



Workers of Rajshahi City Corporation dump waste on a side of a street yesterday. Though there is a designated dumping zone behind the boundary walls, they continue to do so for the last three days. The workers are on a strike to press home their 11-point demand, including implementation of wage structure fixed by the government. The photo was taken near Bishimila intersection of the city.

PHOTO: ANWAR ALI

## JS DISCUSSION ON 16TH AMENDMENT SCBA splits over MPs' comments

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) has apparently split over expressing reaction to the statements made by the ruling party ministers and lawmakers in parliament about the Supreme Court verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment of the constitution.

The Pro-BNP and ruling Awami League backed SCRA leaders yesterday organised separate press conferences in its auditorium and law office respectively, condemning the move.

The statements made by senior ministers and lawmakers in the parliament on July 9 about the chief justice and two senior lawyers is clearly tantamount to contempt of the court, said SCBA President Advocate Zainul Abedin at a press conference.

"The ruling party leaders, lawmakers and ministers have been making statements after the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court delivered a verdict declaring illegal the 16th amendment.

"Expressing anger, they made objectionable comments about senior lawyers Dr Kamal Hossain and Barrister M. Amir-Ul-Islam. They even criticised the honourable chief justice..." he said.

Advocate Zainul, also a BNP leader, said the SCBA strongly condemned the objectionable statements. The SCBA also demanded that the Speaker expunge those, he said.

He requested all to refrain from making any remark which can tarnish the image of the judiciary and to become respectful to the courts. The SCBA president said the lawmakers perhaps had forgotten the provisions of the rules of business.

"The respected persons whom the lawmakers criticised were not present in parliament and they are not members of the House. There are rules about making statements in the parliament. As per rules, the persons who are not present cannot be criticised in the parliament."

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## AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK Self-defence of accused starts today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday completed reading out charges derived from statements of 225 prosecution witnesses to 31 accused in the August 21 grenade attack.

Earlier in the day, the court read out charges to the last four accused in the cases, making the figure 31.

The accused are: former inspector general of police (IGP) Khoda Balsik Chowdhury, three former CID officials - Special Superintendent of Police Ruhul Amin, ASP Abdur Rashid and Munshi Atiqur Rahman.

All the four, now on bail,   
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Participants at a roundtable discussion on "independence of the judiciary and way forward" at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. From left, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of BELA; Prof Asif Nazrul of Dhaka University; Syed ABDUL Maksud, eminent columnist; Badul Alam Majumdar, secretary of SHUJAN; M Hafiz Uddin Khan, its president; Kazi Ebadul Haque, former justice of the Supreme Court; Shahid Malik, eminent jurist; and Dilip Kumar Sarkar, coordinator of SHUJAN.

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## Protest or foul play?

RCC employees dumping waste on city roads as indefinite strike continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Foul stench of household waste filled the air of Rajshahi for the third consecutive day yesterday as the employees of the corporation, observing an indefinite strike, continued dumping waste on the city roads, much to the disgust of the dwellers.

The employees collected waste from households, but dumped those on roads, instead of designated waste dumping spots, aiming to force the Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) authorities to meet their demand, said the residents.

On July 9, a group of RCC employees went on strike for an indefinite period of time, demanding what they said payment of wages as per the government rules, among others.

During a visit to different areas of the city yesterday, the correspondent found materials lying scattered on the area.

"I saw garbage dumped at various points in Limapur area. Those are not regular points for dumping," said Monlam, an easy-bike driver in the area.

Manik Bhownik, a businessman in the city's Sopura area, said, "We are being forced to walk the streets with bad odour filling the air."

Three labourers were seen dumping wastes on a road at Bishimila intersection of the city. Approached, they claimed a ward councillor had asked them to do so to press home their demands. He, however, declined to name the councillor.

Aslam Sheikh, a resident of the area, said he has been living in the city for more than two decades and has never seen the city so much filthy like this.

"What type of protest is this where city dwellers are to pay price for fulfilling some people's demands?" he questioned.

Asked, a conservancy official, on condition of anonymity, said they could not bring out cleaning vehicles from garage as the employees padlocked it.

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Journalist Helal facing case under ICT act gets HC bail  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The daily *Sokaler Khabar*'s senior reporter Ajmal Haque Helal yesterday got anticipatory bail for six weeks from the High Court in a case filed under section 57.

The bench of Justice Md. Rajibul Haq and Justice Khulma Debnath passed the order as Helal sought the bail before it.

During the hearing on the bail petition, Helal's lawyer Advocate SM Rezaul Karim told the HC that the magistrate's court has no jurisdiction to grant bail to an accused of such a case under section 57 of the ICT.

If Helal is not granted bail, he might be arrested and therefore, the right to freedom of speech will be damaged, he added.

Rakib Hossain, a lecturer of Rustam Ali Farazi Degree College at Mathbaria, Pirojpur filed the case on July 7 for sharing a report on lawmaker Rustam Ali Farazi using his Facebook.



Journalists at a rally at DRU yesterday demanding the scrapping of section 57. PHOTO: STAR

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