Buses brush up against each other at the Banglamotor traffic signal of Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue yesterday, in an apparent competition to get ahead. Only a day before, a woman lost her leg near the same spot as a reckless bus ran her over on the footpath. Such unsafe driving practices continue in the city, despite incidents such as last year's when Rajib Hossain died after his hand was crushed between two buses on this very road. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Juwel went to the association's office

He accused Shamim of supplying

along with six other BCL leaders, including

Bayezid Kotoal, deputy sports affairs

flowers to BNP programmes, called him an

activist of the party, and later slapped him

Later, other BCL activists also slapped,

Talking to The Daily Star, Shamim said,

punched and kicked Shamim, alleged

Juwel called him several times demanding

money but he refused as his business was

not doing well. "Today [yesterday], Juwel

beat me up, calling me a BNP activist," he

beating up Shamim and demanding money.

BNP and also patronises five-six pro-Jamaat

vendors. I went there to ask him about it; I

did not beat him up," Juwel said.

Contacted, Juwel denied allegations of

"I got to know that he is involved with

Kamal Miah, who was present at the spot.

secretary of the central committee.

as Shamim denied the allegations.

Flower vendor beaten up in Shahbagh

for money.

Claims BCL leader tried to extort him

DU CORRESPONDENT

A central leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday allegedly beat up a flower vendor of Shahbagh, calling him "an activist of BNP" as the latter refused to give him extortion money.

Juwel Molla, theatre and debate affairs secretary of BCL's central unit, beat up Shamim Ahmed, general secretary of Shahbagh flower vendors' association, at the organisation's office, according to witnesses.

Several flower vendors of the area said Shamim refused to give extortion money that Juwel demanded as "Eid allowance" before Eid-ul-Azha, but he obliged to supply flowers free of cost to different programmes of BCL.

Though Juwel took flowers from Shamim several times, the demand for extortion never stopped, alleged flower vendors.

Kamal Miah, president of the vendors' association, asked Juwel to come over to their office when he called yesterday asking Money Laundering Case against Sinha

Court again asks ACC for probe report

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked the Anti-Corruption Commission to submit the probe report on a money laundering case against former chief justice Surendra Kumar Sinha and 10 others by October 2.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court in Dhaka passed the order after ACC Director Syed Iqbal Hossain, also the investigation officer of the case, failed to submit any probe report yesterday.

On July 10, the anti-graft watchdog filed a case against SK Sinha and 10 others on charges of misappropriating and laundering about Tk 4 crore from the then Farmers Bank in 2016.

The other accused in the case include the bank's former managing director AKM Shamim, former head of credit division Gazi Salahuddin, first vice president of credit division Swapan Kumar Roy, senior vice president Zia Uddin Ahmed, first vice president Shafiuddin Askary and vice president Lutful Haque; Shahjahan of Tangail's Sreehoripur village; Ranjit Chandra Saha of the district's Jodunathpur village; his wife Santri Roy and nephew Niranjan Chandra Saha.

According to the case statement, Shahjahan and Niranjan opened two separate current accounts with Farmers Bank's Gulshan branch on November 6, 2016.

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President seeks China's continued support for Rohingya repatriation

Bss, Dhaka

President M Abdul Hamid yesterday sought the Chinese government's continuous support to ensure safe and dignified repatriation of Rohingyas to their homeland in Myanmar, when Li Jiming, new Chinese Ambassador to Dhaka, presented his credentials to the President at Bangabhaban.

"Bangladesh is currently hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas... I hope China will continue to mount pressure on Myanmar to take back their citizens," he said.

The president's Press Secretary Joynal Abedin briefed reporters after the meeting.

The head of the state said Bangladesh doesn't believe in any confrontation, and wants to settle the issue in a peaceful manner.

Earlier, welcoming the Chinese envoy to Bangladesh, President Hamid said bilateral relations between Bangladesh and China are excellent, and the ties have been expanding gradually.

Terming China as one of the important development partners of Bangladesh, the President also recalled the Chinese government's cooperation in socioeconomic development in Bangladesh.

