OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Kazi Abdus Shahid Lal, a Language Movement veteran and lawyer in

died at a local hospital

yesterday, aged 82. Abdus Shahid was also activist. He left behind

a social worker and rights his wife, a son, three daughters and a brother to mourn his death.

He was an organiser of the 1952 Language Movement, 1969 Mass Uprising and the 1971's struggle for freedom.

He was arrested and punished by the Pakistani government during the education movement 1962

He will be buried at Jashore Karbala Graveyard following a namaz-ejanaza at the Central Eidgah after the Asr prayers today, said his brother Kazi Helal.

Slow loris, fishing cat rescued in Rangamati

A slow loris, locally known as "Lojjaboti Banor", and a fishing cat were rescued in Rangamati's Bagaichhari and Naniarchhar

The slow loris was released at Pablakhali Wildlife Sanctuary yesterday, said Moynul Haque, forest official of the area.

Locals rescued it from Imam Para area Wednesday night, the official said.

Like this primate, many wild animals often come to localities in search of food as resources in forests are getting scarce day by day due to the destructive activities like tree felling, said Ajit Kumar Rudra, divisional forest officer, CHT (north

"Most of them are often caught and beaten to death. However, this slow loris was lucky to be freed into a local forest,'

Meanwhile, local administration and the forest department also rescued the fishing cat, after locals caught it recently.

They released the feline into the forest yesterday noon, said UNO Shiuly Rahman Tinni of Naniarchar upazila.

"We rescued the injured cat from locals and later released it," she said.





Two youths arrested on rape charges

Police vesterday arrested two youths for raping a 35-year-old woman in Khulna's Dumuria upazila

Our Correspondent, Khulna

Asabur Rahman Ashiq (23) and Raihan Ghazi (23) were arrested from Chuknagar area in the upazila in the morning.

Police said on Wednesday evening the woman was talking to one of her relatives in Chuknagar. At that time, the two accused youths grabbed and confined her to a room in a mill.

The law enforcers said they later demanded Tk 40,000 as ransom. As she could not pay, they raped her. They later released her at night. The next morning, she filed a case with Dumuria Police Station.

Officer-in-Charge Md Obaidur Rahman told The Daily Star that the youths were sent to jail after being produced before a court.

4 bodies of drowing victims recovered from river Padma

Four bodies have been recovered after two separate incidents of drowning in Munshiganj district's Lohajang

The bodies of Mahim Bepari (18) and Shimanto (17) were recovered on Wednesday afternoon from Dakkhin Moshdogau area adjacent to the river Padma. Shebun Bepari's son Mahim, and Tipu Khandaker's son Shimanto were both from Moshdogau area.

In another incident on Wednesday evening, Abdul Kader's (25) body was recovered from the Kolma area. Kader -- son of Abdul Goffur -- was a resident of Narayanganj district's Shiddhirganj. The floating body of a missing child, Maryam (7), daughter of Minar Hossain from Louhajang upazila's West Noapara village, was also recovered yesterday morning.

Sreenagar Fire Service station officer Abul Kalam Azad confirmed these incidents and said three friends -- Ekanto, Mahim, and Shimanto -- from Dakkhin Moshdagau were bathing in Padma River when strong waves swept them away. Local fishermen were only able to rescue Ekanto.

Later, locals conducted a search and recovered bodies of Mahim and Shimanto from Mridha Bari area of Bejgaon in the upazila around 1pm, he added.

Many tourists were seen bathing in Kolma area where Maryam drowned. Abdul Kader stepped forward to save her, but he also drowned in the current, he said.

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Unfortunately, international community not aware of the horrific genocide. Even Bangladeshis know very little about it, he added.

Speaking Pakistani collaborators, he said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina helped initiated the trial of toplevel collaborators by forming the International Crimes Tribunal. "Now it's time to bring groups like Jamaat, Nezam-e-Islami, Shanti Committee, Razakar, Al-Badar, Al-Shams, who are responsible for the genocide, to book, along with the then Pakistani officials," he said.

Shvamoli Nasrin Chowdhury, vice-president Nirmul Committee, said, "There has been very little awareness about the genocide of Chuknagar. More research on it needs to be carried out and circulated across the globe."

Genocide survivor Sundori Dasi shared her experience at the session.

ACC can

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The HC judges said that the power of further investigation has also been given in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) which can be exercised under Section 173 of the said Code.

In the cases where police submits defective report as contemplated under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, they have unfettered power and rights to further investigate the case to bring the offenders to book. In suitable cases the police can obtain order from competent magistrate or authority to further investigate the case for the purpose of collecting evidence, the HC bench said in

ACC's counsel Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that the HC made the observations about the commission's power to further investigate the cases as Aminul Haque in his quash petition had challenged the ACC's decision to conduct further investigation into the case against him.

