

# HC defers verdict on AL man's JS membership

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday deferred for the fourth time delivering verdict on a writ petition challenging the legality of Nizam Uddin Hazari, an Awami League leader of Feni, holding Jatiya Sangsad membership. The court said it would hear on November 28 arguments from the petitioner's lawyers on jail time served by Nizam and him getting remission in an arms case for donating blood.

The bench of Justice Md Emdadul Huq and Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan fixed Shakhawat Hossain Bhuiyan, a Jubo League leader of Feni, filed the petition as public interest litigation with the HC on June 8, 2014 praying to declare Nizam disqualified for contesting the parliamentary polls and his holding office as a lawmaker for his alleged forgery in getting early release from jail in a criminal case.

Quoting a newspaper report, Shakhawat in his petition said a Chittagong court had sentenced Nizam to 10 years' imprisonment in an arms case on August 16, 2000.

He surrendered to the court on September 14, 2000, and was sent to a Chittagong jail to serve his term.

But he was in jail for only five years and was released on December 1, 2005, through fraudulence, Shakhawat said.

He said Nizam was supposed to be in jail until September 13, 2010.

Meanwhile, Nizam's lawyers opposed the petition saying that their client had served the entire term of the jail sentence and therefore, the petition was filed for personal interest of the petitioner and it should be rejected.



Drivers of buses use multiple lanes swerving left and right at their whim which leads to traffic congestion in the capital. The photo was taken on Topkhana Road at 11:00am yesterday.

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# UNION HEALTH CENTRES 24-hr monitoring necessary

Says Population Council study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Constant monitoring is a must to ensure 24-hour service delivery of the union health and family welfare centres (UHFWC), says a non-government study.

Women must be made aware as the UHFWCs are the primary institutions to provide normal delivery facilities in rural areas, said the study conducted by Population Council at 24 UHFWCs of eight upazilas in Chittagong and Munshiganj.

The study was carried out to evaluate the impact of a project "Strengthening Union Health and Family Welfare Centers for Providing round-the-clock Normal Delivery Services", starting October 2014, funded by UKaid and supported by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh.

Population Council organised a dissemination seminar at Spectra Convention Centre in the capital's Gulshan yesterday to make the study public.

"The government has more than 1,500 UHFWCs across the country but those do not have enough capability to provide round-the-clock delivery services. That's why we ran the project to strengthen the service," Noorunnabi Talukder, monitoring and evaluation adviser of Population Council, said while presenting the research outcomes.

The project helped to create awareness among the rural women about child delivery services which is very important for safe births. Awareness has been increased by around 36 percentage points in Chittagong and by 31 percentage points in Munshiganj.

Speaking as the chief guest, Director General at the Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) Mohammad Wahid Hossain said the UHFWCs' services can be improved through increased manpower and infrastructural developments.

A change of social and cultural mindset is also needed to accept child delivery services, that ensure safety of mother and the newborn child, he said.

Dr Jahid Uddin Ahmed, head of midwifery education programme at Brac University, said the government needs to recruit more midwives at union health centres to widen its services.

Dr Mohammad Sharif, director (maternal and child health) at the DGFP; Dr Ubaidur Rob, country director, and AKM Zafar Ullah Khan, senior policy adviser of Population Council, and Dr Fahmida Sultana, a deputy director at DGFP, also spoke.

# JATRABARI DOUBLE MURDER Two to die

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced to death two youths for killing a 68-year-old widow and her 12-year-old domestic help at her north Jatrabari's Kalapatti flat in March 24, 2015.

Sayed Howlader confessed that he and his friend Riaz Nagarali killed the domestic help, who is his sister Kalpana Akhter, after she saw him killing Raushan Ara, wife of former additional police superintendent Abdul Kuddus.

Judge Abdur Rahman Sardar of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 of Dhaka passed the verdict.

Raushan's brother filed a case alleging that several persons whom Kalpana knew might be involved.

On March 26, Jatrabari police arrested Sayeed at Shahjahanpur and seized a cellphone and Tk 1,400. Reaz was arrested based on Sayeed's confession.

Kalpana and her mother Lucky Akhter worked at Raushan's flat.

Sayed said he and Riaz demanded Tk 10,000 from Raushan on the day of the murder. An argument ensued and they slit her throat after she denied to give it, he added.

