

# SNAPS & snippets

## Zakir SC acting registrar general

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is discharging the duties of the chief justice in the absence of Surendra Kumar Sinha, yesterday appointed Md Zakir Hossain, who is currently serving as the registrar of the Appellate Division, as the Supreme Court's acting registrar general. He made the appointment two days after the SC brought major changes to its administration by transferring 10 key officials including its Registrar General Syed Aminul Islam. Zakir's appointment as the acting registrar general will come into effect on Sunday, according to an SC notification.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 35th death anniversary of noted politician and social worker Rahatullah Sarker.

Qurankhawani, destitute feeding and a milad mahfil have been organised at his residence at Parbatipur of Dinajpur, said a press release.



## Draft of media employees act, 2017 published

BSS, Dhaka

The draft of the Media Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 2017 was published on the website of the information ministry-- www.moi.gov.bd -- yesterday.

The ministry has sought opinions in written about the draft law from all by October 25 through email (as.press@moi.gov.bd) or to Nasrin Parvin, senior assistant secretary of the ministry, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. The contact telephone number is 9540462.



**Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) and SINCOS Automation Technologies Ltd sign a memorandum at the latter's office in Dhaka on Monday. Serajum Munira, director of Green University Centers, and MM Ali Akkas, managing director of SINCOS, signed the deal. Prof Golam Samdani Fakir, GUB vice chancellor; Prof Muhammad Fayyaz Khan, pro-VC; Prof Fayzur Rahman, dean of Faculty of Science and Engineering, were present among others. The deal will cover some important areas like joint product development, problem solving and testing, and job placement, internship, and so forth.**



Police remove a pneumatic horn from a motorcycle in Sylhet city. The Sylhet Metropolitan Police has started the drive to stop the use of such horns to reduce sound pollution in the city. The photo was taken at Chowhatta intersection around noon yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASHR

## Nestling in nature

FROM PAGE 3

rather, a park will have a playground in it and a playground will have features of a park around it. In this regard, he said, as the number of parks and playgrounds is very few compared to the necessity of urbanites, they are not for separating the green spaces.

A person will get both the facilities in a park or a playground, he said, adding that they had prepared the designs taking into consideration the preference of children, adolescent and elderly people.

Each park or playground will contain civic amenities like garbage management facility, water pump and public toilet. There has to be seating arrangement as well for hawkers in some designated spots.

"We have brought the civic amenities under an umbrella in the project ... all the facilities will be kept in a systematic way," Iqbal added.

There will be facilities of library or gymnasium in some parks or playgrounds, he said.

A co-management committee will be accommodated under the project so that local people can be involved in the management process, he said.

"In an additional duty, we will also prepare a policy where we will say how the management will run and we have

given priority to run the project like a self-sustainable project," he said.

While talking to The Daily Star, Md Rafiq Azam, principal architect of SHATOTTO and team leader of the consultants of the mega project, said in most of the playgrounds, there is no grass. While developing the playgrounds, grass will be ensured on the fields, he said.

Azam said they will also ensure different varieties of trees in the parks so that people can experience the distinctive features of all six traditional seasons simply by looking at the change of flowers like Krisnochura, Kadom, Radhachura and Bakul and so forth.

He said playgrounds do not remain in good condition as rainwater cannot recede due to a lack of drainage network.

They have a plan to improve the drainage system around the playgrounds to make sure that rainwater does not remain stagnant and hamper the playgrounds, he said.

"We will prepare the parks and playgrounds in such a way that it can be used in multiple ways," he said.

Echoing architect Iqbal, Azam said they will involve local community and engage councillors in the maintenance programme.

"We are also making sure that the gardeners take care of the trees in the

parks and around the playgrounds. And the gardeners will be appointed from those who supply tree saplings for the parks and playgrounds," he said.

Finally, the parks and playgrounds may be handed over to a company to look after the green spaces, he said, adding that some companies had already shown interest in taking the responsibility.

But the important issue architect Rafiq has raised is to have their voice heard for three years after completion of the project, which is expected to be concluded in June next year.

"We (the seventy architects) want our voice to be heard for at least three years after completion of the project so that we can see if the project goes in the right direction...and want our instructions to be followed," he said.

"The mayor has initially agreed to give this right to us," he added.

