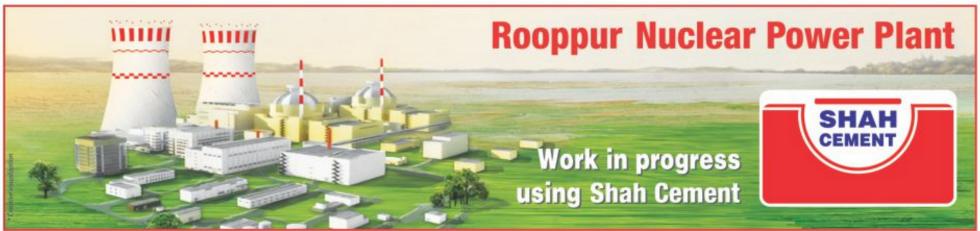




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Recover fifty Dhaka canals

HC asks govt to make an action plan with a list of land grabbers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to prepare an action plan with a list of land grabbers for recovering 50 canals in both the Dhaka city corporation areas by July 1 next year.

The list of land grabbers would be included in the plan for the purpose of removing encroachments, regulating pollution and ensuring proper maintenance of the canals.

The court also ordered the authorities concerned to demarcate areas of these canals so that they would return to their original shape.

In response to a writ petition, the HC directed the authorities to prepare a report on the status and location of the canals, including the ones in Segunbagicha, Katasur, Kalyanpur and Khilgaon.

It asked the authorities to submit the action plan and the report before it within six months from January 1 next year and set July 2 for further hearing on the issue.

Mayors of Dhaka north and south city corporations, director general of the environment department, managing director of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa), chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha

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This recent photo shows the sorry state of the Deb Dholaiakhil in Jurain area. Continuous encroachment and dumping of waste have filled up the canal, blocking the flow. The High Court yesterday directed the government to prepare an action plan for recovering 50 such canals in the capital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Take action against 97 teachers

ACC tells Cabinet Div, 8 edn institutions of Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday requested the cabinet division to take actions against 97 teachers of eight schools and colleges for running coaching centres.

The commission sent letters to the chiefs and managing committees of the institutions and the cabinet division secretary in this regard, Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, the commission's public relations officer, said.

The ACC suggested taking actions against 36 teachers of Ideal School and College, 24 of Motijheel Model School and College, seven of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College and five of Rajuk Uttara Model School and College, 12 of Motijheel Government Boys High School, four of Motijheel Government Girls High School, one of Khilgaon Government High School and eight of Government Laboratory High School.

The letters, signed by ACC Secretary M Shamsul Arefin, said the anti-graft body in

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Govt plans to build resort for senior citizens

It will have 100 residential units, 50-bed hospital in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to build the maiden resort for senior citizens at Sreemangal in Sylhet where people over 60 will get safe residential facilities.

The resort will be built under a public-private partnership (PPP) by the Department of Social Services and Universal Medical College Hospital with a target to start the accommodation facility in two years.

Director General of the Department of Social Services Gazi Mohammad Nurul

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Govt to re-launch national helpline

Police to run the service, special team to rush to spot in city upon emergency call on 999

MUHAMMAD ZAHIDUL ISLAM

The national helpline 999 is expanding its capacity by three times to help people in trouble as the government is set to re-launch the emergency call service soon.

The ICT division introduced the highly successful project at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Hi-Tech Park in Gazipur in November last year to help people immediately reach emergency services of police, ambulance and fire departments.

The project has been running using a 32-seat call centre with state-of-the-art equipment, handling 33 lakh calls in the first year alone.

The ICT division handed over operation of the helpline to the home ministry in October this year requesting it to run the service.

The call centre is now shifting to the central command and control centre of the police headquarters in the capital's Abdul Gani Road. This will bring

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4 parties form Juktofront, a new alliance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new 4-party alliance headed by Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury has been formed.

Apart from the BDB, the other members of the combine, named "Juktofront", are Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Janata League, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) and Nagorik Oikya.

Badruddoza was made chairman of the alliance. Decisions about the other posts would be taken later, Mahmudur Rahman

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2 female pilots to join UN mission in Congo



Tamanna-E-Lutfi, left, and Nayma Haque

PHOTO: STAR

JAMIL MAHMUD

Adding another feather to their already illustrious caps, two female pilots of Bangladesh Air Force are now all set to join the United Nations Peacekeeping mission in Congo.

Flight Lieutenants Nayma Haque and Tamanna-E-Lutfi will leave Bangladesh for the sub-Saharan country on Thursday night for a year-long mission, with responsibilities of performing operational duties like carrying emergency medical support, patients and casualties.

"We will operate Mi-6 helicopters there," Nayma, who was commissioned in the air force in December, 2011, said.

"The climate in Congo is rough and challenging, and different from our country. Hopefully, we will have successful flights there," she told reporters prior to a brief drill at the BAF Base Bashar in Dhaka yesterday.

During the drill, she and her colleague showed expertise in flying a helicopter.

In December, 2014, Nayma and Tamanna became the first-ever combat pilots of the country when they landed their Bell 206 helicopters at the BAF Base Bir Sreshtho Matiur Rahman in Jessore.

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Bollywood icon Shashi Kapoor no more

AFP, Mumbai

Bollywood icon Shashi Kapoor -- a star of 1970s Indian cinema and a member of the Hindi film industry's famous Kapoor family - died yesterday aged 79 after a long illness, his family said.

Kapoor died at a hospital in Mumbai, his nephew Randhir Kapoor told the Press Trust of India news agency. Another family member confirmed the death to AFP.

"Yes, he has passed away. He had kidney problem for several years," Kapoor told PTI.

Shashi -- the youngest son of Prithviraj Kapoor, a pioneer of Hindi film and theatre -- was born in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata in 1938.

He began his career early, assisting in his father's travelling theatre company and appearing on stage in a

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Swiss village to pay people to move there

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Residents of a Swiss village voted to offer a settlement grant to people willing to move there. The vote on 30 November was passed by 71 votes in favour to 29 against, reports ATS.

"It's a clear result and I'm very happy about it," said Mayor Beat Jost.

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