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At first glance it might look like a queue of guardians to take their children home after school. But it is actually a gathering of anxious parents for making sure that the children were able to jot down everything taught in the classes. Inset: Some of the guardians also take pictures of the notes taken by other students in case their kids missed anything. This has become an everyday scenario in front of many schools in the port city. But amid all these anxiousness, no one seemed to remember that education should be a mixture of learning and fun, especially for shaping young minds already overburdened with study. The photos were taken in front of a school in Jamal Khan area recently.



Scrap section 57, form wage board for journos

Demand BFUJ, DUJ issuing 12-day ultimatum for the pay scale

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalists yesterday issued a 12-day ultimatum to Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu to form the ninth wage board for them, or else they threatened to besiege the secretariat on July 30 demanding resignation of the minister. They issued the ultimatum from a rally organised by Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) and Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) in front of the Latya Press Club. The speakers at the rally demanded that the government immediately scrap the controversial section 57 of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) act to ensure freedom of the press. They also called upon the government to transfer all cases, filed against journalists across the country under section 57, to Bangladesh Press Council until the government takes action on the above demand of section 57 by August 30.

Addressing as the chief guest, Marshal Abu Bulbul, president of a faction of BFUJ, said, "Earlier you [information minister] assured us of forming the wage board soon. But you didn't keep your promise. Journalist community is giving you 12 days to think."

"If our just demand is not met within July 29, journalists will hold a grand rally in front of the Latya Press Club on July 30 and will march towards the secretariat demanding your resignation," said Bulbul.

"Autocratic ruler HFM Ershad couldn't remain in power as he acted against journalists...information ministers also



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Journalists at the rally.

had to resign in the past as they acted against journalists. You will have to do the same. You have to form the ninth wage board within the stipulated time."

The BFUJ boss said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently in a journalist rally had expressed her support to form the wage board. "But instead of taking measures to form the wage board, the information minister is serving interest of the vested quarters."

BFUJ Secretary General Omar Faruq, former BFUJ secretary general Abdul Jalil Bhuyan, DUJ President Shaban Mahmud, and Secretary General Sohel Haider Chowdhury, among others, spoke.

HC stays BSSMU teachers' assoc polls result

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for six months the result of election of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSSMU) Teachers Association.

The court also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government and BSSMU to explain why the result of the election should not be declared illegal.

The bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman came up with the order and rule following a writ petition filed by BSSMU Professor Md Faruk Hossain challenging the legality of the election result.

Advocate Md Monirul Mabbah told the Daily Star that the registrar of the BSSMU on July 6 issued a notice staying the process for holding the election to its teachers association as two

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ACC arrests shipping dept chief engineer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested chief engineer and surveyor of Department of Shipping AKM Fakhruddin Islam while taking bribe of Tk 5 lakh for the approval of design of a ship.

Fakhruddin was arrested from his office at Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BWITA) in Motijheel.

Talking to The Daily Star, ACC Director Nasim Anwar, who led the team, said, "Fakhruddin was approving the design of ships by taking bribe."

Based on the allegations, the team arrested Fakhruddin from his office, he said.

According to ACC, ANM Badrul Alam of Bengal Marine and Engineering Services, applied for 22 ships at different times from 2012 to 2017 for design approval.

According to the corresponding ordinance, an approval should be given within 45 days with modification, if necessary. "But, Fakhruddin demanded Tk 5 lakh to Tk 16 lakh for each ship depending on their size at different times. Without bribe, he won't approve any design," reads an ACC press release.

On April 13, 2016, Badrul submitted a design for approval but Fakhruddin demanded Tk 5 lakh for it. Badrul agreed to give him the money yesterday.

Meanwhile, Badrul informed it to the ACC.

And following all legal procedures, an eleven-member ACC team arrested him around 2:00pm.

He was handed over to the Motijheel Police Station. A case was filed against Fakhruddin, confirmed Golam Rabbanai, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Television studio launched at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A television studio was launched at the Department of Film, Television and Photography of the Dhaka University yesterday with a view to train students on TV journalism.

Inaugurating the first-ever TV studio in Muzaffarul Haq m.e.d. Chowdhury Auditorium on the campus, DU Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique said the field of journalism and mass communication is always practical-oriented.

The studio was installed under the World Bank-funded Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) of the University Grants Commission.

The studio is an accomplished television studio consisting of panel control rooms on PCR, master control room or MCR, make up room, camera, lights and other studio equipment. Although the studio will be maintained by the Television, Film and Photography department, other students of the university can also use

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One hurt in 'gunfight' with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An alleged robber was injured in a gunfight with police and members of his gang in Kalpotro Market area of Khulna city early yesterday.

The injured Delor Hossain Dilu, 30, of Anjanpur Road area is in five cases including robbery, attempted murder and drug peddling.

He is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Pangu Hospital with injury in his leg.

Monira Sultana, assistant deputy com-

missioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police said the incident occurred when police was patrolling the area after getting information that some robbers were preparing to commit a robbery.

Sensing their presence, Delor's cohorts opened fire at police and they retaliated.

Three policemen were injured in the confrontation. They are taking treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Police said they recovered two bullets and sharp weapons from the spot.



Aloke Kumar Saha, head of computer science and engineering department of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP), and Tsugunobu Ogino, president and CEO of KJS Company Ltd, Japan, at the signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding between the institutions at UAP on Monday. The university's Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, among others, was present.

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IUB team, which recently excelled in University Rover Challenge in the US, with State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak at a reception on the university's Bashundhara campus on Monday.

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Minister Nahid nominated for World Education Congress award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has been nominated for the World Education Congress (WEC) 2017 for his recognition of his contribution to education sector in Bangladesh.

The award, consisting of a trophy and citation, will be handed over Nahid at the sixth congress of WEC scheduled to be held on July 23-24 in Mumbai, India, said a media statement of the education ministry.

Nahid has also been invited to deliver a speech and share his experience at the conference.

Five govt officials face contempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against five government officials, including the land secretary, for not executing its 2009 directive over issuing a new khatian (individual land record certificates) to a land owner in Lalmonirhat.

In the rule, the court asked the officials to explain in four weeks why action was not taken against them for not complying with its directive.

Four others are deputy commissioners of Lalmonirhat, upazila nirkhai officer, assistant commissioner of land of Lalmonirhat Sadar and the union land officer concerned.

The bench of Justice Ashfaqul Islam and Justice Ashish Ranjan Das came up with the rule following a contempt of court petition by Abdul Mojib, a land owner of Telipara mouza in Lalmonirhat.

The Daily Star that the HC, following 17 petitions in November 2009, had directed the government officials to issue new khatians to 63 land owners, including Abdul Mojib, over their 35.52 acres of land in Telipara mouza in three months.

As the officials did not comply with the HC directive, Mojib yesterday filed the contempt of court petition, he added.

Reception for IUB team's success held CITY DESK

To celebrate the outstanding achievement of IUB Team Attendant in the world's largest Mars Rover Challenge 2017, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised a grand reception on its Bashundhara campus on Monday.

State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak was present as the chief guest, said a press release.

Among others, Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of Board of Trustees, chairman, Vice-Chancellor Prof M. Omar Rahman; Dr. Asrafullah Amin, head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering; Towhid Samad, chairman of Board

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