Mollah to report after complying with its order to this court on August 31.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice JBM Hassan passed the order after examining an explanation given by Kamrul on August 11 for his failure to finish the charge framing within stipulated time.

The HC judges, however, expressed dissatisfaction over his explanation where Kamrul said his court could not finish the charge framing, as he was busy hearing and disposing of many other cases, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

Anti Corruption Commission filed the cases with the capital's Kalabagan Police Station on July 31, 2012 against 22 top officials of Destiny Group including its Managing Director Mohammad Rafiqul Amin for laundering Tk 3,285.26 crore by cheating investors.

Advertisement for Shahazada Basunia's books: 'TOP TEN GHOSTS' and 'LOVE IN TEARY EYES'. Includes text in Bengali: 'ইংলিশ ভার্শন এবং ইংলিশ মিডিয়াম ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের জন্য সুখবর' and 'সামাজিক মূল্যবোধ ও বাল্য বিবাহের পরিণতি নিয়ে লেখা অসাধারণ একটি বই।'

Advertisement for PBTL (Citycell) 2G Mobile Operator License renewal. Text in Bengali: 'বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ কমিশন আইইবি ভবন, রমনা, ঢাকা-১০০০, বাংলাদেশ'. Details include license fees and renewal process.

DU students stage anti-Rampal plant demo

During Indian envoy's arrival

DU CORRESPONDENT

Some Dhaka University students demonstrated before its fine arts faculty against the Rampal power plant when Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla arrived on the campus on Tuesday.

The envoy joined a five-day "India-Bangladesh Art Exhibition" organised by the faculty and the Indian high commission there.

Dhaka division may be

FROM PAGE 3 directives to keep provisions of water bodies or water reservoirs while establishing economic zones and townships across the country.

The country's population now stands at 16 crore, and there is a need for decentralisation of power further to reach the services to the common people, she added.

She said once Dhaka was a big division of 17 districts, and its periphery has been trimmed by creating the new Mymensingh division. "Perhaps, Dhaka Division would be further trimmed in future."

Citing the example of a fire incident in the city's Bashundhara City shopping complex a couple of years back, she said firefighters had to bring water from the swimming pool of Sonargaon Hotel to douse the flames.

Whenever any residential area is created, there must be lakes or ponds so that the rainwater can be harvested, she observed.

Hasina said soon after the country's independence, the Father of the Nation had

initiated a process to turn all the mohokumas into districts to render more services to people through decentralisation of power.

Once the necessary divisional infrastructures are established in Mymensingh, it would be much easier to reach services to the common people, she stated.

"We want to further strengthen the local government and in order to achieve this goal, it is essential to decentralise power."

The PM said a modern and nice city will be established on the other side of the Brahmaputra in Mymensingh.

Referring to her decision of constructing new office buildings and other establishments in the newly formed divisions like Rangpur and Sylhet, she said such decisions have been proved appropriate.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, and Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharrar Hossain also attended the meeting.