

### ACC notice asking Sigma for wealth info valid: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday declared valid the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC)'s notice that asked Sigma Huda, wife of former minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, to submit her wealth statement to it in seven days.

There is no legal bar for the ACC to sue Sigma for not submitting the wealth statement to the commission following the HC verdict, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan said.

After the notice, Sigma filed a writ petition challenging its legality.

The HC on January 27, 2009 stayed the effectiveness of the ACC notice and issued a rule asking the ACC to explain why the notice should not be declared illegal.

The HC conclude hearing on the rule on August 14, 2016 and kept the petition waiting for verdict. Barrister Nazmul Huda appeared for Sigma.



The family members of the accused in historic Agartala conspiracy case place a wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the capital's Dhanmondi-32 yesterday, marking release of the accused. On February 22 in 1969, the then Pakistan government announced withdrawal of the case and release of all 35 accused, including Bangabandhu. PHOTO: STAR

### Hawker stabbed to death by fellows

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A hawker was stabbed to death and another injured allegedly by their fellows at Chandni Chowk market in the capital's New Market area yesterday afternoon.

The dead, Khokon Mollah, 24, a resident of Kamrangirchar, used to sell clothes on a footbridge in New Market area.

Injured Babul Bepari, 40, was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in a critical condition, police said.

Khokon and Babul were locked in an altercation with another hawker after they had lunch at a restaurant there around 3:00pm, said Maruf Hossain Sarder, deputy commissioner (Ramna division) of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

At one stage, the attackers stabbed Khokon and Babul and managed to flee the scene, the police official said, adding that the reason behind the altercation could not be known immediately.

However, some hawkers said Shahabuddin had a quarrel with Khokon and Babul over a trifling matter on Monday. Following this, Shahabuddin and two others stabbed Khokon and Babul.

Shahabuddin sells cosmetics products in the area, said Shamim Mollah, brother-in-law of Khokon.

There is a stab mark on the deceased's chest, while Babul has an injury mark on his abdomen, said the DMCH source.

### Agartala conspiracy case accused seek state recognition

Urge govt to stop distortion of history

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The accused and a witness of the Agartala conspiracy case yesterday urged the government to take necessary steps to stop the distortion of the fact.

Expressing their frustration, they also demanded that the government recognise the contribution of the accused and rebel witnesses of the case, which paved the way for the country's independence.

Forward Bangladesh and Road 2 Freedom organised a felicitation programme in their honour at the Liberation War Museum.

The then Pakistan government filed the infamous case against 35 people, with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the top of the list, in January 1968. They were accused of involvement in a conspiracy to secede

the then East wing from Pakistan.

During the trial stage, four state witnesses turned hostile and gave testimony in favour of the accused before the tribunal.

Of the 39, including the accused and the hostile witnesses, only six are still alive. Of the six, five including the lone witness attended the event.

They are: LSCDI Nur Mohammad, corporeal (ret) ABM Abdus Samad, able seaman (ret) Mohammad Khurshid, Major Dr Shamsul Alam, Captain M Shawkat Ali Mia, Sergeant Abdul Jalil and hostile witness Abul Hossain.

According to the accused, the Pakistani government was compelled to withdraw the case against the back-drop of a mass upsurge in 1969. All of them were released on February 22, 1969.

Former deputy speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Col (ret) Shawkat Ali said some navy officials planned to free the then east Pakistan from the occupation of west Pakistan through a sudden attack at their key points. Later, their plan was leaked and the case was framed, he said.

The fifth accused of the case LSCDI Nur Mohammad said they did it to free the country but in return they were not given proper recognition.

Sergeant (ret) Abdul Jalil aggrieved they denied the allegations as a defensive strategy at that time. "But, in the books the case is mentioned as if it was framed to foil the six-point demand," he said, asking the government to remove the distortion.

Journalist Kamal Lohani presided over the programme.

### SNAPS & snippets

#### 5 restaurant workers burnt in fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five workers suffered burns in a fire originated from a gas cylinder leak at a restaurant in Demra of Dhaka yesterday.

The victims were taken to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Sub-inspector Bachchu Mia of DMCH police outpost.

Faruk, 42, suffered 66 percent burns, Chan Mia, 35, 57 percent and Harun, 50, 14 percent, the unit resident surgeon Partha Sankar Paul told The Daily Star.

The other two -- Billal Hossain, 50, and Felani, 18 -- received first aid at the burn unit.

The fire broke out in the kitchen of Red Chilly Restaurant in Monibagh area of Matuail, said victim Billal.

