



People gather beside demolished structures in Mirpur 11 yesterday after Dhaka North City Corporation dismantled around 30 of them built occupying part of a road there. According to DNCC officials, the occupants of those structures, mostly two or three-storied, were served a notice a year back to vacate the space for widening the road.

BANANI RAPE CASE
Chauffeur of Shafat also admits crimes
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Billal Hossain, chauffeur of the prime accused in Banani rape case Ahmed Shafat, yesterday confessed before a magistrate to his involvement in rapes of two private university students at a hotel in the capital on March 28.
 Billal stated that he filmed a male friend of the two girls clutching a fistful of Yaba pills. All the accused forced the friend to pose with the contraband pills and threatened him that they would brand him as a Yaba trader if he told

Gulshan office raid groundless: Khaleda
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday alleged that police had raided her Gulshan office on Saturday without any grounds.
 "Using police to raid opposition party office without any cause is exactly the kind of nasty politics we want to remove from the country," she tweeted from her verified page.
 Meanwhile, Awami League (AL) General Secretary Obaidul Quader said the police raid at BNP chief's office was carried out following intelligence reports.
 "I asked the home minister and the IGP about the sudden raid on Khaleda's office and they told me that police had conducted the raid based on an intelligence report," he told journalists emerging from an AL meeting in the capital's Dhanmondi.
 Police on Saturday raided Khaleda's Gulshan office to seize "materials" stored there "for carrying out anti-state and subversive activities". They found nothing during the more than two-hour-long search. The raid was conducted following a "mysterious" general diary filed with Gulshan Police Station on Friday. Police did not disclose the identity

RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE
Rana, 9 others indicted in graft case
 COURT CORRESPONDENT
 A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Sohel Rana, owner of Rana Plaza, and nine others in a graft case filed for violating building code in constructing the nine-storey building that collapsed in April 2013 killing 1,136 workers.
 Rana's parents, Abdul Khalek and Morzina Begum, are among the accused. The court fixed July 5 for starting the case trial. However, the court discharged eight others.
 The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) lodged the graft case on May 20, 2014.



Jagpa president Shafiul Alam Prodhan dies

UNB, Dhaka
 Shafiul Alam Prodhan, president of Jatiya Gonotantrik Party (Jagpa), died at his Asad Gate residence in the capital yesterday morning. He was 67.
 He had been suffering from fever for the last few days, said BNP chairperson's media wing member Sayrul Kabir Khan.
 He is survived by wife, a son and a daughter.
 Jatiya Gonotantrik Party is an ally of the BNP-led 20-party alliance.
 Meanwhile, BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia expressed deep shock at the death of Prodhan.
 BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir visited Prodhan's house and consoled his family members.
 Family sources said he will be buried at Bananai Graveyard today after the Zohr prayers.
 Born in Panchagarh in 1950, Prodhan involved with politics during his student life and became the general secretary of the Chhatra League (1973-74).
 Prodhan, son of East Pakistan Provincial Assembly speaker Tamizuddin, formed Jagpa on April 6, 1980.

Narsingdi raid ends, three of five detainees freed

STAR REPORT
 After the end of an anti-militancy raid in Narsingdi and detention of five youths yesterday, the Rapid Action Battalion released three of them last night since they did not find the trio's involvement in militancy, said a Rab official.
 However, the official claimed that they found evidence against the remaining two.
 Talking to The Daily Star around 10:00pm last night, Rab-11 Commanding Officer Kamrul Hasan said primary interrogation suggested that Salahuddin, a former Dhaka University student, and Abu Jafar, a college student in Narsingdi, had links with militancy.
 In an 18-hour raid on a house, Rab detained the two along with three others -- Masudur Rahman, a class X student of Jamiya Kasemia Madrasa of Narsingdi, and Bashirul Islam and Moshir Rahman, students of Narsingdi Government College.
 The operation ended after the five "surrendered", said Rab officials.
 Earlier, the family members of the detainees claimed that they were innocent.
 Meanwhile, in his Facebook post, one of the detainees Abu Jafar said they were innocent and victims of a conspiracy.
 He also appealed for the prime minister's help in his post saying that they were not militants, rather Awami League activists after Rab cordoned off the house around 4:00pm on Saturday.
 Masudur Rahman, the tenth grader, said some people locked their house from outside while his tutor Salahuddin, the former

LACK OF DISABLE-FRIENDLY INSTTS IN DHAKA CITY
79pc women with disabilities deprived of education: Study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Around 79 percent women with disabilities have no access to education in the capital due to a lack of proper infrastructure in educational institutions, said a survey.
 Besides, 31 percent of such women face challenges to enrol in schools due to limited numbers of reserved seats for the persons with disabilities, revealed the study titled, "Situation analysis on women with disabilities in Dhaka Metropolitan area", at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.
 Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF) and the Center for Social Programs and Research (CSPR) conducted the study between August 2016 and February 2017 on 101 women (15 to 49 years) with physical, vision, speech and hearing disabilities and neurodevelopmental disabilities.
 "If the disabled are boys, parents send them to school, but if they are girls, parents don't

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