

Textile workers take to streets for 8 months' arrears in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Workers of a textile mill demonstrated in Barishal city yesterday, demanding due salaries and arrears of eight months.

Around 700 workers of Sonargaon Textile Limited brought out a procession and staged a rally at its gate in Rupatli from 11am to 12 noon. At that time, they attempted to block the Dhaka-Patuaakhali highway but did not upon request from the district administration.

Later in the day, law enforcers, district administration and the factory authorities held a meeting with the workers when the factory owner took a decision to reopen it by paying the arrears within January 31, confirmed Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Munibur Rahaman.

Worker Bellal Gazi said the factory's production has been halted since March 28 last year. "When we blocked Dhaka-Patuaakhali highway on November 16, authorities wanted to reopen two units that month and the rest one in December after paying due salaries, but to no avail," he said.

Another worker Nurul Haque said such a closure pushed them into severe financial crisis.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal expressed solidarity with the protesters. BSD Barishal unit member secretary Manisha Chakraborty claimed that the owner is going to shut down the factory totally without payment.

However, Md Salauddin, project manager and spokesperson of Sonargaon Textile, assured of resolving the crisis by reopening the factory.

He said they have been unable to reopen the factory for such a long time due to loss.



The 'Amtola Gate' near Dhaka Medical College is abuzz with hawkers and makeshift stores for most of the year. Every February, this historic site -- where students gathered in 1952 to break the curfew that led to the bloodshed for Bangla language -- is cleared of encroachers and spruced up, but it never stays that way for long. This year is most likely to be no different. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Architect Mahbub, wife Afreen pass away in USA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned Bangladeshi-American architect Mahbub Hasan Dewan and his wife Afreen Dewan, a social activist, died from Covid-19 in Dallas in a span of 10 days.



Mahbub, founder and president of D1 Architect & Associates in Dallas, USA, expired on January 7 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, aged 65.

Earlier on December 27 last year, Afreen, its vice-president, breathed her last at the same hospital, at the age of 60.

The couple left behind their only child Mashrur Dewan, and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn their deaths.

Mahbub Dewan began his career as an assistant professor at the architecture department of Buet, family sources said.

In a tweet, the Plano community said it has lost a wonderful couple who stood for the cause of humanitarian services.

Mizanur

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Praising Mizanur Rahman Khan's honesty, diligence and values, he said, "Mizanur Rahman Khan's departure is an irreparable loss for journalism."

Mizanur Rahman Khan's third janaza was held at the Jatiya Press Club at around 11am.

Information Minister Hasan Mahmud, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, leaders of different political parties, leading journalists and people from different walks of life took part in the janaza.

In his brief speech before the janaza, the information minister said Mizanur Rahman Khan will be remembered for his writings on legal issues, the constitution and human rights.

Mizanur Rahman's first namaz-e-janaza was held at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) office premises in the morning.

His body was kept there from 10am to 10:20am where judges, lawyers and journalists paid tribute by placing floral wreaths at his coffin.

Judges of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court -- Justice M Enayetur Rahim, Justice Khizir Ahmed Chowdhury, Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder, Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman, SC lawyers including former law minister Abdul Matin Khasru, SCBA Secretary Md Ruhul Quddus and members of Law Reporters Forum attended the janaza and paid rich tribute to Mizanur Rahman Khan.

Later his body was taken to the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) at city's Segunbagicha where his second janaza was held.

Born in Jhalakathi's Nalchity Upazila in 1967, Mizanur took up journalism as his profession in the late 80s by joining a Barishal daily.

He earned his reputation through his interpretative writing, reports and columns on different legal and constitutional issues.

CMP chief shoots a perfect score!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The 2021 iteration of Runner Friendship Shooting Competition was held at Metropolitan Shooting Club of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) Dampara Police Line yesterday. The competition was held across three categories.

CMP Commissioner Saleh Mohammad Tanvir secured first position in 22 Rifle Hanging Potato category by scoring a perfect 50 out of 50.

After the competition, the CMP commissioner handed over medals and certificates among the winners.

Additional Commissioners SM Mostaq Ahmed, Amena Begum, and Shymol Kumar Nath were present during the session.

Road crash kills two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, MYMENSINGH

At least two people were killed and four others injured in a tragic road accident at Netrakona Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Selim Mia (35) and Emdadul Haque (37), both farm workers in profession.

Officer-in-Charge of Netrakona Sadar Police Station Md Tajul Islam said the accident took place on the Kendua-Madan in Raintreetola area of the upazila around 7:30am, when a sand-laden human-hauler from Netrakona town skidded off the road and crashed into some farm workers huddled around a fire beside the road, he said quoting locals.

