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# Mayor abroad, 'proxy' in court lands in jail



Mayor Anisur Nur-e-Alam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A close aide to a municipality mayor was sent to jail yesterday for impersonating the mayor in a court hearing in Dhaka.

On Sunday, Nur-e-Alam Mollah, 48, surrendered before the court impersonating Sreepur Mayor Anisur Rahman and was sent to jail.

Hours later, the complainant of the graft cases came to know what had happened and Nur was produced before the Dhaka court again yesterday.

"He had admitted impersonating the mayor in court. He was sent to jail. Filing of an additional case against Mayor Anisur and the Nur is underway," said lawyer Ruhul Amin Khan, who is representing Anti-Corruption Commission in several cases filed against Mayor Anisur.

Nur also admitted that the mayor told him to impersonate him in court.

Dhaka Divisional Special Judge Mizanur Rahman Khan

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Rizku Akhter Chowdhury, wife of arrested road safety campaigner Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, breaks down in tears as she holds her daughter and attends a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. She sought prime minister's intervention for his release. Story on page 1.

PHOTO: TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

# Dispose of Shahidul's bail plea by today

HC orders lower court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the lower court concerned to dispose of by today the bail application filed by internationally-acclaimed photographer Shahidul Alam in a case lodged for "spreading propaganda and false information against the government".

The bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman passed the order after hearing Shahidul's petition seeking bail in the case.

Sara Hossain and Syeda Rizwana Hasan appeared for Shahidul.

Jyotirmoy Barua, a lawyer for Shahidul, told The Daily Star that his client Shahidul filed the application with the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka on August 14.

The court is scheduled to hear the bail petition today, he added.

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# Bill placed in JS to recognise top Qawmi degree

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill was placed in parliament last night aimed at recognising top Qawmi madrasa degree Dawra-e-Hadith equivalent to the post graduate degree in Islamic studies and Arabic.

Placed by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, the bill was sent to the parliamentary standing committee concerned for further scrutiny.

The committee was asked to submit its report within seven days.

Jatiya Party lawmaker Fakhru Imam strongly opposed placing of the bill as MPs got only 10 minutes for going through the proposed law.

Pointing to the rules of procedure of parliament, he said usually a bill should be placed in the House giving seven days time to MPs so that they can work on the proposed law properly.

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FUEL PRICE PROTESTS IN INDIA

# Opposition blocks roads, railways

Bands together in joint movement to stir up discontent with Modi govt ahead of 2019 polls

REUTERS, Bhubaneswar

Nationwide protests against record high petrol and diesel prices shut down businesses, government offices and schools in many parts of India yesterday, and in some places protesters blocked trains and roads and vandalised vehicles.

Gearing up for a general election less than nine months away and provincial polls expected in some states later this year, opposition parties banded together to organise their first protest action in a joint campaign to stir discontent with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist government.

Opposition Congress party activists marched, blocked roads and disrupted trains in the eastern Indian state of Odisha, while other opposition parties protested outside offices of oil marketing companies.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi blamed the higher fuel prices and a falling rupee currency on the prime minister's policies.

"The rupee has never been weaker in 70 years of independence," Gandhi said. "Farmers, labourers see no light at the end of the tunnel. Only 15-20 big industrialists are prospering."

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# Freedom of expression vital for fair polls

UN rights chief on Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UN human rights commissioner Michelle Bachelet yesterday said the student protesters and media professionals in Bangladesh were attacked, arrested, charged with defamation, and reportedly ill-treated in recent months.

Addressing the UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva, she said the perpetrators of this violence must be held accountable to prevent recurrence.

Bachelet said the government should do more to ensure freedom of expression,

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# Collect evidence of Myanmar's crimes

New UN human rights chief calls for establishing int'l mechanism for it

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The new UN human rights commissioner, Michelle Bachelet, yesterday called for an international mechanism to collect evidence of crimes committed by the Myanmar army against the Rohingya Muslims in order to pursue prosecutions.

The new mechanism would also complement and support the preliminary examination of the ICC (International Criminal Court) prosecutor, she told the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) session in Geneva.

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Eminent Businessman and Industrialist **Mr. A K M Badiul Alam** honorable Chairman of **Amtranet Group** has been selected **CIP** for the year of 2015 by the Ministry of Commerce, The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh for outstanding export performance in RMG sector as well as contribution in national economy. We all members of the Amtranet Group extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. A K M Badiul Alam and wish all the success for his future endeavor.

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# 'Tarique chief architect of Aug 21 blasts'

Prosecution tells court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday told a Dhaka court that Tarique Rahman, acting chairman of BNP, was the chief architect of the August 21 grenade attack that killed 24 people including Ivy Rahman, former president of Bangladesh Mahila Awami League and wife of late President Zillur Rahman.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the chief of Awami League narrowly escaped the attack with an ear injury.

Two cases -- one for murder and another under the Explosive Substances Act -- were filed against 49

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