



## PHOTO OF THE DAY



Increasing levels of pollution in Dhaka makes it ever more dangerous to consume pre-cut fruit kept in the open, yet hog plums (amra) remain a popular choice for people on the go. The photo was taken yesterday from Bangla Motor area.

## TRAFFIC COP'S DEATH ON ROAD

## Victim's father files writ petition seeking Tk 10cr compensation

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Father of Golam Kibria, a traffic police sergeant who was killed in a road accident in Barishal earlier this month, yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its directives on the authorities concerned to give his family Tk 10 crore as compensation.

Md Younis Ali Sardar, father of Kibria, in the petition also prayed to the HC to pass an order on the government to ensure safety and security of citizens by controlling reckless driving

through strict compliance of traffic rules or to introduce new laws in this regard.

He also requested the High Court to ask the government to ensure modern technology for helping traffic sergeants and traffic police perform their duties, and to take necessary action against four respondents for allegedly killing sergeant Kibria by way of driving a covered van violating all kinds of traffic rules.

The HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Md Khairul Alam yesterday set July 28 to

hear on the petition, Advocate Faizullah Fayed -- lawyer for the petitioner -- told The Daily Star.

He said Kibria was killed after a covered van of Jamuna Group ran him over when he was discharging duties on Barishal-Patuakhali highway near Barishal University on July 15.

Kibria signalled the speeding covered van to stop, but it tried to flee the scene by ignoring the signal. He chased the covered van on his motorbike to stop it.

The covered van hit him and fled the scene, the lawyer said.

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Protesters in front of VC Chattar at Dhaka University yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## DEMO OVER DU-AFFILIATED COLLEGES

## BCL men assault protesters blocking Registrar Building

## DU CORRESPONDENT

Academic and administrative activities virtually came to a standstill at Dhaka University for the third day yesterday, following students' demonstrations demanding cancellation of affiliation of seven colleges under the university.

Students have been demonstrating for the last five days; they boycotted classes and examinations for the third consecutive day yesterday by locking entrances of all academic and administrative buildings. Faculty members and staff could not attend work as demonstrating students jammed the keyholes of the locks with glue.

Some Chhatra League leaders yesterday broke the lock on Registrar Building's main gate prior to submitting a memorandum to the pro vice-chancellor, seeking a solution to the ongoing crisis. They also assaulted Ducus Social

Service Affairs Secretary Akhtar Hossain and some female protesters as they obstructed the BCL men from breaking the lock.

Witnesses said students demanding cancellation of the affiliation of seven colleges gathered at the Shikha Chirantan premises to press home their demand. At 1pm, the agitators halted the demo but declared the protests would continue.

At the same time, Chhatra League held a rally at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla, demanding a permanent solution to the crisis and keeping the environment on campus stable.

After the rally, they went to the Pro VC to submit a memorandum. The BCL activists tried to break the lock at the main gate of the Vice-Chancellor's office but the protesters, who had already taken position in the area, barred them.

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## RESEARCH ON MILK

## DUTA extends support to Prof ABM Faroque

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday condemned the offensive speech of different groups -- including a government official -- against professor and researcher of the university ABM Faroque.

"Such threats and misbehaviour with Prof ABM Faroque were unexpected and discourteous," DUTA said in a press statement.

DUTA issued the statement over ten days after some companies concerned and a secretary to a ministry had threatened Prof ABM Faroque over his tests that found detergent and antibiotics in packaged milk.

Terming his research an ethical responsibility for public concern, DUTA said such type of verbal attacks will discourage researchers and restrict their freedom.

"If the result of any research is to be

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PRABIR DAS

## Suspended ACC director Basir sent to jail in bribery case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Khandaker Enamul Basir, suspended director of the Anti-Corruption Commission, to jail after rejecting his bail prayer in a case filed over the transaction of Tk 40 lakh as bribe.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after ACC produced him before it and appealed to the court to send him to jail.

