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Abdul Haque

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Rupganj Police Station was withdrawn yesterday, allegedly for misappropriating a vehicle, seized after a "gunfight" between law enforcers and drug traders at Araihazar upazila last year that left a person dead.

OC Abdul Haque demanded Tk 10 lakh from the deceased's mother when she went to the police station to release the vehicle, claiming that it belonged to her son.

As she refused to pay, the OC misappropriated the vehicle by falsifying documents.

"The allegation against OC Abdul Haque has initially been proven. That's why, he has been withdrawn following directives of the district superintendent of police," said Sazzad Roman, inspector of special branch of Narayanganj police.

On May 22 last year, one Bacchu Khan, 35, was killed in a "gunfight" between Rab and drug traders in Shimultola area of the upazila on Dhaka-Sylhet highway. The gunfight ensued when a Rab team challenged a vehicle in the area. Three of its passengers got off the vehicle and fired shots at the law enforcers. The Rab members retaliated, triggering the gunfight that left Bacchu dead.

Rab recovered around 10,000 yaba tablets, a firearm and ammunition from the car and seized the vehicle. The Nissan X-Trail's

BIMAN HIJACK ATTEMPT

Plane resumes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Biman Bangladesh

Airlines aircraft that a pas-

senger attempted to hijack,

will resume its operation

Shakil Meraj, general

national flag carrier, told

The Daily Star the Boeing

737-800 "Mayurpankhi"

will take off from Hazrat

On February 24, the

landing at Chattogram's

aircraft made an emergency

Shah Amanat International

edly attempted to hijack it.

till March 18

COURT CORRESPONDENT

day due to illness.

Court Abdullah Abu.

sheet.

Shafat, and sent him to jail.

BANANI DOUBLE RAPE CASE

Hearing adjourned

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned hearing

of Banani double rape case till March 18.

Prevention Tribunal-7 passed the order

seeking adjournment of the hearing.

after the prosecution submitted a petition

The petition said one of the victims

Earlier on February 13, the tribunal

Shafat had secured bail in the case on

following a petition by Public Prosecutor

Meanwhile, four other accused -- Nayem

On March 28, 2017, two girls were alleg-

of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's

Ashraf, a friend of Shafat; driver Billal

Shadman Sakif -- are now on bail.

Hossain, and bodyguards Rahmat Ali and

edly raped by Shafat and Nayem in a hotel

November 29 last year. It was cancelled

could not appear before the tribunal yester-

Judge Khademul Kayes of Dhaka

Women and Children Repression

Airport after a man alleg-

Shahjalal International

Airport at 10:45am.

by flying to Sylhet from

Dhaka this morning.

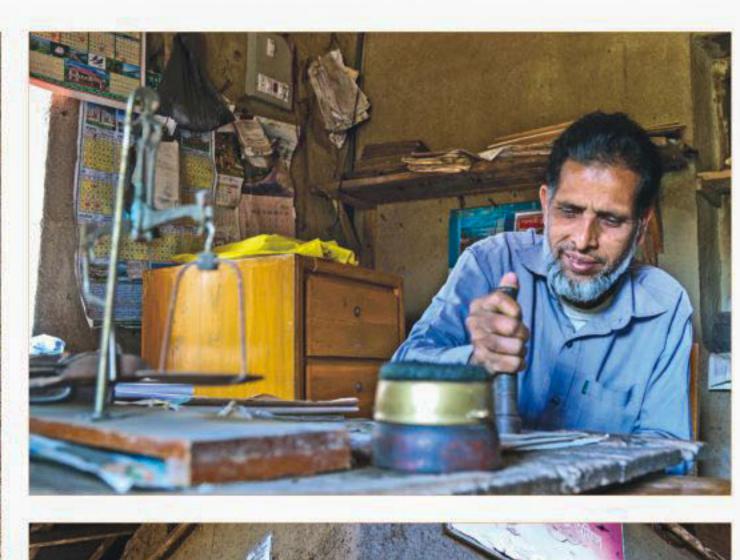
manager (PR) of the

operation today

engine number SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



MYMENSINGH CHATTOGRAM SYLHET





The sign claims this one-storey clay structure is not just a post office in Chattogram's Toilar Dwip upazila, but also an e-centre where one can avail various financial services. But the reality paints a different picture. This post office is in a derelict condition for lack of maintenance. The two-man operation -- a postmaster and an assistant -- often fails to provide adequate services. The postmaster said the land the post office is situated on was given to them by a former lawmaker's family on a temporary basis. Also, due to security reasons, they had to return equipment worth Tk 2 lakh. At present, their monthly government allocation for office expenditure is Tk 15. The photos were taken yesterday. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

TORTURE OF HOUSE HELP KHADIJA

NHRC not discharging legal responsibility: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday observed that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is not discharging its legal responsibilities over the incident of barbaric torture on domestic help Khadija, 12, by her employer in the capital's Mirpur area in 2010.

