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Iraqi forces recapture 90 percent of Mosul
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He works for instead of being in school. He has been working as a rickshaw puller, similar sights are all too common. The photo was taken in Jurain

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ILLEGAL WEALTH CASE Ex-BNP MP Monjurul acquitted

HC disposed of first
of 27 appeals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld its earlier verdict acquitting former BNP lawmaker Monjurul Ahsan Munshi of charges related to acquiring wealth illegally and concealing information of his property.

He had been sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment.

The bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Bishmadev Chakraborty came up with the verdict after rehearing the appeal filed by Monjurul challenging the lower court judgment that had sentenced him in 2007.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed 27 cases during the military-backed caretaker government in 2007 and 2008 against 35 people, including Relief and Disaster Management Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya and former BNP minister Nazmul Huda, in connection with

RD writes her

ability for her future. He had probably never imagined that it would end up with her one day being the proud owner of a farm.

During a recent visit to Arkhoda Ashrayan Project in where Farida Khatun currently lives. The Daily Star correspondent met her in her farm, surrounded by sheep. All this that stood before her day started with that one lamb. When my husband left me, I was 27 years old. Still, I wanted to do something on my own. But all I had was a calf of a sheep. So I had to start with that," Farida says.

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CHILD MARRIAGE Tk 50 mobile phone credit for tip-off

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Natore

The administration of Gurudaspur upazila of Natore has taken up an innovative initiative to stop child marriage. It said it would reward members of the village police with Tk 50 mobile phone credit for advance information of such marriages.

Timely information is very important to stop child marriages and that is why the upazila administration went for such rewards.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Monir Hossain yesterday made the announcement at the weekly meeting of village police at upazila headquarters.

Monir told The Daily Star last night that child marriage was going on in remote areas of the upazila. At least four incidents of child marriage were reported in the last three days in the upazila, he said.

Since it was not possible for the administration to monitor those areas all the time, they went for this reward system.

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Cops' negligence helped accused destroy evidence

Allege a victim, some law enforcers

RAFIUL ISLAM

The Banani rape accused were able to destroy evidence due to the negligence of police officials concerned, said a number of law enforcers and one of the two girls who were "raped at gunpoint" in a hotel on March 28.

The "culprits" could have been arrested much earlier had the police acted quickly, they said.

Their prompt arrests could have prevented them from deleting video clips from their mobile phones, said a police official, terming the evidence "crucial" as the case was filed over a month after the incident.

According to the girls, the accused filmed the rape with their mobile phones. The rapists repeatedly threatened that they would release the clip on social media and it would go viral, if the girls told anyone about the incident.

The accused also forced a male friend of the girls to hold a fist full of yaba tablets and filmed him. They threatened to brand him as a yaba trader, an accused allegedly told Rab investigators.

The girls went to the Banani Police Station for filing the case on May 4. But the police officials allegedly tried to brand them as "bad girls" instead and dilly-dallied over recording the case.

The law enforcers took two days to record the case in the name of primary investigation. Interestingly, they did not even meet any of the accused, let alone quiz or arrest them.

Talking to The Daily Star recently, two staffers of prime accused Shafat's home said Shafat was away but he was home in the morning of May 7. He stayed there for about an

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Heartiest Congratulations from Uttara University Family to Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha on reappointment as Pro-Vice Chancellor

Professor Dr. Eaysmin Ara Lekha, a well known Essayist, Educationist, Researcher & Social-worker, has been reappointed as Pro-Vice Chancellor of Uttara University. Dr. Lekha has been reappointed as Pro-VC of Uttara University as per approval of the Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of Universities and according to the order issued by the Ministry of Education. Prof. Eaysmin Ara will act as Pro-VC for the next four years for the 2nd term from the date of her rejoining according to the clause no. 32 (1) of the Private University Act-2010. It is mentionable that Dr. Eaysmin has successfully completed her 1st term (2012-2016) as Pro-VC with utmost sincerity, honesty and dedication. The members of the Board of Trustees, the Vice-Chancellor, Adviser, Syndicate & Academic Council Members, Registrar, Deans, Heads of the Departments, faculty members, officers and staffs expressed their amiable contentment on the occasion of rejoining of Prof. Dr. Eaysmin Ara. In response to that Dr. Eaysmin also assured that she will endow with her complete effort for the development of Uttara University during her tenure as Pro-VC. Besides, she sought for cooperation from all concerned in this regard. Prof. Eaysmin, renowned author of many books, had completed her B.A. (Hons) and M.A degree in Bengali literature from Dhaka University and Ph.D. in Linguistics from Jadavpur University, India. She attended different international conferences, seminar, symposium and workshops held in many countries of the world including UK, USA, Canada, Australia, France, Sweden, Finland, Malaysia, Singapore, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Japan and India. Dr. Lekha was born in a respectable Muslim family of Gopalgonj district. Her father is late M. A. Rouf and mother is Mrs. Sabira Rouf. Her husband Prof. Dr. M. Azizur Rahman is a well known educationist. In their personal life, Dr. Lekha and Dr. Aziz are successful parents of their two children, Nabid Aziz & Abid Aziz.

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