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A girl curiously looks at a glass bottle growing plants inside of it, just like a greenhouse does. She was visiting a 15-day long tree fair taking place at Government Alia Madrasa ground in Sylhet. The Department of Forest and Department of Agricultural Extension jointly organised the event as part of a tree plantation campaign, bringing together samples from more than 50 nurseries. Inset, one of the attractions in the fair was an all-season wood apple tree laden with full-grown fruits. The owner asked Tk 20,000 as its selling price. The photos were taken yesterday, the sixth day of the fair.

ADB to give \$100m infrastructure assistance at Rohingya camps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is going to give a \$100 million grant in the first phase for development of basic infrastructure and service for the Rohingyas living in refugee camps in Cox's Bazar. Bangladesh government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed an agreement in this regard yesterday.

The grant assistance forms part of an envisaged package totaling \$200 million, said an ADB statement.

Kazi Shofiqul Azam, Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), and Manmohan Parkash, Country Director, ADB, signed the agreement on behalf of Bangladesh and ADB respectively at a ceremony at ERD.

"The grant assistance project has been prepared, processed and approved at an extraordinary speed

in two months after ADB received a request for grant assistance from the Government of Bangladesh in May 2018," said Manmohan Parkash. "We are very happy that ADB's member countries quickly approved the fund as grant since ADB doesn't have a separate window for providing grant for displaced persons," Parkash added.

The grant will support the displaced people sheltered in camps in the Ukhia and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar, focusing on water supply and sanitation, disaster risk management, energy, and roads.

The ADB support will be aligned with the multi-sector Joint Response Plan prepared by the UN-led Inter Sector Coordination Group in coordination with the government. The project has been developed and will be implemented in close coordination with UN agencies, the World Bank, and

other donors and humanitarian agencies, according to the ADB statement.

ADB said the first phase of the project will spend \$100 million over about 2.5 years. In addition, the government will provide \$20 million.

Bangladesh and the (ADB) yesterday signed two more loan agreements amounting \$250.44 million.

Of the amount, \$225 million is for overhauling secondary education and boosting education quality, access, and relevance. ADB said the assistance is the third and final tranche of the \$500 million Secondary Education Sector Investment Programme (SESIP) approved in 2013.

Another agreement was signed under which \$25.44 million in grant will be given to Bangladesh to spur off-grid solar photovoltaic (SPV) pumping for agricultural irrigation.

Students have shown how movements can be carried out without leaders

Says Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Praising students for their movement for safe roads, eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said the students have shown how movements can be carried out without leaders.

He was addressing a discussion titled "Duty of People to Establish Effective Democracy" organized by Jatiya Oikya Prokriya, a citizen's platform, at the Jatiya Press Club.

"Students have shown us how to overcome fear. How under everyone's leadership movement can be waged against the government," he said, calling upon people to unite to bring change in the country's politics.

Kamal Hossain, also convener of Jatiya Oikya Prokriya, suggested citizens to go to their home districts to unite people.

He said, "As per constitution, you are the owner of the country. You don't need to look forward to a leader because each one of you is a leader."

Gonossthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury said the government has failed to ensure equal rights for the people of the country.

Criticising the government for its role during the student's movement, he said, "Let us speak, no rumour will spread. If you don't let us speak, rumour will spread."

Engineer M Enamul Haque said the government has failed, and created the recent political crisis.

"We want change in the government but we don't want to see BNP-Jamaat in its helm either," he added.

Among others, Mostafa Amin of Jatiya Oikya Prokriya spoke.

Remanded for 'demanding safe roads'

JU students condemn detention of protesters

JU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Jahangirnagar University yesterday demanded release of the protesters who were arrested during the road safety movement and subsequently sent on remand.

The demand came from a human chain on the premises of Shaheed Minar organised under the banner of "JU Cultural Alliance" and "Progressive Students' Union".

Police detained dozens of students who took part in the protest sparked by the death of two college students in a road accident on July 29. Many of them, including a JU student, were remanded on charges of

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Youth killed as truck hits him in Kurigram

The motorcyclist was speeding away ignoring signal of traffic policemen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

A youth died as a truck hit his motorbike while it was speeding away ignoring the signal of traffic policemen in Kurigram yesterday.

Khairuzzaman Khokan, 25, was joint convener of Shilkhuri union unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, said Altaf Hossain, president of the union unit of Awami League.

Khokan, who was from Uttar Chhat Gopalpur village in Bhurungamari upazila, was going to Sonahat Land Port, said Bango Sonahat Union Parishad Chairman Shahjahan Ali Molla.

Traffic policemen signalled him to stop near Sonahat Degree College on

Bhurungamari-Sonahat road, said police.

But, Khokan did not comply with the signal and rode away, said Imtiaz Kabir, officer-in-charge of Bhurungamari Police Station.

