

**FB COMMENTS ON DU Sushanta Paul made OSD**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Hours after filing of a defamation suit against an Assistant Commissioner of Customs Sushanta Paul, the National Board of Revenue has made him an officer on special duty (OSD). The NBR last evening issued a gazette notification signed by its Second Secretary Md Shamsuddin in this regard. He was stand released to Rangpur. The NBR also directed the respective commissioner for taking necessary initiatives for Sushanta's "psychological treatment". A defamation suit was filed against the government official for posting derogatory remarks about Dhaka University on Facebook. Mutakabbir Khan Probas, a student of world religion and culture department of DU and admin of a Facebook group "Dhaka



Despite the presence of a glaring signboard hung up by Dhaka South City Corporation asking people not to dump waste there, they keep dumping trashes by the road, yards away from the west gate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in the capital. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

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**Vehicles' fitness check in minutes**  
As new inspection centre goes digital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday introduced a digital system to check the fitness of vehicles with the aim of reducing corruption and public sufferings. Now a vehicle can undergo a fitness check in 10 to 15 minutes, while it took more than one hour in the manual system, said an official of the road transport and bridges ministry. There were allegations that some influential persons do not bring their vehicles to the inspection centre and obtain fitness certificates through underhand dealings with some unscrupulous government officials. Besides, many owners manage fitness certificates for their unfit and rundown vehicles through unfair means. These evil practices will be stopped for the digital system, said officials. The government has set up the Vehicle Inspection Centre (VIC) on the premises of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) in the capital's Mirpur to deliver the service, and it was inaugurated yesterday by Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader. The new system will reduce corruption and bring transparency in the process of checking fitness and issuing fitness certificates, said Quader. Such VICs will be set up in each divisional headquarters and later in each district in phases, he added. The construction of the VIC cost Tk 24.18 crore, with majority of the fund coming from Korean International Cooperation Agency (Koica) as grant.

**Man arrested over 'Aynabaji' piracy**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a man on charge of uploading the pirated copy of Aynabaji, a film by debut director Amitabh Reza Chowdhury, to a personal server and illegally broadcasting it on the internet. Atikur Rahman Avi, 28, was one of the owners of Badda Net Zone, a broadband internet service provider, based in the capital's Badda. Soon after receiving a complaint, the Cyber Security and Crime Division started investigation and arrested Atikur in Badda on Wednesday night. Police have already identified several people involved in the piracy and are trying to catch them, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), briefing reporters at the DMP media centre. Nazmul Islam, a senior assistant commissioner of the cyber crime division, told The Daily Star that they already tracked 18 server links which uploaded the pirated copy of the film. Moreover, 22 to 25 Facebook IDs which screened the film on Facebook have also been traced and legal actions will be taken against the ID users, he added. Syed Gousul Alam Shaon, one of the producers and writers of Aynabaji, who was also present at the briefing, expressed his worries over the piracy. "It took two years of relentless efforts and toil to make Aynabaji. All this cannot go down the drain due to piracy," he said. Asked whether digital platform Robi TV where the movie was released through an agreement was involved in the piracy, Gousul said they would talk to their lawyers to fix the next course of action.

**Swetchchasebak Dal gets new leaders**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday announced the names of leaders of its volunteer front Jatiyatabadi Swetchchasebak Dal. Shaful Bari Babu and Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel were made president and general secretary respectively of the new committee, while Mustafizur Rahman and Golam Sarwar senior vice-president and vice president respectively, said a press release. Saiful Islam Firoz and Sadaruzzaman were made joint secretary generals while Yeasin Ali organising secretary. Party sources said the rest of the names will be announced soon. As per direction of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, party's Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir approved the names of the committee.

**BANGLADESHI PEACEKEEPERS Seven honoured posthumously**  
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Seven peacekeepers from Bangladesh, who sacrificed their lives while serving in UN peacekeeping missions across the world in recent times, were honoured along with 211 military, police and civilian personnel of various troops contributing countries at UN Headquarters in New York on Wednesday. The names of the seven Bangladeshi peacekeepers -- Lance Corporal Md Narzul Islam, Private Nilkanth Hajong, Constable Motaher Hosen, Constable Mohammed Samidul Islam, Sub-inspector Moinul A Khan, Lance Corporal Md Mozibor Rahman and Sergeant Islam Md Shahidul -- were pronounced during an annual memorial service. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon paid tribute to the 211 UN staff sacrificing their lives between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, according to a UN press statement. Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Masud Bin Momen and Security Adviser to UN AKM Akhteruzzaman were present.

**Create awareness to stop violence against children**  
PM urges all while inaugurating child helpline

BSS, Dhaka Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed creating mass awareness about stopping violence against children. She also called upon all to build a beautiful society by awakening their latent human qualities while she was launching Bangladesh's first-ever toll-free "Child Helpline-1098". "... awareness should be raised so that their good intentions flourish instead of beastly attitude... and the social welfare ministry will have to play the leading role to this end," she said. Hasina launched the helpline from her official Gono Bhaban residence through videoconferencing to provide a free telephone service to children who are facing violence, abuse and exploitation. The premier also talked to the victims of Faridpur and Rajbari safe homes through the videoconferencing. The Child Helpline "1098" enables anyone to report child rights violations, child abuse, exploitation or any other act of disruption to the protection of children by calling a toll free number "1098" from any corner of the country, through any mobile phone operator. Describing the helpline as very important, Hasina said, "Those, who will commit such a crime, will remain panicked as he or she can be tracked down any time." She said those who will misuse the helpline by giving false information will be punished. Hasina opened the helpline by making a call with the call centre set up at the Department of Social Services in Dhaka's Agargaon.

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