



Chief Conservator of Forests Mohammad Shafiul Alam Chowdhury and other forest officials release several wild birds in the open. A mobile court yesterday rescued the birds, 16 in total, from poachers in Sherpur area under Moulvibazar Sadar upazila. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

7 DU journalists get award

BSS, Dhaka

Seven Dhaka University (DU) correspondents of different newspapers and online news portals have been given "Campus Journalism Award" under two trust funds of Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duja).

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique handed over certificates and crests among the recipients at a ceremony at the university yesterday.

Abdul Karim, Mahdi Al Muhtasim Nibir, Saif Sujon and Asifur Rahman received the award under "Shah Helalur Rahman Chishti Trust Fund" for their reports published in The Daily Observer, The Daily Star, the Banik Barta and the Prothom Alo respectively.

Under "Manoar Hossain Memorial Trust Fund", Mahmudul Hasan Nayan, Tapon Kanti Roy and Mahdi Al Muhtasim Nibir got the award for their reports published in the Jugantor, bdnews24.com and The Daily Star respectively.

DU Treasurer Prof Md Kamal Uddin, also president of the trusts, attended the event as a special guest.

Case filed over Tangail couple murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Unidentified criminals were sued over the murders of retired schoolteacher Anil Kumar Das and his wife Kalpana Rani Das in Tangail yesterday.

Their son Nirmol Kumar Das filed the case with Tangail Model Police Station, said Gobinda Chandra Paul, an assistant superintendent of police in Tangail.

The number of the accused was not mentioned in the case, said Sub-inspector Tanveer Ahmed.

The couple were found murdered at their Rasulpur village house of Tangail Sadar upazila on Thursday noon.

The couple might have been strangled, police said.

BID TO BOOST IT SECTOR Govt to launch CEO outreach programme

BSS, Dhaka

The government and US-based Boston Consulting Group (BCG) have taken initiatives to carry forward business-to-business (B2B) development and matchmaking programme among IT firms and their chief executive officers (CEOs) to boost investments and employments in IT sector, said officials.

They said as part of the initiative, a "Strategic CEO Outreach Programme" will be launched on Monday at a hotel in the capital.

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak will inaugurate the programme.

"The entire spectrum of activities under CEO outreach programme would help bring local and foreign investments and create employment opportunities for the IT sector," State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak told the news agency.

According to sources, the World Bank financed Leveraging ICT for Growth, Employment and Governance (LIGT) Project of Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) under ICT Division has appointed BCG to work for boosting investments and create job opportunity in ICT sector.



Sub-sector commander Ziauddin passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Maj (retd) Ziauddin Ahmed, sub-sector commander of Sector No-9 during the 1971 Liberation War, passed away at a Singaporean hospital yesterday morning.

On July 1, he was admitted to Square Hospital in Dhaka following sickness.

Later, he was taken to Singapore for better treatment and was admitted to General Hospital, said Shahanur Rahman Shamim, one of his nephews.

Ziauddin, chairman of Dubla Fisheries Group, was born in Pirojpur town in 1950. His father Aftabuddin Ahmed was a chairman of Pirojpur municipality.

When the Liberation War began, Ziauddin returned to Bangladesh from Pakistan army. Afterwards, he joined the Liberation War and performed his duty as the sub-sector commander.

Ziauddin was known as the "king without a crown" of the Sundarbans from where he fought against the Pakistani army in the southern region of Bangladesh.

He was elected as the chairman of Pirojpur municipality in 1989. He established a college in the town named after his father.

BSS reports, President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday condoled the death of Ziauddin Ahmed.

NEWSIN brief

'Ahsanullah's manual still relevant'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The "Teachers' Manual" written and published by Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah around a century ago is still applicable to the country's education sector for training teachers, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

The renowned academician and social reformer's viewpoint on education also reflects in the government's education programmes, said a press release.

Nalta Central Ahsania Mission (NCAM) organised the event in the capital.

Dr Anisuzzaman, professor emeritus at Dhaka University; Prof Hosne Ara Begum, a teacher at Institute of Education and Research; Mohammad Abdul Mazid, former chairman of National Board of Revenue; Dr M Ehsanur Rahman, executive director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission; Muhammad Salimullah, NCAM president; and Momtaz Khatun, a consultant at British Council, were present.

8 Bangladeshis return from India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Eight Bangladeshi youths returned home through Benapole check post yesterday after serving four years in an Indian prison.

