

**SONALI BANK GRAFT CASE
ACC okays
charge-sheet
against twelve**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday approved charge sheet against 12 persons, including former officials of Sonali Bank, in a case filed for misappropriating Tk 39 crore.

The accused are: Managing Director of Fair Chemicals Fakhru Islam and Director Fatema Islam, former general manager of Sonali Bank Shawkat Ali, Deputy General Manager Abdul Kadir Khan, clerk Abdul Matin, supporting Sub-Staff Md Sarwady, deed writer of Kaliakair Sub-Registry Office Sanwar Hossain, Baker Hossain, Jamir Hossain, Jarina Aktar, Omar Faruk and Abdul Wahab.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 3



Fighter jets of Bangladesh Air Force leave trails of red and green across the sky of Dhaka yesterday afternoon, as pilots rehearse for an air show scheduled for today as part of Independence Day celebrations.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

**DB arrests gang with
counterfeit Saudi riyals**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

At least two Rajshahi men lost their money in last seven days while buying counterfeit Saudi riyal notes from a gang of four who hailed from Gopalganj and Madaripur districts.

Detectives of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) did not reveal identities of the victims, but they arrested the criminal gang yesterday with counterfeit notes worth 20,100 Saudi riyals (Tk 4,42,200) and presented them before journalists in a press conference held at Detective Branch (DB) office.

The gang's leader -- Ilu Sheikh, 32 -- confessed that he used to watch over busy streets in different cities and towns to identify their potential customers, and then scam them into buying counterfeit foreign currencies for last several years.

The group went to Rajshahi in early March. They had already scammed multiple people before targeting the two men.

Ilu Sheikh approached them both posing as a poor person and told them a fake story.

He told them that he was working for a Saudi businessman who left his household goods with him before leaving for abroad. He discovered some Saudi currency hidden inside a pillow. Ilu Sheikh wanted to know what to do with that money.

Following a little bargain, the two men separately procured Saudi riyals from him. One bought Saudi currency worth Tk 2 lakh and another Tk 50,000 -- only to find later that most of the notes were fake.

The two men consulted detectives of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, and the sleuths set up a trap to round up the gang yesterday morning.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

**Travel agents demand
direct flights from Sylhet**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Members of Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh's (ATAB) Sylhet chapter yesterday formed a human chain to push for their six-point demand including introduction of direct flights from Sylhet to UK, USA and Saudi Arabia.

Their two-hour human chain ended following assurance from Biman officials to hold a discussion within a week for chalking out a plan of action.

The other demands include: reserving sufficient number of U-class (special or discounted economy class) seats in Sylhet-Jeddah flights; arranging food and accommodation facility of international standard for Sylhet passengers and arranging at least four flights from Sylhet for Hajj pilgrims.

Earlier on March 10, they submitted a memorandum to Biman authorities and gave them a ten-day ultimatum.

As authorities of Biman Bangladesh Airlines did not take any measure to address their demands, ATAB men formed the human chain in front of Biman office at Chowkidekhi of Sylhet city at around 11am.

Later, at around 1pm, Biman's Sylhet office manager Helal Uddin held a meeting with ATAB officials.

In the meeting, Helal Uddin assured that senior Biman officials from Dhaka will visit Sylhet within eight days to discuss the matter. Then necessary steps will be taken to address the demands, said Jiur Rahman Khan, general secretary of ATAB Sylhet chapter.

He added, "A significant number of passengers from Sylhet travel through Biman in different routes. But still they are neglected and deprived of due facilities. We demand an end to this discrimination."



Travel agents form a human chain in front of Biman office, demanding direct flights from Sylhet. The photo was taken at Sylhet city's Choukidekhi area yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Testament to atrocities

Genocide-torture museum in Khulna strives to preserve history of Liberation War



Visitors look at artifacts in the museum. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

"I stood motionless in front of a table where a broken helmet and Pakistani currency were displayed at the martyred gallery. The currency was found in Anil Bagchi's pocket, who was shot and killed on the backyard of Hamida Monjil of Daulatpur rail-gate of Khulna by the Pakistan army in 1971, while his helmet was found next to him. Anil was our neighbour and family friend. Till now I can recollect his face," said Dr Mahabubul Munshi, 73, who came to visit the country's first Genocide-Torture Archive and Museum earlier this week.

"I often come here to revisit the history of the Liberation War. We are really fortunate for the archive to be here," said Munshi.

The "1971: Genocide-Torture Archive and Museum" at South Central road in Khulna city has collected and archived evidence of the bloodbath this country witnessed throughout the nine months of the Liberation War.

Rare memorabilia and images of genocide and torture are displayed at the museum, including 9,000 photographs and 30 oil paintings in 10 galleries, as well as some 9,000 books on the war. Over 250 audio-visual CDs are enriching the collec-

tion, while a sales centre has been opened to sell books and souvenirs.

Renowned historian Prof Muntassir Mamoon inaugurated the museum on May 17, 2014 at a temporary rented house in the city. Now it has been shifted to its own 21-decimal land, on a two-storey house allotted by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on August 27, 2015. The new premises opened to visitors on March 26, 2016.

"On an average 20 to 25 visitors who are mostly students come to visit this archive," said Reaz Ahmed, receptionist of the archive.

