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CJ's opinion shall have primacy: HC

SHAKHAWAT LITON and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The chief justice is the key person in forming opinion as to the eligibility of persons for appointment in the higher judiciary and his opinion shall have primacy over that of the executive, observed the High Court in a verdict recently.

Article 95 (1) of the constitution entitles the chief justice, head of the judiciary, to be consulted by the president before the latter appoints the Supreme Court judges.

According to Article 48 (3), the president has to act as per the prime minister's advice in all cases, except for the appointment of the premier and the chief justice.

The constitutional provision allows the PM, head of the executive branch, to advise the president regarding appointment of the SC judges.

The HC verdict said the existing system of appointment can be more improved by the chief justice.

The court also observed the chief justice is the best and prime person to evaluate as to which lawyers and the judicial officers working in the sub-ordinate judiciary are truly eligible to be appointed.

In response to a writ petition, the HC bench comprising Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice Kirshna Debnath

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump, Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and leaders of Arab and Muslim countries during the inauguration of the "Global Centre for Combating Extremist Thought" in Riyadh on Sunday.

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BANGLADESH VISIT

Trump says yes as PM invites him

BSS, Riyadh

US President Donald Trump has expressed his willingness to visit Bangladesh as he exchanged greetings with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the Arab Islamic American Summit in Riyadh on Sunday.

"Yes I would come [to Bangladesh]," Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque quoted the US president.

Briefing reporters after the summit, the foreign secretary said the two leaders exchanged pleasantries at King Abdulaziz International Conference Centre before the start of the summit.

Meanwhile, Hasina and Tajik President Emomali Rahmon had a meeting on the sidelines of the summit.

The Tajik president invited the PM to visit Tajikistan.

"We hope the Tajik president may visit Bangladesh or the Bangladesh PM may

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AL to float its 'Islamic wing'

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The ruling Awami League is considering floating a new front, which will be the party's religious wing with representatives from Islamic scholars and thinkers.

Though some Islamic organisations at times claimed their allegiance to the AL, the party is seriously thinking of giving a full-fledged shape to its Islamic front so that people supporting Islam as a religion and the AL as a pro-liberation party can come under one umbrella.

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Islami Bank in dire straits

SAJJADUR RAHMAN and JEBUN NESA ALO

Islami Bank, the largest and most profitable bank in the country, has plunged into a bout of infighting within just five months of wholesale restructuring of the board of directors and top management.

The conflict stems from loan irregularities, lower dividend declaration and interference of a Chittagong-based business group in the affairs of the bank's board.

On May 20, a group of seven directors threatened to step down if any of them has to resign under pressure.

They made the threat following disclosure by Syed Ahsanul Alam, Islami Bank's

vice-chairman and an independent director, on May 11 that he was being hassled by some quarters to resign.

Some of the 19 directors were also furious that the bank declared 10-percent dividend on April 2 for 2016 against a net profit of Tk 450 crore.

They believe that the board announced "the meagre dividend" to see the bank's share price go on a "free fall" so that a Chittagong-based big business group can buy the shares on the cheap.

On March 22, each Islami Bank share was traded for around Tk 45. A month later, the share price dropped by 30 percent to Tk 31.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Unexpected death, unruly protest

PORIMOL PALMA and HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The premature death of a Dhaka University student at a private hospital, the subsequent vandalism there and Bangladesh Medical Association's decision to abstain from work for a day have left the nation shocked.

Soon after Afia Jahan Chaity died in the capital's Central Hospital on Thursday, around a couple of hundred of her fellow students vandalised several rooms and equipment of the hospital and kept terrorising the entire facility until police reached there.

DU authorities filed a case with Dhanmondi Police Station on charges of "negligence in treatment" accusing nine doctors and officials of the hospital. A doctor, arrested

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Youth crushed between two buses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was crushed to death between two buses in the capital's Jatrabari area during the office-hour rush yesterday morning.

His family claimed that his death was the result of reckless driving.

The victim Zillur Rahman, 32, worked at a private organisation. Father of a two-year-old daughter, he lived in Demra area.

Zillur was crossing the road around 8:30am in front of a standstill bus when another bus rushed in

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A HELLISH RIDE

This is what became of a road beneath the under-construction Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover where people, buses and cars jostle in a muddy, undulating stretch all day. The picture was taken yesterday. Left, large concrete pipes occupy this road in Razarbagh leaving little space for any traffic.

On payroll, for no job

Suspended 14 months ago, war crimes prosecutor still receiving salary, benefits

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The law ministry suspended Mohammad Ali, a prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal, from all trial procedures in February last year. After the suspension, he did not get involved with any war crimes cases and never appeared before the tribunal.

But he has been withdrawing a monthly salary of more than Tk 1 lakh on a regular basis and using a government car with a driver, whose salary is being paid from the



public exchequer. Apart from this, he has been availing police protection.

The law ministry suspended Ali on February 24 last year after the Chief Prosecutor Office of the tribunal wrote to the ministry seeking "necessary actions" against the prosecutor for "breaching discipline and code of conduct, and serious professional misconduct."

On February 14, Ghulam Arief Tipoo wrote to the ministry that Ali had

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