Benapole immigration police handed them over to their families.

The youths, hailing from Satkhira and Narail districts, entered the Indian territory without necessary documents in search of good jobs four and a half years ago.

21 lakh shrimp fries seized in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court seized 21 lakhs of shrimp fries, worth Tk 42 lakh, during two drives conducted at Sitakunda Bus Stand in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong in the last two days.

The court led by Sitakunda assistant commissioner (land) Ruhul Amin raided a Khulna-bound bus early yesterday and seized six lakhs of shrimp fries, caught illegally from the Bay of Bengal in Sitakunda coastal area.

It also fined four staff of the bus Tk 20,000.

The same court on Thursday seized 15 lakhs of shrimp fries from another Khulna-bound bus in Sitakunda Bus Stand and fined four bus staff Tk 20,000. The seized fish were released in the Bay of Bengal in Kumira Ghat area.

Rafiqul's anniversary of death today

UNB, Dhaka



Today is the 46th death anniversary of Shaheed Prof Rafiqul Islam.

On this day in 1971, the Pakistani occupation forces picked up Islam, a teacher of Bangla at Darshana College, from his residence in Kushtia.

After that, he neither returned to home nor the body was found.

His family requested all of his relatives and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul of the martyred intellectual.

Siddiquir's

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lamp photograph of his eyes, he added.

"But she (Dr Dhanshree) wants to have a second opinion from Dr Lingam Gopal, senior retina specialist of the same hospital, as his condition is very critical," Zahidul said.

Siddiquir's next appointment is on Monday.

On July 20, Siddiquir's eyes were damaged after a policeman, as seen in a video clip available on social media, fired a teargas canister at agitating college students during a demonstration in Shahbagh of Dhaka.

Time running out to reap benefit

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fairly rigid and specific. We need to revisit the curriculum."

He opined that private technical training institutions need standardise their certification system to attract industrialists and entrepreneurs in recruiting young people.

In his presentation, Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman, chairman of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), said many government and non-government institutions provided training, but the quality of trainers was not up to the mark.

Mentioning that sustainable development depends largely on the youth, he said if they could be given training and opportunities, they would contribute to the economy.

Prof Dr hc Schroder Thomas, chair of the International Cooperation in Education and TVET-Systems, Technical University of Dortmund, Germany, said technical and vocational education and training was a

complex social task.

Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne Polytechnic of Australia Robert Wood laid emphasis on enhancement of efficiency.

Dr Shamsul Alam, member of General Economic Division of the Planning Commission, presided over the session.

'EQUALLY IMPORTANT'
In another session, Dr Ali Asgor, former professor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), said general education and technical education were equally important.

He said that in the professional sector, technical skills in any specialised area played an important role.

Dr Nurul Islam, director of the Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training (BMET), said to ensure the quality of technical education, there should be proper monitoring of the training of students and teachers.

Dr Md Shah Alam Majumder,

specialist (course accreditation), Bangladesh Technical Education Board, said both academic and professional certificates were necessary.

An academic certificate is the proof of theoretical knowledge, while professional certificate gives a testimony of practical knowledge, he said, adding that a combination of the two made a person skilled.

Dr Ir Ahmad Rifandi of Bandung State Polytechnic of Indonesia said proper training and equipment for technical education would help ensure quality.

He said that in Australia he saw the ministry of education and the ministry of workforce working together to ensure the quality of technical education.

He suggested the same for every country.

Dr Md Mostafizur Rahman, chairman of Bangladesh Technical Education Board, presided over the session.



Participants during a meeting at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital yesterday ahead of Dhaka Water Conference 2017. The two-day international conference begins today. PHOTO: PID

DU senate sits today amid white panel

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special session for selection of the VC panel was raised because 55 members of the senate, including 25 registered graduate representatives, were not present at the meeting.

There was no full-fledged senate back in 2013 because the tenure of the 55 senators had expired. That meeting was held in the presence of 36 senate members out of 50.

From there, senators elected a three-member panel consisting of Prof Arefin Siddique, Prof Sahid Akhter Hussain, and

Prof Nasrin Ahmed. President Abdul Hamid appointed Prof Arefin for the next four years. The tenure of Prof Arefin ends on August 24.

Contacted, Prof Arefin told The Daily Star that the VC panel election would take place as scheduled. "We will hold the election as per rules and regulations of our university. There is no legal bar on this senate session as a senate session can be organised when 25 senate members are present, and any decision can be made in the presence of 30 senators."

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