He hoped that this trend of co-operation with Bangladesh would continue in days to come. "Many mega projects are being implemented here with financial and technical support from China, which is contributing largely to Bangladesh's national development," he mentioned, urging the Chinese government to invest more in different potential sectors in Bangladesh.

The incumbent ambassador said Chinese investors consider Bangladesh a good destination, and many Chinese companies have already invested here. Li Jiming said his country will continue its all-out cooperation for the socio-economic development of Bangladesh, and sought cooperation of the President in discharging his duties here.

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Later, the first resident ambassador of Kosovo to Bangladesh Gunear Ureya also presented his credentials to President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban, the official residence of the President.

Welcoming the newly-appointed ambassador of Kosovo, the President thanked the Kosovo government as they decided to open their resident mission in Dhaka. "Through this appointment, the existing

bilateral relationship between the two

countries would get a shape of multilateral

relations in coming days," the press secretary quoted the President as saying. He suggested the envoy to be more active in exploring trade and investment

potentials between the two countries. Bangladesh officially recognised Kosovo as an independent state on February 27, 2017, as a solemn expression of Bangladesh's solidarity with the people of Kosovo.

Gunear Ureya expressed his gratitude to the Bangladesh government for recognising Kosovo as an independent state.

Secretaries concerned to the President and high officials of the Foreign Ministry were present at the meeting.



Newly-appointed Chinese envoy Li Jiming presents his credentials to President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban. PHOTO: PID

of Appellate, High Court divisions are VIPs as per law: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday cleared the issue of VIPs (very important person), saying all the ministers and judges of the Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court are VIPs as per relevant law.

"We never issued any directive on this. But some media outlets misquoted us in reports saying we have passed an order [on the issue]," the bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader said.

They said this while hearing a writ petition filed over death of 13-year-old Titash Ghosh. Titash died in an ambulance on a ferry -- that was reportedly delayed for an additional secretary -- on the way to Dhaka on July 25.

On July 31, the same bench said the president and the prime minister of the country are the VVIPs (very, very important SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

All ministers, judges Some NGOs cooperating with Myanmar: Quader

Bss, Dhaka

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said some NGOs are cooperating with Myanmar, while BNP is using the Rohingya issue as a political tool against the government.

Claiming that some international NGOs are hatching conspiracy indirectly over the Rohingya issue, Quader at a discussion in the capital said, "Some NGOs are cooperating with Myanmar. Among those, there are some pro-Pakistan NGOs. They have given shelter to the killers of Bangabandhu. They want to put us in trouble at every step."

Failing in politics, BNP has now taken the route of conspiracy, he said, adding that the party is using the Rohingya issue as a political tool to cause problems for the government.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) organised the meeting on its premises, marking the 44th death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Mourning Day. Quader, also Awami League general secretary, said steps are underway

to bring the killers of Bangabandhu back from Canada and the United States, but Pakistan is not extraditing two of the killers. It has been proven in courts and written in history that BNP men were the masterminds behind the August 15 carnage and the August 21 grenade

attack, Quader added. Chaired by BSMMU Vice Chancellor Prof Kanak Kanti Barua, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque; Bangladesh Medical Association president

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Rab arrests four militant suspects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab yesterday claimed to have arrested four militant suspects from the city's Dakkhin Khan area.

The arrestees are -- Sirajul Islam Mridha, 38; Moniruzzaman Monir, 40; SM Hafizur Rahman Sagar, 45; and Shafiul Moznabeen Tureen, 27.

They are active members of militant outfit "Allahr Dal", also known as "Allahr Sarker," said Sarwar-Bin-Quashem, commanding officer of Rab-1 at a briefing at its media centre in the city.

The militant group does not believe in democracy. It amassed huge amount of money and deposited it in different bank accounts. The group was waiting for an opportune moment to carry out destructive activities, the Rab official claimed.

The arrest came based on information given by four other operatives of the group, including the outfit's acting Ameer, who were arrested by Rab on August 18 from the city's Hatirjheel area.