Police have seized the human-hauler, but its driver managed to flee the scene. A case was lodged in this regard.

Children cannot

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That is why closing schools must be a measure of last resort, after all other options have been considered, she said.

Assessing the risk of transmission at the local level should be a key determinant in decisions on school operations, she pointed out.

Nationwide school closures must be avoided whenever possible, she said.

In case of lockdowns, schools must be among the first to reopen once authorities start lifting restrictions, Fore said. "Catch-up classes should be prioritised to ensure that children who have been unable to learn remotely are not left behind."

She said if children face another year of school closures, the effects will be felt for generations to come.

Port city

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Meanwhile, Jatiya Party in Chattogram in a views exchange with Rezaul on Sunday expressed the party's support for him.

Rezaul may also be inspired by previous polls, as AL candidates won four times, while BNP candidates won once in CCC polls since 1994.

However, Shahadat wants to reshape history this time. He told The Daily Star that if citizens can go to polling centres unhindered and vote freely, he does not doubt his victory.

"City dwellers are deprived of many civic rights. They have been given false pledges. If I am elected, I would take initiatives to address the long-standing problems, including waterlogging," he said.

Meanwhile, Rezaul told this newspaper that people would vote for him for the sake of continuing the city's huge development works.

"I want to build a smart city, and voters know who can make that happen," Rezaul said. "I hope they go to polling centres in a festive mood and vote for 'boat' symbol, as huge development occurred during the present government's tenure."

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (ORIGINAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION) MATEER NO. 301 OF 2020

- 1. Masood R. Sobhan. 2. Waliur Rahman. 3. ATM Moazzem Hussain. 4. Shameem Hussain

-Versus- Dhaka Club Limited and others.

It is hereby notified that an application under section 85 (3) of the Companies Act, 1994 has been filed by the petitioners in the Company Bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing the matter the Hon'ble Company Bench, presided over by Mr. Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar was pleased to admit the application on 10.12.2020, passed an order restraining the respondents from holding EGM and AGM scheduled to be held on 12.12.2020 and 26.12.2020 respectively, and adjourned the matter till 20.01.2021.

Any person desirous of contesting the aforesaid application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through duly appointed Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of requisite cost.

Fatema S. Chowdhury, Bar-at-Law, LL.B (London), LL.M. (Northumbria Univ.) BA (Hons), M.A (Eng. Literature, Dhaka Univ.), Advocate for the petitioner nos. 2-4, House No.15, Road No-109, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212.

Save the Children Invitation for Tender. Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting the tender from interested, experienced and bona fide vendors for supplying Education Materials for its offices and other locations in Bangladesh. For details please see the IFT schedule, which is available on http://procurement.scibd.info/ under tender notification. Downloaded copy is acceptable for tender participation.

Two held for running fake FB accounts as mayor Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives claimed to have arrested two individuals who deceived people -- opening Facebook accounts as Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh -- and offered jobs.

The two -- Md Jakaria and Ekramul Haque Raju -- were arrested from Rangpur and Gazipur on Sunday, said AKM Hafiz Akhter, additional commissioner (detectives) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The arrestees were identified after a case was filed with Shahbagh Police Station under Digital Security Act on January 1, he said at a press briefing yesterday at DB office on Minto Road in Dhaka.

In primary interrogation, Jakaria admitted that he opened a fake account and used to pose as Taposh virtually, to demand money from people in name of offering jobs.

The money was collected through a mobile money transfer service number registered in Ekramul's name, the DB official added.

Meanwhile, detectives said they arrested a man, Saiful Islam, from Rangpur on charge of hacking Facebook IDs of people and taking money from their friends and acquaintances.

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"Zoonoses and Transboundary Animal Diseases Prevention and Control Research" Project Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute. Savar, Dhaka-1341. No. 33.05.2672.112.14.421.20-97. Date: 10/01/2021. e-Tender Notice. To get access to the e-Tender document, the required fees is to be deposited through any registered branch of enlisted banks on or before of abovementioned date & time.

13-year-old

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The injured -- Rekha Begum, Shariful Alam and Shazzad Hossain -- were taken to a local hospital, the official added.

The incident occurred as the building's owner did not take any preventive measure while demolishing the old building, the deputy assistant director further added.

This correspondent could not get in touch with the owner who went into hiding after the incident.

Al-Amin, sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station, said filing of a case in this regard was underway.

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