# Recognition of Harijan FFs sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Harijan Oikya Parishad (BHOP) yesterday at a memorial meeting demanded that the government recognise 10 martyrs of the Liberation War from the Harijan community as freedom fighters.

"The 10 martyrs... did not get their recognition as freedom fighters, even after 46 years of the country's independence. It is very painful and saddening," said BHOP Secretary General Nirmal Chandra Das.

After picking up the 10 men from their homes, the Pakistani occupation forces along with their local collaborators brutally killed them on November 22, 1971. Their bodies were later found at the Rayerbazar Boddho Bhumi (killing ground) in the capital.

They are: Ram Charan Das, Lalu Das, Khalbal Das, Eshwar Lal, Anwar Lal, Nanda Lal, Shankar Das Hela, Mashita Das, Nandu Lal and Mahabir Lal Samondo.

Every year the Harijan community observes the day (November 22), commemorating them and their sacrifices.

BHOP and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), which works for human rights and good governance, held the memorial meeting to give "certificates of accolades" to the martyrs' families at Aga Sadeq Road City Colony.

When addressing the programme, Nirmal said the 10 Harijan martyrs sacrificed their lives for the country's independence, but no governments recognised them as freedom fighters.

"We are solemnly urging the government to ensure justice to the families by recognising the martyrs..." added the BHOP secretary general.

He also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for taking steps to ensure 80 percent quota for the Harijan people in the profession of cleaners and sweepers in government, semi-government and autonomous organisations, including municipalities and city corporations.

Arun Lal Samondo, son of martyr Mahabir Lal Samondo, lamented that in the last three decades, they had approached to all governments at different times to get recognition for the sacrifices his father made, but none took heed of their urges.

"We feel very honoured that my father sacrificed his life for saving some of the freedom fighters and for the country during the war. But discrimination and the government's indifference to recognising my father and his co-martyrs disappoint us," Arun added.

Shipping Minister M Shahjahan Khan spoke as chief guest at the programme chaired by BHOP Chairperson Krishna Lal, while local ward councillor Haji Awal was a special guest.

MJF Programme Manager Khandaker Rezwanul Karim also spoke.

# 'Neo JMB chief' Sarwar buried

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Neo JMB chief" Sarwar Jahan alias Abdur Rahman was buried at Jurain graveyard in Dhaka yesterday, 45 days after he allegedly jumped to his death during a Rab raid in Ashulia.

Anjuman-e-Mafidul Islam, a voluntary organisation, collected the body from the mortuary of Dhaka Medical College and buried around 4:30pm, said Mostofa Kamal duty officer of the organisation.

Sarwar succumbed to his injuries hours after he jumped from a five-storey building on October 8.



The competitors of regional round of "Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2017" at a hotel in Mymensingh yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# Mymensingh, Comilla round culinary contests held

CITY DESK

As in other regional rounds, a large number of participants yesterday thronged venues of the Mymensingh and Comilla rounds of "Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2017."

In Mymensingh, a city hotel playing host to the event saw a good turnout of 45 participants who sat for a written test. Of them, 14 were asked to prepare their favourite dishes, reports our correspondent.

Among them, Israt Jahan, a third year student of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Agricultural University, and Masuda Begum bagged waiting cards, sealing their passage into the final round to be held in the capital, while all the 14 were given certificates.

Nadim Sarker and Fatema Abedin were the event's judges.

The Comilla round saw an even greater number of people joining the contest held in City Club in the town. Of 120 people sitting for a written

test, 30 could successfully make it past the test, who were later asked to join a similar cooking contest, adds a correspondent in Comilla.

After assessing their cooking efficiency and the food they prepared, judges Umme Kulsum and Zebunnessa Khan handed a waiting card over to Moshir Rahman of Comilla Sadar, clearing his way to join the final round.

Md Golam Mostafa, regional sales manager of Bangladesh Edible Oil Ltd, was present, among others.

# Death anniversary CITY DESK

Today is the 32nd death anniversary of Moqbul Hossain, former deputy director of Bangladesh Power Development Board, says a press release.

He hailed from Hatgacha village under Kazipur upazila of Sirajganj.

All are requested to pray for his departed soul.

# Two indicted

FROM PAGE 3 Assistant Commissioner Md Kamruzzaman of DB lodged the arms case with the police station.

