



Kormojibi Nari, a women's rights organisation, stages a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday, protesting the recent murder of a 15-year-old girl, who used to sell flowers on the Dhaka University campus. Speakers at the rally demanded maximum punishment for the killer.

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2 govt officials held for stealing

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the medical college hospital, said after learning of the incident, he checked the account and found no irregularities in the hospital's funds. Saiful told The Daily Star over phone that they were investigating the incident and were yet to find where the funds had been transferred.

Don't give the scope next fiscal year

FROM PAGE 12 "The creation of the opportunity to whiten black money has lightened the gravity of offences that are being committed to evade tax or to have ill-gotten gains," he observed.

other offenders are whitening their money by paying only 10 percent tax." Rizwan Rahman, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said, "Tax cheats and leaders of criminal gangs are becoming major players in the capital market as they are investing there a huge amount of black money whitened by paying 10 percent tax."

"In this way, the business environment is being affected, and honest industrialists and investors, who pay taxes, are being discouraged," he mentioned. NBR data shows 7,445 individuals whitened Tk 10,220 crore by paying Tk 950 crore as tax in the first six months of the current fiscal year.

Have EC probed by judicial council

FROM PAGE 12 secretary of Supreme Court Bar Association, former SCBA secretary Md Bodruddoza, SM Aminul Islam Sanu, Syeda Ashifa Ashrafi Papiya, Taimur Alam Khondaker, Md Golam Mostafa, Md Zahirul Islam, Md Aktaruzzaman, Md Mujahidul Islam, Shahab Uddin Khan, Md Kamal Hossain and SM Zulfiqare Ali. Most of them are known as pro-BNP lawyers.

inaction and failure in taking action against irregularities in different polls, incompetence in discharging constitutional duties and taking financial benefits as "special speakers". They said the present CEC and other commissioners have failed to perform their constitutional responsibilities and duties and have turned the EC into an organisation which is benefitting by misusing power.

involved in the allegations. Earlier on December 14 last year and January 17 this year, 42 eminent citizens sent two letters requesting the president to constitute the SJC to probe allegations of "serious financial corruption and gross election-related misconduct" against the EC.

41,000 register in seven

FROM PAGE 1 People are gradually overcoming their fear about Covid vaccines, he noted. "There were no side-effects among those who took vaccines in the first two days..."

three percent." Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has sent 1.8 lakh vaccine shots to Gazipur and 1.56 lakh to Narayanganj.

Russian court

FROM PAGE 12 had been recovering from being poisoned with a military-grade nerve agent. Navalny said Russian state security agents had put the poison in his underpants, something the Kremlin denied.

Buet says

FROM PAGE 12 system after an academic council meeting. "It was decided that the Buet will enrol students through admission tests of its own like previous years," he said. Buet was supposed to join the cluster admission test system with three other universities -- Chattogram University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet), Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) and Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet).

WHO slams critics

FROM PAGE 12 Ryan said many critics were saying they "won't accept the report when it comes out", or that there is "other intelligence available that may show different findings" on how the virus broke out.

12 more die

FROM PAGE 12 A total of 480,728 patients (89.67 percent) recovered until yesterday morning. So far, 3,678,649 samples have been tested, including 14,635 in the 24-hour period.

RHD helps officials stay off

FROM PAGE 1 Debgram-Bhulta-Madanpur Road under PPP Project (Gazipur, Narayanganj). Offices of two technical projects were allocated at the same floor and kept some space vacant for setting up offices of future projects, according to an official order.

Big stride

FROM PAGE 12 neutrons and synapses in our brains, they report in the journal Nature Nanotechnology. The new research looks in part to deal with the fact that as demand for computing capacity grows across the world, it brings the need for more data centres; as data centres grow, so does the energy required to power them.

Tigers return to Tests today

FROM PAGE 1 return to Test cricket after over 10 months and for them the main challenge will be to improve standards in cricket's most elite format. The Tigers will have their full-strength side against the West Indies, with the inclusion of star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan.

its recovery from the outbreak. The team toured a propaganda exhibition celebrating China's recovery from the pandemic in Wuhan on Saturday. The mission was going "very well", one of its members said yesterday, as the team visited an animal disease control centre in the city where the first cases were reported.

similar directives on April 5, 2018, and February 2, 2019.

Obaidul Quader, on September 13 last year, also raised serious questions about the necessity of a huge number of project offices in the capital. He also asked the officials concerned to inquire about the necessity of permanent buildings for projects while preparing those.

"I am observing that project offices are being built across the city. Wherever I go, I find project and RDH's offices. Are all these offices necessary?" the minister questioned.

"This goes against the spirit of the government's policy," he told The Daily Star, wishing not to be named. He also said that it was also creating a problem for the other wings of RHD to work properly due to inadequate office spaces.

Contacted, Chief Engineer Abdus Sabur said a small set of SASEC-1 project and the office of SASEC-2's Project Director will operate in the building as the facility was constructed under this project.

"But, the allocation for offices of other projects, which are being implemented outside Dhaka would be cancelled," he told The Daily Star on January 28. However, offices of the technical projects will remain, he added.

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