

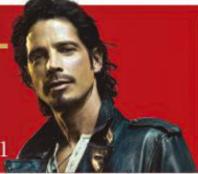
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PARAMEDIC STUDENTS RUN RIOT

They clash with police in city's Shahbagh; want higher education, job opportunity

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Journo watch in country's interest

Insists foreign minister

Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday assured that journalists would face no obstacles in travelling abroad and performing their professional duties there.

He made the remarks after the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday instructed all its diplomatic missions to monitor the activities of Bangladeshi journalists abroad and report to Dhaka.

In response to a question from a reporter during a press conference yesterday, Ali said, "I didn't see it [the directive note]. I'll look into it. No journalist will face any barrier. If anybody does, let me know."

Ali, however, said it was necessary to monitor whether anybody while travelling abroad was doing anything that goes against the country's

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Some pedestrians, including schoolkids, try to cross a muddy road under Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in Jatrabari area of the capital recently. A two-km stretch of the Jatrabari-Demra road has been in a bad shape for the last six years. But things took a turn for the worse after the DSCC started repairing it four months back. Locals say the authorities dug up the entire road at once instead of doing it part by part.

PHOTO: AnISUR RAHMAN

ROAD of HORROR

People blame contractor of Jatrabari-Demra road for miseries, mayor blames early rain

HELEMI ALAM

Asma Akhtar and her two classmates didn't know who to blame for being 45 minutes late for their HSC practical examination yesterday.

Keeping in mind the dismal condition of two-km stretch of the Jatrabari-Demra road, Asma along with Antu Akhtar and Jakiya Sultana left their homes in Demra for the exam hall in the capital's Jatrabari 75 minutes before the test scheduled to begin at 9:00am.

It was supposed to take around 30 minutes for them to reach the venue by a vehicle given the deplorable condition of the road. But they had to spend 90 minutes to cross the two-km stretch by a human hauler due to heavy traffic jam on the road.

"The condition of the road, especially from Jatrabari intersection to Kajla, is extremely bad and you have to brace yourself for a bumpy ride," Asma told this correspondent yesterday.

"We were very worried about the exam as time was running out... After remaining stuck on the road for more than an hour, we finally reached the exam hall around 9:45am," she said.

Asma further said many other students like them were also late because of the appalling condition of the road.

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Tigers to face Ireland today

Star Sport Desk

The weather in Dublin will not be the only thing that is gloomy as both teams facing off in Malahide, Dublin today have not had the best of times in the tri-series so far. Bangladesh and Ireland are both winless after each having played two games -- the first one was the rain-abandoned opener last Friday which they contested against each other, before each losing to New Zealand, who sit pretty on top of the table with an all-win record. But when the match gets underway today at 3:45pm (Bangladesh time), it will likely be Bangladesh who will be more desperate to win as the Test side in the contest.

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Role Of Intelligence Agencies During 1/11

People's rights flouted

SC outlines 6-point guideline in its full verdict to show armed forces dynamics in a democratic country

Staff Correspondent

Illegal usurpation of executive power and its excessive use by some armed forces officials without legal sanction during the last emergency government have shattered people's sense of respect for them, the Supreme Court has observed.

"In a democracy, firm constitutional guarantees should protect the state, including the armed forces from two types of potential dangers: from politicians who have military ambitions, and from military with political ambitions," said the SC in the full verdict on the refund of Tk 615 crore collected from businesses during the 2007-08 army-backed caretaker government rule.

In March, the Appellate Division upheld the High Court judgments asking the government to return the money to 17 companies and several businesspeople that were forced to deposit the sum with Bangladesh Bank in tax of their alleged undisclosed money at the time.

A four-member SC bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha delivered the verdict, after dismissing the 11 appeals against the HC verdicts.

The full verdict was released on Wednesday.

During 2007-08, an army-led task force under the National Coordination Committee launched an unprecedented drive against corruption.

The joint forces investigating high-profile financial crimes interrogated a number of corruption suspects and businesspeople.

At least 40 companies and individuals had to deposit more than Tk 1,200 crore with the central bank following the drive.

After the AL took office in January 2009, the companies wrote to the government,

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Shafat makes confessional statement

Another Banani rape accused also admits role: court sources

Staff Correspondent

Banani rape prime accused Ahmed Shafat yesterday "admitted" that he and his friend Nayem Ashraf alias Halim raped the two private university girls in The Raintree Dhaka hotel in Banani.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Ahsan Habib recorded Shafat's confessional statement under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), said court sources.

Shafat's accomplice Shadman Sakif, another accused in the case, also confessed his role in the crime, added the sources.

Ismot Ara Ame, investigation officer of the case, produced Shafat and Sakif before two magistrates after completion of their remand.

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Banani OC tough on rape victims

A woman tells how she too was driven away as she sought help

SHaheen MOLLah and RASHidul HASan

Harassment of citizens seeking justice by the officer-in-charge of the city's Banani Police Station is nothing new. Instead of serving the victims and the oppressed, OC BM Farman Ali often acts in favour of influential persons, allege many of the victims who have been denied justice.

In a display of utter negligence, Farman Ali made headlines when he delayed recording the case of two alleged rape victims of a private university.

In another case, on March 3, a garment worker from Korail had gone to the Banani Police Station to file a general diary after she was allegedly assaulted by four influential local youths on her way home from work.

After five hours of requesting assistance, police finally lodged the GD in exchange for Tk 300, claimed the victim. Afterwards, fearing for her safety, she requested the police to escort her back home as it had become very late at night, but they refused. According to her, Banani police did not take any action regarding the GD.

Aggrieved by the GD, the same four youths on the following day [March

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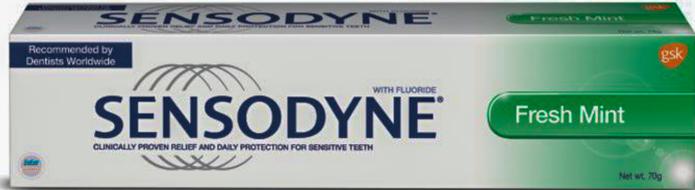





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