"We were cooking in the kitchen in the morning. Suddenly, a fire originated from a gas leak and injured five of us," he told reporters at DMCH.

Ataur Rahman, duty officer of the Fire Service and Civil Defence headquarters, said the fire had been extinguished before they reached the spot.



Dr Muhammed Zafar Iqbal addresses a programme of Scholastica on its campus yesterday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

#### Scholastica observes Ekushey

CITY DESK

International Mother Language Day was observed on Scholastica's junior campus in the capital's Dhanmondi in recognition of the Language Movement and the sacrifices of language martyrs, said a press release yesterday.

A cultural programme was organised where Dr



Speakers at a discussion marking Language Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day organised by Bangladesh High Commission in London on Tuesday. PHOTO: COLLECTED



### Maan Bangladesh chairman Habibur dies

CITY DESK

Habibur Rahman, chairman of elevator business Maan Bangladesh Ltd, died of heart disease at the capital's Square Hospital on Tuesday. He was 64, says a press release.

Under the leadership of Habibur, his company spread the elevator business in the country. It employed a large number of engineers and technicians, who are providing elevator and escalator services.

Habibur was also elder brother of media personality Hanif Sanket.

### Continue to support climate victims

Speakers urge developed countries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the developed countries to continue their support for the vulnerable countries like Bangladesh to fight the impacts of climate change.

They also urged the Bangladesh government and non-government organisations working in the country to maintain transparency in the climate adaptation projects and lay more emphasis on women's sexual and reproductive health.

Khan Foundation (KF), a charity, organised the seminar at Hotel Bengal Blueberry in the capital to discuss the progress of adaptation agendas which were addressed at the UN climate conference held in Marrakech of Morocco in 2016.

The developed countries committed to providing their support for vulnerable countries during the conference and some decisions were made for adaptation, said Saleemul Huq, director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development at the Independent University, Bangladesh.

"So the countries must allocate enough funding for Bangladesh, one of the most climate vulnerable countries in the world, to fight the climate change issues like rise of temperature and sea level and increase of salinity in coastal areas," said Saleemul, also the chairperson of KF.

Speaking as guest of honour, French ambassador Sophie Aubert said women were the most vulnerable of climate change and their sexual and reproductive health become affected a lot.

The adaptation projects in the country should give more emphasis on women and their sexual and reproductive health, she said.

Rokhsana Khondker, executive director of KF; Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, a former minister; Rezaul Karim, executive director of Coast Trust; Dr Hamidul Huq, professor of United International University; Mizan R Khan, professor of North South University, and M Hafizul Islam Khan, director of the Centre for Climate Justice-Bangladesh, also spoke.

### Convocation of DIU held

CITY DESK

The sixth convocation of Daffodil International University (DIU) was held on its Ashulia campus yesterday, said a press release.

On behalf of chancellor of the university President Abdul Hamid, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees on 3,473 graduating students. Among them, 13 were awarded gold medals for their outstanding results.

Dr G Viswanathan, founder and chancellor of VIT University, Vellore, India, attended the event as the convocation speaker.

The programme was also addressed by Prof Abdul Mannan, chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh; Sabur Khan, chairman, board of trustees; and Prof Yousuf Mahabubul Islam, DIU vice-chancellor.

Terming the private universities as a trust sector of higher education, the education minister said some private universities are trying their best to improve the quality of education.

"Our main objective should be ensuring quality education for students and providing them with all the necessary facilities," he stressed.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and US Ambassador to Bangladesh Marcia Bernicat shake hands during a meeting in the former's Gulshan office in Dhaka yesterday. They discussed a wide range of issues relating to Bangladesh politics and matters of mutual interest. PHOTO: BNP

### 2 die as bus rams auto-rickshaw

UNB, Ctg

Two people were killed when a bus rams a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway near Nazimpur College in Mirsarai upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Ilias, 40, a CNG auto-rickshaw driver, and its passenger Jahangir Alam, 45.

The accident took place around 1:15pm when a Chittagong-bound bus of Desh Travels Paribahan from Dhaka hit the auto-rickshaw, leaving the CNG driver and its passenger dead on the spot, said police.

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**Paradise Metallurgical Complex Limited and others** .. RESPONDENTS.  
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**Paradise Hi-Design Limited and others** ..... RESPONDENTS.  
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**COMPANY MATTER NO. 48 OF 2017.**  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
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**Paradise Fashion (Pvt.) Limited and others** ..... RESPONDENTS.  
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**COMPANY MATTER NO. 49 OF 2017.**  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
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**Paradise Cables Limited and others** ..... RESPONDENTS.  
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