

# SC scraps graft trial of Tarique's mother-in-law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday scrapped the trial proceedings of a corruption case filed against BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman's mother-in-law Syeda Iqbalmand Banu.

The court said the Anti-Corruption Commission's notice under which the case was filed is no more valid as the notice was not served in a proper way.

The apex court directed the ACC to issue a fresh notice asking Iqbalmand to submit her wealth statement to the commission.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order after hearing an appeal filed by the accused challenging a High Court verdict.

The HC on February 2 last year cleared the way for the lower court to run the trial proceedings against Iqbalmand in the case which was filed on January 30, 2014.

On January 26 last year, Iqbalmand filed a petition with the HC praying to quash the case proceedings and direct the ACC to issue a fresh notice asking her wealth statements.

On February 2 last year, the HC rejected her petition. Later, Iqbalmand filed a leave to appeal petition with the SC challenging the HC order.



Clockwise from top, A rickshaw-puller helps a child cross a muddy section of a road. A truck, loaded with iron rods resting on top of a metal structure with nothing but flimsy wires holding them together, gets stuck in a pothole. Due to the road's dilapidated condition, vehicles move at a snail's pace. The photos were taken on Wednesday underneath the Hanif flyover in the capital's Jatrabari area where public sufferings have become a norm due to indifference of the authorities concerned.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Support from male colleagues could change scenario

DSCC female councillors from reserved seats tell discussion on building women-friendly city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women ward councillors from reserved positions under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) yesterday said they could contribute more to make the city women-friendly and help its overall development if they got adequate support from their male colleagues.

Despite being elected public representatives, they are not getting enough support from the city corporation, the councillors told a discussion of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad on "a safe and women-friendly Dhaka city" at the capital's Cirdap.

The speakers said the city needed more infrastructures, which could facilitate smooth movement of office-going and working-class women, while public transport had to be modernised so that women did not feel uncomfortable.

Lovely Chowdhury, councillor of wards 39, 40 and 49, said she had plenty of opportunity to conduct development work in her area as several slums were located there.

Although different non-government organisations gave support, she faced discriminations from male colleagues as she was elected from the opposition party, she said. "I want to work for people, together with others," she added.

Nargis Mahatab, councillor of wards 16, 17 and 21, echoed her.

Denying that women councillors were being discriminated against, ward 26 councillor Hasibur Rahman said his female counterparts were getting equal opportunity in his ward, and they were working together.

He said he could not stop a female representative if she wanted to work in his area.

In the same breath, he said women councillors had to raise their voices to realise their demands.

Speaking as special guest, The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam said installing lights and closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras on the streets would help women move confidently around the city and reduce threats against them.

He said police stations needed to recruit sufficient women officials and employees and that they had to be trained properly to listen to women and understand their problems while if required laws related to women rights could be amended.

"Women have leadership roles in building the society," he said, "Turning the city into a women-friendly place is not an overnight job as problems are multifaceted."

Reading out a keynote paper, Mahila Parishad Vice President Rekha Chowdhury urged the government to increase the number of women's hostels, designated transports, seats in public transports, and hygienic and safe public toilets.

Chairing the discussion, Mahila Parishad President Ayesha Khanam said earlier they held similar programmes with Dhaka North City Corporation. "We will compile the demands and suggestions from the discussions and place those before the government high-ups for execution."



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) President Ayesha Khanam speaks at a discussion on Nirapad O Nari-bandhab Dhaka Mahanagar (safe and women-friendly Dhaka city) yesterday. BMP organised the event in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

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## Doa mahfil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A doa mahfil will be held today on the occasion of first death anniversary of Dr MA Mannan; a neurologist, former lawmaker and language movement veteran.

All are requested to join the event after the Juma prayers today at Masjid-E-Baqquatil Mubaraqah in Kalabagan, Dhaka.

## 'Mugger' killed in 'gunfight' with Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged mugger was shot dead while another injured in a "gunfight" with Rapid Action Battalion in the capital's Lalbagh area yesterday evening.

Alamgir, 35, who was shot in the face, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said DMCH police.

With leg injuries, Abdul Barek, 40, was being treated at the hospital, said Sub-inspector Bachchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH police outpost.

During a drive in Bakshi Bazar area, five to six muggers, who were staying with a car and motorbike, opened fire on Rab sensing its presence, prompting the force to fire back, said Maj Ahmed Hussain Mohiuddin, who led the drive.

Rab managed to capture the duo later.

The car was seized from the spot, Mohiuddin added.

## The world of Fayza Haq

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and won our hearts with her personality. Her writings are lucid, substantial and devoid of philosophical jargons and theoretical aspects. Everyone would follow her and we have many things to learn from her writings. Publishing a book on her selective works would be a commendable job to capture a specific time of fine arts history in Bangladesh."