NHRC has sent letters one after another to the home ministry for taking necessary action in connection with the incident, but the commission has not approached the court for any redress, which is a violation of the law, the HC said.

The bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil came up with the observation during the hearing of a writ petition filed by rights organisation

Children Charity Bangladesh Foundation seeking necessary order on NHRC.

The HC also asked the inquiry committee formed by the home ministry to submit the probe report on the case to the court by April 18.

It also fixed April 18 for further hearing on this issue, petitioner's lawyer Barrister Md Abdul Halim told The Daily Star.

He said Khadija was brutally tortured by her employer Shafiul Azam at Paikpara area in Mirpur in

The Children Charity Bangladesh Foundation had applied to NHRC for appropriate legal action against the perpetrator, but the commission has not taken any action other than sending letters to the home ministry and passing orders, the lawyer said.

'It's unfortunate'

HC on non-implementation of directive following Nimtoli fire STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Non-implementation of a directive and rule in connection with the Nimtoli fire incident of 2010 is unfortunate, the High Court (HC) observed yesterday. The court asked the government to

submit a report by April 11 -- regarding

implementation of the HC directive and rule -- and also set the same date for further hearing. The bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraful Kamal passed the order while hearing on a

writ petition filed after the Nimtoli fire incident. On June 10, 2010, the HC ordered the government-formed probe committee to find the causes of Nimtoli fire and submit

a report to it within three months. The court also asked the taskforce formed to identify the unauthorised buildings, warehouses and factories storing chem icals, explosives and other flammable

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Gonoforum's

election symbol 'Rising Sun'

will not take oath today for

Contacted, Mokabbir

party's presidium members

at a meeting, in presence of

Dr Kamal Hossain, yester-

However, he claimed

that most presidium mem-

bers of the party including

him to take oath as the MP

Sultan Mohammad

Mansur said he will take

oath at 11am tomorrow. "I

about taking oath," he said

didn't change my mind

Dr Kamal Hossain, want

in the near future.

day decided to defer the

schedule for a few days.

told the agency that their

an unavoidable reason,"

said a Gonoforum press

release on Wednesday.

Rohingya lawyer wins 'women of courage' award

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Rohingya rights defender Razia Sultana will be honoured with the International Women of Courage (IWOC) Awards by the United States in recognition of her exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for human rights and gender equality, often at great personal risk.

Sultana is a Rohingya. She works as a lawyer and rights activist in the refugee camps of Bangladesh, where over one million Rohingyas are now staying.

The vast majority of those in the camps are women and children, many of whom were gang-raped and tortured and lost family members in mass slaughters during the military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine state in late August 2017.

Sultana has been calling for a "safe zone" within Myanmar to allow the women in Cox's Bazar refugee camps to return without fear of further violence. She also advocates for proper education within the refugee camps to allow children an opportunity for a better future.

Sultana was born in Myanmar's Maungdaw in 1973 to Rohingya parents and has devoted her career to advancing human rights for her community and for all in Myanmar, according to the State Department, which identified her as "a citizen of Bangladesh".

She has been named as one of the 10

winners of 2019 IWOC award. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will host the Annual IWOC Awards today at the US Department of State to honour the extraordinary women from around the world. First Lady of the United States Melania Trump will deliver special remarks

at the ceremony. The award recognises women who have demonstrated exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for peace, justice, human rights, gender equality, and

women's empowerment. Since the inception of this award in March 2007, the State Department has recognised more than 120 women from more than 65 countries.

বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-৩৩/২০১৯

Sultana has been working directly with the Rohingyas, particularly women and girls, since 2014.

She practices law advocating for the Rohingyas and conducts research and educational programmes, specialising in trauma, mass rape, and trafficking of Rohingya women and girls.

Since 2016, she has interviewed hundreds of refugees in Bangladesh and published two reports -- "Witness to Horror" and "Rape by Command" -- documenting systematic sexual violence by Burmese



Razia Sultana

security forces against the Rohingyas.

She contributed to "The Killing Fields of Alethankyaw," a recent report by the Kaladan press. Sultana is also a coordinator of Free Rohingya Coalition and a director of Arakan Rohingya National Organization's women section. She believes in rights and justice for all in Myanmar as a means to bring peace.

Sultana, who is now in Washington DC to receive the award, told The Daily Star yesterday that her father was a migrant from Myanmar to the then East Pakistan in the 1960s and her mother moved to Bangladesh when she was only six months old.