ACC Director Sheikh Md Fanafilya, who is also the investigation officer of the case, in his forwarding report placed before the court said Basir had committed an offence by taking Tk 40 lakh as bribe from suspended DIG Mizan for clearing him of a graft allegation.

Moreover, it was learned from different sources that Basir was trying to flee the country. He was also trying to damage vital evidence and tamper with witnesses, Fanafilya said.

If Basir gets bail, he can damage evidence and obstruct investigation. Therefore he should be sent to jail, he added.

In the same case, another accused DIG Mizan was earlier shown arrested and was sent to jail, Fanafilya said.

Defence lawyer Md Kabir Hossain submitted a petition seeking bail in the case, saying that his client was not involved with taking bribe from the police official. His client was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass him, and he should be granted bail, Kabir added.

A team of ACC officials, led by Fanafilya, on Monday arrested Basir from Dhaka's Mirpur area on charges of bribery.

On July 16, he filed the case with ACC's Dhaka District Coordination Office-1 under anti-money laundering act.

Following a TV news report, in which DIG Mizan alleged that Basir took bribe from him for clearing him of a graft allegation, the ACC formed a three-member investigation committee headed by Fanafilya and suspended Basir.

In May last year, ACC launched an inquiry on Mizan and tasked Basir with the investigation.

HOLEY ARTISAN CASE  
Four more witnesses testify

Bss, Dhaka

Four more prosecution witnesses yesterday gave their statements before a tribunal in connection with the Holey Artisan attack case.

The witnesses are: CID Inspector Prashant Kumar Debnath, Sub-inspector Nizam Uddin, Constable Mozahar Ali, and Alam Chowdhury, caretaker of the house where the militants used to live.

The witnesses testified before the court and were cross-examined. Judge Majibur Rahman of Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal afterwards adjourned the hearing till July 30.

A total of 74 witnesses out of 211 have so far testified in the case.

On July 1, 2016, armed militants stormed the Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan and killed 20 hostages, mostly foreign nationals. Two police officials were also killed during the 12-hour standoff.

A case was filed under the anti-terrorism act with Gulshan Police Station.

## DHAKA TODAY

## Railway announces Eid ticket sale dates

Officials hope to resolve disruption due to flood

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Railway will start sale of advance train tickets for Eid-ul-Azha from five different places in Dhaka from July 29, Railways Minister Nurul Islam announced yesterday.

The announcement came at a time when rail operation remains suspended in at least two routes due to flood. Although Bangladesh Railway (BR) authority hoped to restore operation in those routes before Eid, it will reduce the trains' speed, resulting delays in schedule, officials said.

Fifty per cent of tickets will be sold online through the BR app, SMS and railway website, the minister told at a press conference at Rail Bhaban.

Advance tickets for intercity trains for traveling on August 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 would be sold on July 29, 30 and 31 and August 1 and 2 respectively, he said.

For the first time before last Eid-ul-Fitr, advance tickets were sold at

## DISCUSSION ON NAT'L BUDGET

Organiser: Samajtantrik Chatra Front, Dhaka University Unit  
Venue: Ducus, University of Dhaka  
Time: 4pm

## SEMINAR

Current State of Spinning Sector  
Venue: Textile Engineering Dept, University of South Asia  
Time: 11am

## REPORT LAUNCHING

Youth Survey-2018  
Organiser: Brac  
Venue: Lakeshore Hotel, Gulshan-2  
Time: 10am

## WORKSHOP

Into the Wild: Workshop for the Explorers & Backpackers  
Venue: EMK Center  
Time: 5pm

## DISCUSSION

On Santal community's land rights  
Organiser: Bagda Farm Bhumi Uddhar Sangram Committee  
Venue: WVA, Dhanmondi-27  
Time: 10am

## SEMINAR

On contribution of engineers to development of the country  
Venue: Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh, Ramna  
Time: 5pm

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