

### 1,445 foreign-funded NGOs got registration in last 16 yrs

Matia tells parliament  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The NGO Affairs Bureau gave registration to 1,445 foreign-funded non-government organisations in the last 16 years, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury told parliament yesterday.

While replying to lawmakers' queries, Matia also informed that registration of 90 NGOs were cancelled during the same period.

In a scripted answer, Matia, also in charge of Prime Minister's Office for parliamentary affairs, said of the 90, 88 were cancelled in 2010 and one each in 2014 and 2016.

Matia said 75 NGOs got registered in 2016, while 372 between 2011 and 2015, 565 between 2006 and 2010, and 343 between 2001 and 2005.

Sources in the NGO Affairs Bureau said the government had cancelled the registration of the NGOs for their involvement in corruption, misuse of foreign funds and patronising militancy.



Part of the road is made into a workshop underneath the Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in the capital's Fulbaria area, where workers are often seen occupying the road showing disregard to public sufferings. The photo was taken yesterday.  
PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

### 36th BCS written test results published

UNB, Dhaka

The results of the 36th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) written examination were published yesterday.

A total of 5,990 examinees came out successful in the examination, Bangladesh Public Service Commission (BPSC) Chairman Dr Muhammed Sadique told the news agency.

The viva voce will begin from March 12 next, he said.

Earlier, some 2,11,226 candidates took part in the 36th BCS preliminary examination, held on January 8, 2016. Among those, 13,830 candidates came out successful.

Of them, 12, 468 examinees took part in the written examination which began on September 1 last.

The PSC published a circular for the 36th BCS examination seeking applications against 2,180 posts. Later the numbers of the posts were increased to 2,485, added the PSC chairman.

### Mahmudur deprived of basic rights

He claims at press conf  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The state has deprived him of five fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution, acting editor of Bangla daily Amar Desh Mahmudur Rahman yesterday told a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Mahmudur, walked out on bail in November last, said the Supreme Court returned his passport on four conditions, including staying in the UK for treatment for 30 days, no participation in political programmes, and returning passport to the court within 24 hours of his return.

Mahmudur said he applied for visa but the

## 3-wheelers flout ban

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

Ignoring ban, battery-run rickshaws and such rickshaw-vans are being operated on Dhaka-Aricha highway due to inaction by law enforcers.

The movement of such rickshaws cause problem to the heavy vehicles leading to accidents often, said locals.

On January 14, a man and his three-year-old daughter were killed and his wife was critically injured as a truck hit a battery-run rickshaw carrying them on the highway in Niribili of Savar outside of the capital, police said.

Many drivers of bus, truck and car demanded immediate withdrawal of the illegal vehicles from the highway.

Wishing not to be named, a bus driver of Hanif Enterprise said sometimes these small vehicles ply the highway in such a way that they face

### DHAKA-ARICHA HIGHWAY



An over-loaded battery-run rickshaw illegally plies the highway in CNB area of Savar recently. PHOTO: STAR

difficulties to control a bus. Motiur Rahman, an ambulance driver, said some days ago a rickshawvan loaded with 10 sacks of rice

remained stranded on the road as one of its tyres got punctured, forcing the ambulance with a patient to stay in a tailback from CNB area to Savar bus stand for a long time.

A large number of on-duty law enforcers including traffic police, highway police, and thana police are not seen taking proper steps; rather they allegedly let the drivers operate the vehicles after taking bribe from them.

A driver, seeking anonymity, said, "If we pay police Tk 500 to Tk 1,000, they release those vehicles; otherwise, they seize the batteries and motors."

Denying the allegations, Inspector (traffic) Md Abul Hossen of Savar said they try to remove the illegal battery-run rickshaws but cannot succeed due to a shortage of manpower.

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## DHAKA EDUCATION BOARD Allegation of SSC question paper leak, again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Allegations of question paper leakage in the ongoing SSC examinations surfaced again despite education minister's insistence that there was no possibility of question leakage this time.

Students and guardians said sample questions, similar to those of the Bangla second paper under the Dhaka Board held on Sunday, were also found before the English first paper examination yesterday.

Some guardians in Dhaka alleged they found sample questions on different Facebook pages the night before the exams, which were circulated through different online voice and messaging services like WhatsApp and Viber.

A guardian, preferring not to be named, said, "If you go through some Facebook pages, you will get such questions. Then why doesn't the government take any action?"

"We are not sure whether the government

measures to check the leak are enough. We are afraid about the fate of upcoming exams," he said.

On Sunday, students sat for their Bangla second paper examination amid allegations of question leak the night before.

When they checked with the original questions the next day, they found many questions including essay and unseen passages matched with the original ones, they added.

