



Journalists at the protest rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. Their demands include formation of the ninth wage board for journalists by August 15.

Apologise or resign

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He also said except for 15 to 20 newspapers, all the other dailies published from Dhaka were "bogus".
Shaban Mahmud, DUJ president, said the minister has to withdraw his comments and make an "unconditional apology" within the next 72 hours.
He also said they will stage a two-hour demonstration on August 16 in front of the press club if the government does not meet the demand for the ninth wage board.
Shakhawat Hossain Badsha, president of Dhaka Reporters' Unity, and Omar Faruque, secretary general of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, also criticised the finance minister for his comments.
Amio Ghatak Pulak, BFUJ joint secretary general; Sohail Haider, DUJ general secretary; and journalist Wahiduzzaman Mia of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha also spoke.

Shibir leader among 50 held over various criminal charges

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat
Police arrested at least 50 people, including an Islami Chhatra Shibir leader, in Bagerhat on various criminal charges from Thursday to yesterday.
Twelve people, including district Shibir President Shamim Ahsan, 32, were arrested in Sadar upazila, said Pankaj Chandra Roy, superintendent of police in Bagerhat.
Of them, Shamim was involved in subversive acts, he said.
Besides, 10 people were held in Morelganj upazila, five in Fakirhat, two in Chitalmari, five in Sharankhola, four in Rampal, six in Mongla, two in Kachua and four in Mollahat, he said.
Most of them were sued over different charges including drug peddling and possessing illegal firearms, he added.

BA examinee hacked to death in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur
A BA (pass) examinee was hacked to death in Pirojpur Sadar upazila on Thursday night.
The deceased is Aslam Khalifa, 25, son of late Habibur Rahman Khalifa of Dakkhin Shankarpasha village in the upazila.
Aslam appeared at the pass course exam under the Open University and yesterday was his last exam.
On Thursday, while returning home from nearby Bowdubi Bazar, some miscreants attacked him with sharp weapons. The attackers then left his body in a marsh.
Police recovered the body and sent it to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy. They also detained three of Aslam's neighbours for interrogation. Kawar Khalifa, brother of the deceased, filed a murder case with Pirojpur Sadar Police Station yesterday accusing 10 named and seven to eight unnamed persons.
He alleged that Aslam, also a local trader of bird, was murdered as they have a longstanding dispute with their uncle over a piece of land, said Walid Hossain, superintendent of Pirojpur police. An investigation is underway, said the SP.

NEWS IN brief

One killed, two hurt in Ctg storm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A man was killed and two others were injured as a portion of corrugated tin blew away and hit them amid a storm in Fishery Ghat area near the river Karnaphuli in Chittagong city yesterday.
The storm lasted for less than a minute.
The deceased, Russell Dey, 26, son of Ranjit Dey, hailed from Bhatikhine village in Patiya upazila, said police.
Critically injured Abdul Khaleque, 40, and Syedul Alam, 60, were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said Kotwali Police Station Sub-inspector Abdus Sobhan.
Russell was declared dead at the hospital, said Jahurul Islam, in-charge of CMCH Police Camp.

'Drug peddler' killed in police chase

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole
A listed drug peddler was killed allegedly during police chase in Konyadaha village in Sharsha upazila of Jessore early yesterday.
Abdul Mannan, 48, died as he jumped off a building through a window, said Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Sharsha Police Station.
The two-storey building was cordoned off by police during the raid, he said.
Police arrested another alleged drug peddler on the spot.

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Legalising factories

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At a meeting last week, National Environmental Committee decided that it would legalise about 150 factories set up in 63 unions of 11 upazilas of five districts around the Sundarbans.
The statement said building factories adjacent to the forest is prohibited by law, but the government violated it frequently.
"At the same time, it violated the commitments made towards the country's people and the world to protect the Sundarbans," said the statement, issued by the committee Convener Sultana Kamal and its Member Secretary Dr Abdul Matin.
In the statement, the committee, citing a direction of Unesco, said no heavy industry can be established near the forest without a prior systematic environmental assessment.
The government already made a commitment to follow the direction, it said.

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100 illegal water plants

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Tk 5,000 to Tk 6,000 bribe to BSTI officials.
Nasir Uddin, owner of Al Madina Drinking Water in EPZ area, said, "I had to pay a total of Tk 3 lakh for approval and it took over two years although I had all necessary documents."
Mostak Ahammed, assistant director of BSTI in Chittagong, said around Tk 1 lakh is required to process a water plant approval application with three years validity. It takes two months to complete the entire process that include verifying the application, inspecting the plant, and collecting and testing water sample from the plant.
However, he denied the allegations made by water plant owners. Admitting the absence of tight monitoring, Mostak Ahammed said they cannot conduct required drives because of a manpower crisis. "There might be more illegal water plants beyond the BSTI list," he said.
Meanwhile, SM Nazer Hossain, president of Consumer Association of Bangladesh Chittagong, said the quality of water sold by such companies, in many cases, is questionable.
Moreover, most of the plants extract water from deep tube-wells and excessive exploitation has already started depleting groundwater levels, said Dr Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, associate professor of the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences at Chittagong University.
Locals complained that they are not getting water in shallow tube-wells due to such extraction. The Daily Star ran a report on the situation in 2012. Chittagong Wasa Managing Director AKM Fazlullah echoed Mosharraf.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 230/33kV GIS Substation at Mirsharai EZ and extension of 230kV GIS bays at existing 230/33kV BSRM Substation on Turnkey Basis

- Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 230/33kV GIS Substation at Mirsharai EZ and extension of 230kV GIS bays at existing 230/33kV BSRM Substation on Turnkey Basis (Contract No. PGCB/230KV/MIRSAR-BSRM/SS) as defined in the bidding document (hereinafter referred to as "the Works").
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- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the Company Secretary, PGCB, The Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) Bhaban (4th Floor), 8/A Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh; (Tel: +88 02 9553663, +88 02 9550514, 9558054, Fax: +88 02 95 82 382) upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of US\$ 250.00 (United States Dollars two hundred fifty) only or Tk. 20,000.00 (Taka twenty thousand) only in the form of **Pay Order/ Demand Draft** in favor of **Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd.** The document may also be sent through courier for an additional fee of Taka 1000.00 (for local delivery) or US\$ 120.00 (for overseas delivery). PGCB shall not be responsible for any postal delay. Last date and time for purchasing the Bidding Document is 17:00 Hours Local Time on 08 October, 2017.
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Md. Ashraf Hossain
Company Secretary

AL's remarks on SC verdict

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justice's resignation, Fakhru said, "The truth has come out through scrapping of the 16th amendment".
Meanwhile, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday at a press briefing also criticised Qamrul. "The minister [Qamrul] gets scared by the rule of law as he cannot tolerate truth and justice," he alleged.
While addressing a discussion in the capital on Thursday, Qamrul demanded removal of the chief justice for his "irrelevant and objectionable observations" in the verdict in the 16th amendment case.
"If the chief justice doesn't step down within this month, lawyers would launch a vigorous movement next month to remove him," he said.

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