



YESTERDAY'S

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HC upholds verdict against ex-chairman of Jamuna Bank
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld a lower court verdict that sentenced Jamuna Bank's former chairman Arifur Rahman to one year imprisonment and fined him Tk 15.5 crore in a case filed over a cheque forgery. The bench of Justice Md Rabi Uddin rejected an appeal filed by Arifur challenging the lower court verdict of January 24, 2016.

According to the case statements, Arifur Rahman took Tk 15 crore in cash from Borak Real Estate and gave a cheque to the company in return against the money in 2011. Later, the company tried to deposit the cheque but it bounced. Borak Real Estate in 2012 filed the case with a Dhaka court.

Citing from the HC verdict, Advocate SM Baksh Kolloi, a lawyer for Borak Real Estate, told The Daily Star that Arifur has already deposited Tk 7.5 crore to the bank account before filing the appeal against the verdict.

Arifur Rahman will have to deposit the rest Tk 7.5 crore to the bank account of Borak Real Estate and to deposit Tk 50 lakh to the account of the deputy commissioner of Dhaka in next 60 days, he said.



DHAKA UNDER WATER, AGAIN... The sound of rain no longer soothes Dhaka residents. A moderate monsoon shower of even less than an hour comes as a nightmare to them. Intermittent rain throughout the day yesterday wreaked havoc in city life, yet again, with streets submerged with dirty water. The photos were taken near Ramchandrapur canal at Naboday Housing of Mohammadpur, top, Rokeya Sarani at Mirpur, bottom left, and Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Farmgate, bottom right.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN, PALASH KHAN, RASHED SHUMON

63rd CPC to be held in Dhaka in Nov
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, the largest annual gathering of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians Association (CPA), will take place in Dhaka in early November.

The CPA Bangladesh and the Jatiya Sangsad will host the conference at Bangabandhu International Conference Center and Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, Speaker Shirin Sharmi Chaudhury told reporters on Monday at her office in parliament.

The conference will elect

the chairperson of the parliamentary group for a three-year term.

The assembly was originally scheduled to be held in Dhaka in 2016 but it was postponed following the deadly terror attack at Holy Artisan Bakery.

Ecneec approves Tk 3,250cr expressway for Ctg airport

Endorses full campus for Jagannath University at Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 16-kilometre elevated expressway connecting Hazrat Shah Amanat International Airport with Lalkhan Bazar-Muradpur flyover has been approved for Chittagong city.

The four-lane expressway with a price tag of Tk 3,250 crore was approved yesterday by the Ecneec (Executive Committee of the National Economic Council) in a bid to ease traffic congestion and reduce travel time to and from the airport in the country's second largest city.

As part of this project, by 2020, the under construction flyover from Muradpur to Lalkhan Bazar will be extended up to the airport, explained a planning ministry official.

The planning ministry in its proposal argued for the new expressway by mentioning that around 40 lakh people now live in Chittagong -- the country's prime export-import hub. With nearly one lakh inhabitants being added to the population each year, the city's traffic situation is worsening

day by day.

Meanwhile, during yesterday's meeting, the Ecneec turned down a proposal for the development of Jagannath University (JNU) in the capital.

Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal following the meeting said while presiding over the meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, chairperson of the Ecneec, issued a directive asking to build a complete campus for the JNU at Keraniganj near the capital with all necessary amenities including residential halls.

Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, was given a week for the task of finding and informing the planning ministry of a suitable piece of land at Keraniganj for the JNU campus, said a planning ministry official.

The Ecneec yesterday gave its nod to a total of nine projects -- including the elevated expressway in Chittagong -- worth Tk 6,393 crores.

Road crashes kill five

CITY DESK

Five people were killed in road accidents in two days.

In Gopalganj, two people were killed and four others injured as a bus rammed a battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying them in Khandarpa area of Muktisupur upazila on Monday.

The dead are Samsu Khan, 75, of Khandarpa village and Akther Ali, 18, of Kowni village in the upazila.

In Magura, two motorcyclists were killed as a bus rammed the vehicle on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Shalikhupur upazila yesterday.

Atik Munchi, 35, of Nagosh village of the upazila and his sister-in-law Shati Khatun, 17, of Jessor, died instantly.

In Patakhali, Tubul Amin, 45, of Muradia in Dumki upazila, was killed and five others were injured as a tontom (locally made battery-run three-wheeler) hit a battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying them in Muradia area of Dumki upazila yesterday.

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA Admission Announcement

MS in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry
Department of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry (TCChem)

Applications are invited from prospective students to join a full-time MS program in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry to be offered by the Department of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Dhaka. The duration of the program is one academic year. There are thirty seats. Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Must have a minimum First Division or GPA of 3.50 out of 5.00 or equivalent grades in both SSC and HSC or in equivalent examinations.
- Four years graduation in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Physics, Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 from any recognized university.

Students who have passed B.S./B.Sc. (Honors) degree from the University of Dhaka will be admitted without admission test but according to their academic records. Applicants must NOT have any break of study after passing B.S./B.Sc. (Honors) and who have already passed MS/MSc are NOT eligible to apply.

Applicants from other public and private universities will be selected on the basis of their admission test results. An admission test (MCQ) will be taken on analytical, organic, organic and physical chemistry.

How to Apply

The application form will be available online at www.du.ac.bd/academic/department/TCCHEM and also from the office of the Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Dhaka from July 10, 2017. Application fee of Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand only) has to be paid through the following Bank Account: A/C No. 0200009822590, Agrani Bank Ltd. (any Branch).

Last date of application submission: 16 August, 2017; Admission Test: 18 August 2017, 10:30 am; Place: Carzon Hall, DU.

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SAGOR-RUNI MURDER Court asks Rab again to place report by Aug 23

OUR CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked Rapidi Action Battalion (Rab) to submit by August 23 the progress report on the case filed over the killing of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar-Meheriun Runi in February 2012.

Metropolitan Magistrate Khurshid Alam passed the order as Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohiuddin Ahmed of Rab, also investigation officer of the case, failed to submit any progress report yesterday.

The magistrates, including Rab, failed to submit the probe report despite taking 51 dates.

On February 11, 2012, Runi, senior reporter of private TV channel ATV Bangla, and his husband Sagar, news editor of another TV station, Maasraanga, were murdered. Their only son, Megh, was inside their Pashchim Rajabazar house at the time of the murder.

Meanwhile, o21 Unlal, SCBA senior vice-president and leader of its Awami

League faction, at another press conference said the SCBA president and its secretary organised theirs out of political and personal reasons.

The court said the SCBA will not be allowed to protect the interest of the SCBA or the judiciary rather it will tarnish the SCBA's image and create confusion among people about the relationship between the judiciary and the government, he said.

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