According to the sample question, students were asked to write on any of the two topics -- "Bangla Nababarsha" (Bangla New Year) and "Paribesh Dushon" (environment pollution) -- while the original question paper had the same thing, said a guardian of an SSC examinee from Mohammadpur.

"If such leaks continue to happen despite strong monitoring of the government and law enforcement agencies, where would we go? We are concerned about the future of

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## ACC arrests businessman over embezzling Tk 9.34cr of bank

Entraps CCC officer while taking bribe  
STAR REPORT

A tax officer of the city corporation was caught red-handed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday when he was receiving bribe at his office in Bahaddarhat area of the city, reports our staff correspondent in Ctg.

The arrestee, Ali Akbar, 55, is a deputy taxation officer under taxation circle 2 of the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC).

Mosharraf Hossain Mridha, a deputy director of the ACC, said their officials arrested the CCC officer while he was taking bribe from Jamal Uddin from Rupali Residential area of Chandgaon.

Three days back, Jamal filed a complaint with the ACC, saying that Ali Akbar of the CCC had demanded bribe from him for settling the assessment of holding tax along with the change of ownership of a house.



Ali Akbar, middle, the arrested CCC tax officer.

After negotiations, Ali lowered his initial demand of Tk 40,000 to Tk 20,000 for the task, the ACC official said.

The ACC officials succeeded to entrap Ali Akbar yesterday around 11:50am at his office, the ACC official said, adding that a case was

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### Man shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals shot and injured a businessman on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

With injuries to the left thigh, Moniruzzaman Masum, 30, proprietor of Tourism Window at Panthapath, took treatment from Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Four people on two motorbikes waylaid Masum while he was moving towards Nilkhet riding a motorcycle, the victim told The Daily Star.

One of them shot him and the bullet hit the thigh going through his cellphone in the pocket, he said, adding that the attackers later rode away.

The victim could not say any reason behind the attack. Shahbagh police said they are collecting CCTV footages to identify the attackers.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives a rose, bloomed in a garden of planning ministry, from Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal at the outset of Ecneec meeting at the capital's NEC conference centre yesterday.



Relatives of Bangladesh Bank deputy director Golam Hossain, who was killed by a bus at Ittefaq intersection in the capital yesterday, break down in tears in front of Dhaka Medical College morgue.  
PHOTO: STAR

### BB official dies as bus hits him in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladesh Bank official died as a bus hit him at the capital's Ittefaq intersection yesterday.

Golam Hossain, 48, was a deputy director of BB, said Bacchu Mia, in-charge of the police outpost at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

There were injuries on his head and chest, said police.

The victim, who was about to cross a road, was on the divider when the bus driver lost his control over the vehicle and crashed into the divider hitting him, said Wari police Officer-in-Charge Zeahad Hossain.

Golam went to Kamalapur Rail Station to receive his eldest son, a Ruet student. After taking his son home at Jurain, Golam headed for work, said the family.

Three passengers of the bus were injured in the accident.

## WAR CRIMES Prosecution asked to file charges against 4 Netrakona men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to press charges on March 30 in a case filed against four Netrakona men for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The special court fixed the date after Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta sought four months time to prepare formal charges.

The accused are Khalilur Rahman, 72; his brother Azizur Rahman, 65; Ashak Ali, 82; and Shahnewaz, 88, of Durgapur Upazila. Of them, Khalilur is on the run while the others are in jail. Tribunal's investigation agency on January 30 completed investigation in the case and said to have found evidence over their involvement in war-time crimes. The agency handed over the probe report and other documents to the Chief Prosecutor Office on that day.

Investigators said the four were "involved" in killing of 22 people, rape of two women, arson attacks on and looting of some 15 houses under Durgapur and Kalmakanda police stations in the district between May 10 and November 18 in 1971.

Of them, Khalilur was a member of Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, in 1971 and first joined Razakar Bahini and subsequently in Al-Badr Bahini, they said. The rest three were supporters of Muslim League and joined Razakar Bahini in 1971, they said, adding all four are now supporters of Jamaat.

### AMAR EKUSHEY

## Discussion marks 7th day

DU CORRESPONDENT

With more than 520 books hitting this year's Ekushey book fair so far, the seventh day was marked by discussion on various aspects of Bangla literature and cultural events.

Yesterday, an informative discussion on "Banglar Digital Jatra (Digital Journey of Bangla)" was held, presided over by educationist Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury.

ICT personality Mustafa Jabbar presented the keynote speech.

In the evening, singers Timir Nandi, Bulbul Mahalanabish, Mahmud Selim and Sandipan Das performed at a musical event.

A discussion on "100th birth anniversary of litterateur Sardar Joyen Uddin" will be held today.