Bruno Plasse, director of Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD), said, "Fayza Haq was not the kind of art critic who would write for the newspaper with the press release we send to the journalists."

"She would rather take time and talk to the artists prior to writing an article. She put proper comments on every artwork that were very interesting to read. She was extremely punctual and truly dedicated to her works. We really miss her a lot. It is a great loss for the art and artist community in Dhaka."

Julian Francis, a friend of Fayza Haq, said, "People at The Daily Star already know, Fayza would always send so many gifts and cards. She used to send me birthday cards three months in advance in case she forgot."

"She would send different gifts, perfumes and clothes for different occasions. I am currently wearing trousers made of material she had sent for me. I remember how she would carry around a bag full of presents for everyone she would meet throughout the day. I went to visit her when she was ill, and it is just terrible that she was not better taken care of."

Among others, artist and Associate Professor of Jagannath University Dr Rashid Amin, News Editor of ATN Bangla Rumi Noman and artists Gulshan Hossain, Anukul Chandra Mojumder and Shahnoor Mamun spoke at the event. Eminent Tagore singer Abdud Wadud offered a song "Achhey Dukkho Achhey Mrityu" at the event.

Fayza Haq passed away on July 7, at age 68.

## NEWSIN brief

### JIPMER-Bimstec Telemedicine Network inaugurated in India

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Syed Muazem Ali yesterday inaugurated the JIPMER-Bimstec Telemedicine Network (JBTN) at Pondicherry.

JIPMER stands for Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, said a press release from New Delhi. The goals of JBTN are sharing of knowledge through tele-lectures, quality control in surgery by sharing operative videos, use of tele-consultation in medical treatment and promoting mobile health programmes in BIMSTEC countries. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University of Bangladesh is a partner of the initiative.

### Journalists demand 9th wage board within July

BSS, Dhaka

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) yesterday demanded declaration of the ninth wage board for journalists within the current month of July.

A tough movement will be conducted across the country, if the declaration is not made within the time, said the journalist leaders in a joint statement.

The statement was issued by BFUJ President Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, Secretary General Omar Faruq and presidents and secretaries of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) and all other associate organisations of BFUJ.

They urged all the journalists to be more vocal to realise the demand.

### 6 Bangladeshi students to contest int'l math Olympiad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six Bangladeshi students will contest the 58th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) to be held in Rio de Janeiro of Brazil on July 12-23.

Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BdMOC) announced it at the capital's Sonargaon hotel yesterday while introducing them to journalists.

The competitors are Asif E Elahi from Sylhet MC College, Sabbir Rahman from Notre Dame College, Ahmed Jawad Chowdhury from Cantonment English School and College in Chittagong, SM Naimul Islam from Zila School of Barisal, Rahul Saha from Dhaka College and Tamjid Morshed Rubab from Notre Dame College.

Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, president of BdMOC, and Abdul Quayum, associate editor of the Prothom Alo, were, among others, present on the occasion.



Speakers at a discussion on breast cancer organised by The Blue Sky Charitable Foundation and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) in the capital yesterday.

### MC College dorm closed

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BCL activists of the dissolved committee of the college unit.

He said organisational steps will be taken against those who were involved in the vandalism.

College Principal Prof Nitai Chandra Chanda said a three-member probe committee led by Prof Abdul Quddus was formed.

Meanwhile, general students living in the dormitory demonstrated and formed a human chain by blocking Amberkhana-Tilagarh road in front of the hostel, demanding punishment for the attackers.

Anwarul Alam, officer-in-charge (acting) of Shah Poran Police Station, said they are looking into the matter.

The principal said such an attack is a consequence of inaction against the vandalism in 2012.

The dormitory was burnt down by BCL activists during a clash with Shibir on July 8, 2012.

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#### Muktijoddha Alhaj Engr. Kazi Shariful Haque Chairman of Pacific Maintenance & Engineering Group

Alhaj Engr. Kazi Shariful Haque, son of Late Kazi Shamsul Haque, a renowned businessman, valiant freedom fighter, philanthropist and social worker passed away on Friday, 07 July 2017 at 2:50 pm (IST) at the age of 68, while under treatment at Medanta Hospital in New Delhi, India. Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajiun (We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return)

Engr. Kazi Sharif was born in a distinguished Muslim family in Betrail Village of Tangail. He completed BSc. from Rajshahi Engineering College (REC, now RUET) and later on went onto build a successful business-Pacific Maintenance and Engineering Group, where he was the Chairman during his untimely passing away. He was involved in various social development works in his native village like Mosque building, school development, post office building, football field established, roads & culverts etc.

He is survived by his beloved wife, a son and 2 daughters, along with many friends & well-wishers. A dua Mahfil will be held in Banani DOHS Community Centre today Friday, 14 July 2017, after Asr prayers. His bereaved family requests your kind prayers for the departed soul.