Meanwhile, DSCC Additional Chief Engineer Asaduzzaman said work of rest of the parks and playgrounds will be inaugurated in November. The parks include Panthokunjo Park, Osmani Uddyan, Jagannath Saha Road Park, Hazaribagh Road Park, Nobabganj Park, Basiruddin Park, Gajmohol Park, Bakshi Bazar Park, Azimpur Shishu Park and Jorapukur Math.



City corporation workers load garbage, dumped at a corner of a road, on an open truck in Begunbari area of Tejgaon in the capital around 1:00pm yesterday. Such vehicles currently used for the purpose give off a foul odour. The daytime garbage pick-up not only causes nuisance but also traffic jam. The High Court on Monday directed both the city corporations to have garbage taken by covered trucks or vans between 10:00pm and 6:00am every day.

PHOTO: STAR

## ACC sues ex-minister Latif Siddique

UNB, Bogra

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed a case against former jute and textile minister Abdul Latif Siddique allegedly for misusing power and damaging government property.

ACC assistant director Aminul Islam filed the case with Adamdighi Police Station.

Jahanara Rashid, wife of late Harunur Rashid, from Kalitala of the district, was also made accused in the case.

According to the case statement, Jahanara Rashid leased a piece of land in Adamdighi upazila, owned by Bangladesh Jute Corporation, for three years at Tk 1.2 lakh per year on May 13, 2010.

In spite of getting repeated order from the textiles and jute ministry to pay rent for the land, Jahanara applied to the ministry to purchase the land on November 13, 2011.

Later, then textiles and jute minister Latif Siddique, without floating any formal tender, sold the land to Jahanara at Tk 23.94 lakh although its market price was Tk 64.63 lakh, resulting in a loss of Tk 40.69 lakh.

Following the incident, the ACC filed the case against Latif and Jahanara under the Penal Code and section 5(2) of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act 1947.

## SUSPENSION OF BUILDING PLAN APPROVAL

# Barisal landowners in a tight spot

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL, from Barisal

It used to be a straightforward process -- a landowner planning to construct a building in Barisal city would have to submit a building plan to the city corporation for its approval.

The corporation would scrutinise the plan as per the building code. Afterwards, the owner would pay a certain amount as fee, collect the approved plan and start the construction work.

The process usually took a month.

But the approval procedure has come to a halt since July 18, following a suspension letter from the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.

Nandita Basha, chief town planner of Barisal City Corporation (BCC), said the ministry recently sent letters to all the city corporations and municipalities regarding the building approval procedures.

It has formed an 11-member committee in this regard for ensuring building safety and planned urbanisation, she said. Now, anyone wanting to construct a building would have to get an approval of their plan from the committee.

The committee is supposed to sit for a meeting every three months for approving the plans. But no such meeting has been arranged yet, she said.

She said about 300 building plans have been submitted to the city corporation for approval in the last three months. "The corporation is badly affected by the delay as it is also one of our main earning sources."

The chief town planner said the committee includes an architect of Institute of Architects Bangladesh; an engineer of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh; a member of Bangladesh Institute of Planners; chief executive officer and chief engineer of the city corporation; executive engineers of LGED and the public works department; a diploma engineer and representatives from the fire service and the department of environment.

Meanwhile, this sudden suspension has put the landowners, planning to construct buildings on their properties, in a difficult situation.

Abdul Khaleque Talukder, a resident of Rupatoli Bashundhara Housing area, has been contacting the city corporation regularly for the update of a building plan he submitted back in June. "I don't know how much longer I have to wait,"

## Teenager found dead in Mirpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 15-year-old tea vendor was found dead in the capital's Mirpur area yesterday.

Sayem Dewan, son of Babu Dewan, might have hanged himself in their West Kazipara house on Monday night, Mirpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge (Investigation) Mizanur Rahman told The Daily Star.

An image of a whale was carved, apparently by a sharp metal object, on the inside of his left forearm, he said, adding that they were looking into whether the death was influenced by the much-talked about online game named "Blue Whale Challenge".

Sayem dropped out of fifth-grade and was working with his father at a tea stall for the last one and a half years, police and family sources said.

A forensic analysis was being conducted on his smartphone, OC Mizanur added.