She became a Bangladeshi citizen, cour-

tesy of her father. "I am extremely happy for the award. This will inspire me to work more bravely for the Rohingyas," she said over phone.

Tanwir Muhammad Taqi's father Rafiur Rabbi, centre, and Narayanganj City Corporation Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy offer prayers at Taqi's grave yesterday, marking his sixth death anniversary. PHOTO: STAR

Form anti-harassment committees at RMG factories: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a press conference yesterday demanded that anti-harassment committees (AHC) are formed at all ready-made garment (RMG) factories, to protect women from sexual harassment in their workplace.

Karmojibi Nari, in association with Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) organised the event at Jatiya cancelled the bail of prime accused Ahmed | Press Club in the capital.

The High Court (HC) issued a directive to form sexual harassment complaint committees at every workplace and institution in 2009, but only a few factories have complied, said speakers.

According to a 2018 study by MJF conducted at RMG factories, around 42.33 percent women said they experienced sexual advances at workplace, 23.28 percent said they were inappropriately touched by male colleagues in excuse of showing work, and 14.29 percent faced

The RMG garment industry is the

in Banani. A case was filed with Banani Police Station on May 6 by one of the victims. unwelcome touching. On June 8, 2017, police submitted the charge

key sector of Bangladesh's economy, where women contribute a major portion of the economic growth, said Rokeya Rafique, executive director of Karmojibi Nari.

Many factories are considering fire safety measures, and even increasing wage of the workers, but there has been little or no discussion about sexual harassment in workplaces, she said while reading out a statement.

She said to address sexual harassment, factory owners should comply with the directives of the HC.

Lawmaker Shirin Akhter said more preventive measures should be taken to end sexual harassment in workplace. She said in the RMG factory, women are the majority, so they can collectively work together and raise voice against sexual harassment.

Rina Roy, director (programme) at MJF, said monitoring through the AHCs could help bring down incidents of sexual harassment in RMG factories.

One held over rape of minor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police arrested a youth on Tuesday night over the rape of a minor in Dagormora area of Savar.

The arrestee, Mamun, took the 12-year-old girl to one Babu's house on Monday night when she was returning from a shop, police said quoting the victim's family members. Her family members looked for her all night, and found her lying unconscious on the roof of Babu's house. She was taken to Savar Upazila Health Complex, and later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"After hearing the news, we contacted the victim's father and collected details of the incident. Later we conducted a drive in the area and arrested Mamun for helping Babu," said Ekhlas Uddin, sub-inspector (SI) of Savar Model Police Station and investigation SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা

নুরুন নাহার মহাব্যবস্থাপক, বিএসসিএস বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

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প্রধান কার্যালয়

সমন্বিতভাবে ৪টি ব্যাংকে 'সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (ইলেক্ট্রিক্যাল)' পদে নিয়োগের উদ্দেশ্যে

MCQ Test এ উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণের সময়সূচি সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয়ের তত্ত্বাবধানে সমন্বিতভাবে ৪টি ব্যাংকে (জনতা, রূপালী,

কর্মসংস্থান ও প্রবাসী কল্যাণ) 'সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (ইলেক্সিক্যাল)' পদে সরাসরি নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে গত

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MCQ Test এ উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের রোল নম্বর বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে

(https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd) upload করা হয়েছে। প্রার্থীদেরকে লিখিত পরীক্ষার জন্য

আলাদা কোনো প্রবেশপত্র ইস্যু করা হবে না। MCQ Test এর প্রবেশপত্র নিয়েই লিখিত পরীক্ষায়

অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। উল্লেখ্য, পরীক্ষার হলে প্রবেশের পূর্বে প্রয়োজনীয় চেকিং কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করার

জন্য পরীক্ষা শুরুর কমপক্ষে ৩০ (ত্রিশ) মিনিট পূর্বে পরীক্ষার্থীকে পরীক্ষার কেন্দ্রে উপস্থিত হতে হবে।

পরীক্ষার্থীদেরকে পরীক্ষার হলে ক্যালকুলেটর ব্যতীত মোবাইল ফোন, স্মার্ট ওয়াচ, প্রবেশপত্রের

একাধিক কপি ও অন্যান্য ইলেক্ট্রনিক ডিভাইস নিয়ে প্রবেশ না করার নিদের্শনা দেয়া যাচ্ছে।

বেগম মুসলিম বালিকা উচ্চ বিদ্যালয় ও কলেজ, ১৩ নাজিমুদ্দিন রোড, ঢাকা কেন্দ্রে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০