Ehteshamul is also accused in a murder case filed with Panchlaish Police Station as regards the killing, while Monir, a rickshaw-van puller, is accused only in the arms case, said police.

On July 8, Monir made his confessional statement before the court.

# Dutch envoy's best to find the culprit."

FROM PAGE 3

When asked about the alleged lack of security, the OC said, "The bag was stolen when she came for lighting lamps at the platform leaving her bag in the chair. We had nothing to prevent this. We ensured proper security there."

# Four arrested over 'gang rape' of two girls in Dhamrai

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Four people were arrested yesterday in connection with gang raping two 14-year-old girls in Dhamrai upazila of Dhaka the day before.

The arrestees -- Md Iqbal Hosen, 20, Shumon Hosen, 22, Sakib Hasan Suruj, 22, and Akash, 18 -- confessed to the crime during primary interrogation, said police.

A case was filed in this connection. Rejaul Haque, officer-in-charge of Dhamrai Police Station, said on Monday the two teenage girls went to Footnagar in the upazila to meet their boyfriends.

Later, a gang of eight youths took them to an empty house near Footnagar Park and raped them there, said Rejaul.

# Remove illegal vehicle stands in NCC: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has directed the local administration to take necessary steps to remove unauthorised vehicle stands, stop arbitrary parking and free footpaths from grabbing in Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) in the next 10 days.

The Narayanganj deputy commissioner and superintendent of police, upazila nirbahi officer, Rapid Action Battalion-11 commander and Narayanganj sadar police officer-in-charge were asked to aid the NCC.

The HC also issued a rule asking the government authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why their inaction should not be

declared illegal, Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu told The Daily Star.

The order and rule came on Monday following NCC Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy writ petition seeking necessary directives.

Her lawyer Noor Us Sadik said NCC sent letters to the local administration on March 15, June 15 and December 28 last year seeking the necessary steps but nothing was done.

Only 16 of the many vehicle stands there are authorised, he said, adding that the police are responsible for assisting the mayor and its chief executive officer under the City Corporation Act, 2009.




# Seminar

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies will hold a seminar on "Baseline Data for the Impact Evaluation of Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II)." Venue: BIDS Conference Room, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Time: 10:30am

# Dissension

Ireland Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) will hold a roundtable on dual citizenship. Venue: The National Press Club, Time: 3:00pm



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## Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.			
2	Agency	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla).			
3	Procuring entity name	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL).			
4	Procuring entity district	Sylhet.			
5	Invitation for	Construction of two Nos. Toilets at DGM Banglow and extension of office of 4000 BPD CFP Project, RGF, Bahubal, Habiganj.			
6	Invitation Ref. No.	28.20.9153.081.00.028(369).16			
7	Date	17/11/2016			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
8	Procurement method	Open tendering method (National), single stage one envelope method.			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
9	Budget and source of funds	Own fund of SGFL.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
10	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
11	Tender publication date	17/11/2016			
12	Tender selling date	From 24/11/2016, up to 13.00 hours of 20/12/2016.			
13	Tender closing date and time	21/12/2016 at 12:00 hours.			
14	Tender opening date and time	21/12/2016 at 15:00 hours.			
15	Name & address of the office(s)				
	Selling tender document	1) Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152. 2) Rashidpur Gas Field, Bahubal, Habiganj.			
	Receiving tender document	1) Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152. 2) Rashidpur Gas Field, Bahubal, Habiganj.			
	Opening tender document	1) Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152.			
16	Place/date/time of pre-bid meeting	Not applicable.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
17	Eligibility of tenderer	Only Bangladeshi tenderers are eligible.			
18	Brief description of works	Work consists of Earth work, RCC work, CC work, Brick work, MS work and other associated works.			
19	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 2,000.00 (two thousand).			
20	Group No.	Description of work	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time
	Nil	Construction of two Nos. Toilets at DGM Banglow and extension of office of 4000 BPD CFP Project, RGF, Bahubal, Habiganj	Rashidpur Gas Field, Bahubal, Habiganj	Tk 30,000.00 (thirty thousand)	Three (3) months
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
21	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abdul Quadir.			
22	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager (Technical Services).			
23	Address of official inviting tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152.			
24	Contact details of official inviting tenders	Mobile: 01713-328527	E-mail: gmts@sgfl.org.bd		
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any of the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				

GD-2378 General Manager (Technical Services)