Najmul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of social media monitoring team of cyber crime department of DMP, said they were not clear whether the boy had committed suicide as the game requires basic command over English.

The link of the game is not easily accessible either, he added.

said the 65-year-old.

Saudi expatriate Rafiqul Islam recently came back to the city on a three-month leave. He wanted to complete the construction work of his building in the city's Rupatoli Housing Area during that time. "Now I fear I may not be able to get the approval, let alone finish the building in time."

Mahabubur Rahman, a government employee, recently purchased a land at Bashundhara housing. "I can't start the work as I'm yet to get an approval of the submitted plan."

The developers are also suffering due to the suspension, said Mohammad Saju, a developer in the city.

Contacted, Mohammad Oheduzzaman, BCC chief executive officer, said, "Before there were no such committees. The city corporation used to conduct a feasibility study of a submitted plan as per the building code and process the application."

When asked about the steps they were taking regarding the situation, he said, "We have already sent letters to the respective departments of the committee. A meeting will be held soon to process the building plans."

Meanwhile, Md Ruhul Amin, executive engineer of LGED in Barisal, said he is not aware of the suspension letter.

উন্নয়নের অঙ্গিজন রাজস্ব

জনকল্যাণে রাজস্ব

### জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

অভ্যন্তরীণ সম্পদ বিভাগ  
অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়  
[www.nbr.gov.bd](http://www.nbr.gov.bd)

সম্মানিত করদাতাদের জন্য জরুরি তথ্যঃ ০৩

## সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের কর্মচারীদের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল

সম্মানিত করদাতা, দেশের উন্নয়নের জন্য যে রাজস্ব প্রয়োজন তার বড় অংশ আসে আপনার দেয়া আয়কর থেকে। তাই একজন করদাতা হিসেবে আপনি দেশের উন্নয়নের গর্বিত অংশীদার।

আপনি যদি সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের বা সরকারের কোন কর্পোরেশনের একজন কর্মচারি হিসেবে ২০১৬-২০১৭ অর্থ বছরের কোন মাসে ১৬,০০০/- টাকা বা তার বেশি মূল বেতন উত্তোলন করে থাকেন তাহলে এ বছর (২০১৭-২০১৮ কর বছর) আপনাকে আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করতে হবে।

আপনার জন্য এ বছরের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের শেষ দিন ৩০ নভেম্বর ২০১৭। বিগত বছরের ধারাবাহিকতায় রিটার্ন দাখিলের সময় আর বাড়বে না।

৩০ নভেম্বরের মধ্যে রিটার্ন দাখিল না করলে ডিসেম্বর মাস থেকে আপনার বেতন-ভাতাদি পেতে অসুবিধা হতে পারে। বিলম্বে রিটার্ন দাখিলের জন্য জরিমানা ও বিলম্ব সুদ আরোপযোগ্য হবে। এছাড়া, রিটার্ন দাখিলে ব্যর্থ হলে কর আইন ভঙ্গ হবে। এতে এক বছর পর্যন্ত জেল অথবা অর্থদণ্ড অথবা উভয় শাস্তির বিধান রয়েছে।

শেষ দিকে রিটার্ন দাখিলে অনেক ভিড় হয়, ফলে করসেবা পেতেও অসুবিধা হয়। তাই আগেভাগেই আপনার রিটার্ন দাখিল করে রিটার্নের প্রাপ্তি স্বীকারপত্র বুঝে নিন।

১২-ডিজিট টিআইএন রেজিস্ট্রেশনঃ

ওয়েবসাইটঃ [www.incometax.gov.bd](http://www.incometax.gov.bd)

অন-লাইন রিটার্ন ফাইলিংঃ

ওয়েবসাইটঃ [www.etaxnbr.gov.bd](http://www.etaxnbr.gov.bd)

সময়মতো রিটার্ন দেই, দেশ গড়ায় অংশ নেই।

উদ্বাবনে বাড়বে কর  
দেশ হবে স্বনির্ভর

সবাই মিলে দিব কর  
দেশ হবে স্বনির্ভর

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড।

Find us on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/NationalBoardOfRevenue.BD](https://www.facebook.com/NationalBoardOfRevenue.BD)

GD-2191