

NEWSIN brief

Seven professors awarded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Four renowned professors of the country have been awarded the "Razzaq-Shamsun Lifetime Achievement Award" and three others "Razzaq-Shamsun Research Prizes" for their contributions to promoting education and research in physics.

The recipients of the lifetime achievement award are Prof Dr Mesbahuddin Ahmed, UGC's head of quality assurance unit; Dr Mohammad Idris Miah of Chittagong University; Prof Emeritus Dr Arun Kumar Basak, and Prof Dr M Alfaz Uddin of Rajshahi University (RU).

The recipients of research prizes are Dr Kazi Md Abul Firoz, research professor of Kyung-Hee University, South Korea; Prof Dr Ishtiaque M Syed of DU, and Prof Dr Abul Kalam Fazlul Haque of IRU.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Md Akhtaruazzaman handed over the award and prizes to the awardees as the chief guest at a programme yesterday, organised by the DU's Razzaq-Shamsun Trust Fund at the university's Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban.

Campaign on newborn health opens

CITY DESK

To improve knowledge of essential newborn care and related services available in Bangladesh, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with support from Unicef and Canada launched the "National Campaign on Newborn Health" yesterday, says a press release.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Zahid Maleque, Health Secretary Faiz Ahmed, Director General of Health Services Prof Abul Kalam Azad, and representatives from development partners, professionals, health experts and media were present on the occasion.

RU prof 'discovers shinier

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In the last four years, he experimented with the plant and microorganism and finally obtained the golden fibre which came out "strong, bright as well as soft", he said.

The extraction process of the fibre is the same as jute's. Prof Anwar, also the editor-in-chief of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Journal, said he completed his experiments on the fibre a few months ago and was preparing to obtain its patent.

He named the fibre after his parents -- "Rahima-Khaleque Power Fibre", or simply "RK fibre".

The plant from which the fibre is obtained was never used for collecting fibres anywhere in the world. Nor was the microorganism or bacteria ever used for rotting the plant's stem to extract any fibre, he said.

The plant grows almost everywhere in Bangladesh, he said.



This portion of Kirtankhola river in launch ghat area of Barisal city has become a popular dumping spot for the local traders. The practice of throwing coconut shells and garbage causes danger to aquatic life. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: SUSHANTA GHOSH

Training needed to deal with cases of children

Says Justice Enayetur Rahim about amendment to children act for which govt gets till Jan 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday gave a time-limit to the government until January 15 next year to amend the Children Act, 2013 through removing the ambiguity over trying an adult accused under the law.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim passed the order after two secretaries of the government appeared before it and said that the government has taken steps to amend the law in line with its earlier directive.

During the proceedings, the court commented that Shishu Adalat (child court) has turned into the adults' court, as the adult accused are tried at the Shishu Adalat although the victim is a child.

Investigation officers, judges and lawyers concerned need to be trained before trial of the cases filed under a new law, said Justice Enayetur Rahim.

Citing an example of investigation into the money launderings, the justice also said some of the money laundering related cases are investigated by the Anti-Corruption Commission while others are investigated by the police and anti-money laundering unit of Bangladesh Bank and therefore, a legal tangle has been created.

Mohammad Shahidul Haque, secretary to the legislative and parliamentary affairs division of the law ministry, and Zillar Rahman, secretary to the social welfare ministry, appeared before the HC bench as per its October 29 order.

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Former mayor Mohiuddin Chy hospitalised in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A w a m i League's Chittagong city unit President A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury was taken to Square Hospital in Dhaka yesterday.

Earlier in the day, Mohiuddin, also former mayor of Chittagong City Corporation, was admitted to the city's Max Hospital, Dr Liakot Ali, director of the private hospital, told The Daily Star.

He has been suffering from kidney and heart complications for a long time, he added.

Meanwhile, AJM Nasir Uddin, the incumbent city mayor, visited Mohiuddin at Max Hospital to inquire about him in the morning.

"He [Nasir] spent some time there and prayed for his early recovery," said Raihan Yousuf, personal assistant of the city mayor.

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JESSORE MAN
ICT wants probe report Dec 27, if any
Hearing in case against 8 Jamalpur, Mymensingh men deferred to Nov 30
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit investigation report, if any, on December 27, in a case filed against a Jessore man for allegedly committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

Yesterday was fixed for submitting the report but Prosecutor Zead Al Malum sought three months' time. However, the three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam allowed one and a half months.

The accused -- Amjad Hossain Mollah, 77, of Premchara village in Bagharpara upazila -- has been in Jessore Jail since his arrest on May 15 in a case filed under Explosive Substances Act.

On May 17, he was shown arrested in the war crimes case following a prosecution's petition.

Meanwhile, the tribunal deferred the charge hearing to November 30 in a case filed against eight men from Jamalpur and Mymensingh for allegedly committing crimes in 1971, as the defence counsel did not show up yesterday, said Prosecutor Abul Kalam.

Of the accused, Rezaul Hauque alias Akkas Moulvi, 65, and Badaruzzaman alias Chand Kazi, 65, are from Muktagachha upazila in Mymensingh.

ABM Yunus Ali, 65, his brother AKM Yusuf Ali alias Yusuf Alam, 60, Omar Faruk alias Omar Ali, 70, Nasiruddin alias Kalu, 64, AKM Belayet Hossain, 64, and Ismaili Hossain, 65, are from Jamalpur Sadar upazila. Rezaul, Yunus, Yusuf and Omar Faruk are now in jail.

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