The archive has recorded over 5,221 spots where killings took place, 502 mass-killing grounds, 404 mass graves and 547 torture cells in 20 districts, said Rokonzaman Bablu, deputy curator of the museum.

Besides, 31 memorial plaques of killing and torture spots have already been built in and around Khulna city, while the museum has published 75 booklets focused on killing grounds, he added.

"Many organisations from across the country send documents and books written on liberation and genocide to us. Many Bangladeshis who live abroad often communicate

with the organisation to enrich the trust by handing over remarkable documents on genocide," he said.

"We mainly wanted to let the local people know about the bloody history of this region. The aim of the museum is to educate people, especially youths, about the genocide committed by the Pakistan army in association with their local collaborators," said Prof Muntassir Mamoon, chairman of the trustee board that runs the institution.

The museum is the first of its kind not only in Bangladesh but also in South Asia, and it was opened in Khulna which witnessed some of the worst atrocities of 1971 -- including the Chuknagar mass killing, said Prof Mamoon.

Sk Baharul Alam, one of the trustees of the board, said many pieces of evidence related to the war were destroyed following the killing of Bangabandhu in 1975.

"This museum would be quite helpful [in preserving the history of the war]," he added.

The trustee board has 11 members who are playing a key role in developing the archive and museum; Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is the key patron of it, Alam said.

**Qulkhwani of
Anwarul Haq
today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of journalist M Anwarul Haq will be held today at Victoria Convention Center in the capital's Dhanmondi.

Anwarul Haq, a noted journalist, columnist and a former diplomat, passed away on March 22. He was 62.

Haq was the chief reporter, city editor, diplomatic and defence correspondent of The Daily Star.

His relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers have been requested to attend the programme.

**1st M'singh
city polls on
May 5**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The maiden election to Mymensingh City Corporation (MCC) will be held on May 5, Election Commission Secretary Helal Uddin Ahmed announced yesterday.

Electronic voting machines (EVMs) will be used at all voting centres, he said while announcing the MCC election at a press conference after a meeting with the Election Commission (EC) at the Nirbachon Bhaban in Dhaka.

There will be 130 polling centres at 46 wards of the city corporation, he said.

As per schedule, EC set April 8 for submission of nomination papers, April 10 for scrutinising the nominations and April 17 for withdrawal of the nominations.

The government on April 2 last year recognised Mymensingh as the country's 12th city corporation.

The total land area of the new city corporation is 91.135 square kilometres. The total population of the

Bangladesh Land Port Authority
T.C.B Bhaban (5th Floor)
Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215
www.bsbk.gov.bd

Memo No. 18.15.0000.020.07.041.17-234 Dated: 21-03-2019

e-Tender Notice (Amended)

Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender ID (previous)	Tender ID (amended)
1.	Supply of Stationery Materials for Head Office and other Land Ports	132185	298364

Howlader Zakir Hossain
Director (Admin)
Phone: 55013829

GD-564

ট্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ
প্রধান কার্যালয়, টিসিবি ভবন
১, কাওরান বাজার
ঢাকা

সাহায্যী ভাড়া টিসিবি
অডিটরিয়াম ব্যবহার করুন

স্মারক নং-টিসি-ডি(সংস্থাপন)৩(১১৮)৭৯-২০১০/৬৪২ তারিখঃ ২৫-০৩-২০১৯খ্রিঃ

আয়কর উপদেষ্টা নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ট্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশের জন্য আয়কর উপদেষ্টা নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত নিম্নে বর্ণিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন আইনজীবী/আয়কর উপদেষ্টাদের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফর্মে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। প্রতিসেট ফর্মের মূল্য ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)। আবেদন ফরম নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস হতে অফিস চলাকালে পাওয়া যাবে। ফরম ফরমের মূল মানি রিসিট আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

(ক) আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক হতে হবে;

(খ) যে সকল আইনজীবী আয়কর উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে কম পক্ষে ১০ (দশ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা রয়েছে কেবলমাত্র তারাই আবেদন করতে পারবে। একাউন্টিং এ অভিজ্ঞতা প্রার্থীর অতিরিক্ত যোগ্যতা হিসেবে গণ্য হবে;

(গ) আয়কর উপদেষ্টার আইনগত সেবা প্রদানের জন্য প্রদেয় অর্থ আলোচনা সাপেক্ষে নির্ধারণ করা হবে;

(ঘ) নিয়োগের মেয়াদ ২ (দুই) বছরের জন্য বলবৎ থাকবে।

নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদনপত্র আগামী ১০-০৪-২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট দাখিল করতে হবে।

সচিব
জিডি-৫৫৭
ট্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ

২৬ মার্চ
মহান স্বাধীনতা ও জাতীয় দিবস

জাতির জন্য দিয়ে গেছে যারা
জীবন
আজকের দিন বোক শহীদ স্মৃতির
স্মরণ...

২৬ মার্চ মহান স্বাধীনতা ও জাতীয় দিবসে
মুক্তিযুদ্ধের বীর শহীদদের প্রতি আনাদের
বিনম্র **শ্রদ্ধা...**

স্ট্যান্ডার্ড ব্যাংক লিমিটেড

www.standardbankbd.com