On his way, a truck hit him from the opposite direction, said the OC.

With head injuries, Khokan was rushed to Bhurungamari Upazila Health Complex where he was referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

He died on the way to RMCH, said the officer.

Meanwhile, locals chased the traffic policemen who were later sheltered at Bango Sonahat Union Parishad office.

Later, a team from the police station rescued them, said the OC.

'DEROGATORY' COMMENTS ON AL, BCL DU student handed over to police

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday handed a student over to Shahbagh police as he allegedly made "derogatory" comments on Facebook about Awami League, BCL and a member of Bangabandhu's family.

Rafsan Ahmed, a first year student of the Institute of Education and Research (IER), posted, "It's my wish that I would abolish the lineage of Chhatra League as well as Awami League. Then there would be no unrest."

Besides, he labelled Sheikh Kamal as a "Bank Robber", in a comment of another post marking the birthday of the son of Bangabandhu, said IER unit BCL president MR Mukul Islam.

After seeing the post, a group of BCL men led by Mukul Islam took him to the proctor's office.

Rafsan made such comments as he had anger towards AL as well as BCL, Mukul quoted him as saying.

Contacted, Proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani said the student has been handed over to police for quizzing under ICT Act. Officer-in-Charge Abul Hasan acknowledged the detention.

FORGING TITLE DEEDS

Court upholds Ragib Ali, son's jail terms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A special court in Sylhet yesterday upheld a lower court's verdict that sent industrialist Ragib Ali and his son Abdul Hye to jail in a case filed for grabbing the endowed property of Tarapur Tea Estate in Sylhet by forging title deeds.

The court of Special District and Sessions Judge Dilip Kumar Bhoomik passed the order upholding the verdict of Sylhet Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, after hearing the appeal of the convicts, said Nawshad Ahmed Choudhury, special public prosecutor of the court.

The Sylhet CMM court sentenced the duo to total fourteen years' rigorous imprisonment each in February last year, Public Prosecutor Nawshad said.

They were also fined Tk 10,000 each, in

default of which they will have to serve another three months in jail.

The special court ordered the duo to surrender before the lower court concerned by September 17 this year. Ragib Ali and Abdul Hye are currently on bail.

On August 25, 1999, the then parliamentary watchdog on land affairs found that Tarapur Tea Estate grabbed a vast area of an endowment property and set up several establishments on the land illegally.

Later, the subcommittee of the parliamentary watchdog recommended taking legal action against the illegal occupants.

SM Abdul Kadir, the then land commissioner of Sylhet Sadar, filed two cases against six people, including Ragib Ali, with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station on September 27, 2005.

One of the cases was filed for grabbing

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VoIP equipment seized, man held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested a man and seized a large quantity of VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) equipment after raiding his rented flat in Bakalia area of Chittagong city.

Additional Superintendent of Police Sohel Mahmud of Rab-7 said the arrestee, Mohammad Shahdat, 35, runs a mobile phone and accessories business in the city's Riajuddin Bazar area.

"Upon secret information, Rab seized the huge quantity of VoIP equipment after raiding the top floor flat of a three-storey building on Old Bakalia Police Station Road around 5:00pm and detained Shahdat," he said.

Shahdat had been operating the illegal business from the rented flat for a long time, the official said, adding that he was handed over to Bakalia Police Station and a case was filed.

Police foil CPB conference in Boalkhali

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police in Chittagong yesterday foiled a conference organised by the Chittagong unit of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in Boalkhali upazila.

As per the constitution of CPB, the party has to organise the conference every two years.

Participants of the conference alleged that police threatened them with grave consequences if the programme continued.

Prof Asok Saha, general secretary of CPB's Chittagong unit, told The Daily Star that their application seeking permission to hold the conference was refused earlier by police.

Yesterday, soon after they gathered for the conference at Boalkhali

Shahid Minar, police swooped on them and drove them out, he alleged.

The party workers then tried to hold the programme at a community centre, but police locked the centre from outside, dispersed them from the spot and threatened them of serious consequences if they further attempted to hold the programme, Prof Asok said.

Contacted, Himansu Das Rana, officer-in-charge of Boalkhali Police Station, denied the allegation and said, "[When] we saw anti-government writings in their festoons and placards, we urged them to get rid of those.

But, they did not pay heed to our call. They themselves didn't want to hold the programme."

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After concluding yesterday's proceeding, the bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur adjourned the hearing on the appeal until 10:30am on August 12.

KHALEDA SEEKS BAIL

Meanwhile yesterday, Khaleda Zia filed a petition with the HC seeking bail in a defamation case filed in Narail for making derogatory remarks on martyrs of the Liberation War and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The HC may hold hearing on the bail petition on August 12, Barrister Kayser Kamal, a lawyer for Khaleda, told The Daily Star.



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