According to Rab, one Matin Mehedi SEE PAGE 4 COL 5 JAHA ALAM'S IMPRISONMENT

ACC places report on probe officials to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday produced names and relevant particulars of its 11 officials who were investigating 26 corruption cases in which jute mill worker Jaha Alam was wrongly implicated and suffered in jail for three years -- before the High Court.

The officials are: Abdullah Al Jahid, Sheikh Mesbah Uddin, Md Masudur Rahman, Debabrata Mondal, Selina Aktar Moni, Sumitra Sen, Silvia Ferdous, Meftahul Jannat, Muhammad Joynal Abedin, Md Saiduzzaman

and Rafi Md Nazmus Sadat. ACC lawyer Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan placed a report before the court during hearing of a suo moto (voluntary) rule, as per its earlier order. After receiving the report, the HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader set October 24 for further hearing on this

On August 21, the bench asked ACC to submit the report before it by

yesterday. The court passed the order after ACC submitted a compliance report before it, saying departmental cases have been lodged against 11 officials

who probed the corruption cases against Jaha Alam. The court also asked ACC to specifically mention the reasons in the

report why the departmental cases were filed against the officials.

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Time: 4pm

LECTURE

University

SEMINAR

On ACCA

College

Time: 12pm

DIALOGUE

Time: 4:30pm

Venue: Jatiya Press Club

Kashmir: Past, Present and Future

Organiser: Bangladesh Study Forum

Venue: DUCSU Building, Dhaka

Organiser: Chartered University

Venue: British Council, Fuller Road

REPORT LAUNCHING State of Social Accountability and Deliberative Democracy in Bangladesh: Current Dynamics and **Future Pathways**

Organiser: Brac Institute of Governance and Development, **Brac University**

Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali

Rohingya Influx in Bangladesh: **Challenges Ahead** Organiser: Bangladesh Institute of

CONFERENCE

Dhanmondi Time: 10:30am

PROTEST Demanding justice for the recent rape incidents

Organiser: Bangladesh Mahila

Law and International Affairs Venue: BILIA Auditorium,

On Bangabandhu's Assassination

Organiser: DUCSU Venue: Business Faculty, Dhaka University Time: 4pm

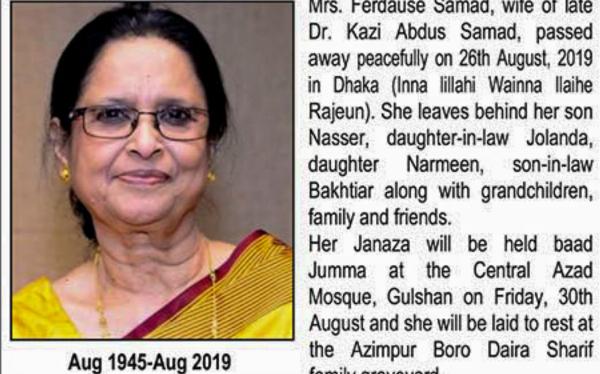


The road divider in front of Palashi Bazar is being used quite creatively, as homeless people living in the area have planted vegetables on it to meet their food demands. The photo was taken yesterday.

ERRATUM

In yesterday's issue of the paper, we published a photo on page 3, where the caption mentioned that a fountain in Sher-E-Bangla Cricket Stadium hadn't been cleaned in a while. However, the photo was taken at Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium in Gulistan. We regret this inadvertent error.

Obituary Mrs. Ferdause Samad, wife of late



away peacefully on 26th August, 2019 in Dhaka (Inna lillahi Wainna llaihe Rajeun). She leaves behind her son Nasser, daughter-in-law Jolanda, daughter Narmeen, son-in-law Bakhtiar along with grandchildren, family and friends. Her Janaza will be held baad Jumma at the Central Azad

Mosque, Gulshan on Friday, 30th August and she will be laid to rest at the Azimpur Boro Daira Sharif family graveyard. All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend and

offer Dua. May Allah grant her Jannatul Ferdaus. She will be fondly remembered for her love, devotion and sincerity to all those who knew her.