Previously, an ACC official has investigated into the same case and submitted a final report exempting the accused from the charges of the case, the ACC lawyer added.

punishment of the corrupt syndicate in the health sector.

against Rozina and enacting laws to protect journalists.

information adviser to the prime minister.

the officials had kept secret," he said.

journalists and the freedom of expression.

health ministry, she added.

our local correspondents.

until Rozina gets justice.

It's ridiculous.

added

Their other demands were: withdrawal of false charges

Rozina did not commit any crime, said Iqbal Sobhan

"Even if I agree with them that she went to steal

information -- that information belongs to public. Rozina

went there to inform the public with the information that

"When the prime minister passed the Right to

He said journalist organisations will announce

Information Act in Parliament in 2009, then this Official

Secrets Act was in conflict with the Act. It cannot exist," he

programmes on Saturday -- not only for Rozina's release,

but also for the freedom of the press, protection of

kind of torture inflicted on Rozina could not happen in a

in this way. An impartial inquiry committee should be set

up, with journalist representatives, but no one from the

committee has been formed with a joint secretary to

investigate the allegations against the additional secretary.

Farida Yasmin, president of Jatiya Press Club, said the

She said the health ministry cannot detain any journalist

DUJ President Quddus Afrad said, "An inquiry

Addressing the officials of the secretariat, he said, "You

Besides Dhaka, journalists from across the country held

They formed human chains and held rallies in front

protests, demanding immediate release of Rozina, report

of their respective press clubs in Chattogram, Noakhali,

Teknaf, Narayanfanj, Gazipur, Manikganj, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Joypurhat, Thakurgaon, Kurigram,

Natore, Saidpur, Pabna and vowed to continue protests

are the ones to violate the Official Secrets Act. Now you're

talking about files. You keep secret files in the room of an

APS; you are not suitable for that position either."

Chowdhury, editor of the Daily Observer and former

Call to free

HC leaves

(Bapa) and Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), and architect Mubasshir Hossain collectively filed the writ petition with the HC on May 9.

Meanwhile, another HC bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman yesterday adjourned for two weeks the hearing on a contempt of court petition filed against the government on charge of clearing trees and setting up restaurants at Suhrawardy Udyan ignoring a 2009 HC verdict.

The HC passed the adjournment order after AG AM Amin Uddin told it that the government will take necessary steps to protect Suhrawardy Udyan's environment after consulting with environmentalists.

Supreme Court lawyers Mahbubul Islam and Ripan Barai filed the contempt of court petition with the HC on May 9, seeking its directive on three government officials to cancel the tree-felling and restaurant building project at Suhrawardy Udyan.

Lawyer Manzill Murshid appeared for the petitioners. Earlier on July 7, 2009, following a writ petition, the HC directed the government to identify and preserve all the important historic places related to the republic's Liberation War and set up memorial monuments at Suhrawardy Udyan, maintaining international standard, so that people from home and abroad can pay homage to martyred freedom fighters.

Following this, the HC had ordered the government to take steps to protect and maintain the historic spots at Suhrawardy Udyan.

Justice Nazmun Ara named DG of JATI

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana, former judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, has been appointed as director general (DG) of Judicial Administration

Fraining Institute (JATI) for next two years. The government made the appointment under section 11(2) of Judicial

Administration Training Institute Act, 1995. Md Golam Sarwar, secretary to the law and justice division of law ministry, issued a gazette notification to this effect yesterday.

According to the notification, Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana will receive the salary, allowance and other facilities equivalent to those of a sitting judge of the Appellate Division during her service as director general of JATI.

Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana, who retired as judge of the Appellate Division on July 7, 2017, was the first female judge of the lower court, the High Court Division and the Appellate Division.

Justice Nazmun obtained BSc and LLB degrees, and enrolled as an advocate in the Mymensingh District Court in July 1972.

Reckless

years, bringing the total number of university employees to 3,389. Salaries and allowances for this large workforce amounts to Tk 277.57 crore, RU officials

Most of this recruitment occurred without prior approval from UGC, during the tenure of Vice-Chancellor Abdus Sobhan. He had two terms as VC -- 2009-13 and 2017-21.

Prof Sobhan on his last day in office on May 6 recruited an additional 137 staffers including nine teachers defying an order of suspension that the Ministry of Education had issued in December 2020.

However, the ministry termed the recruitment "illegal" on that very day of signing appointments and the university authorities suspended the process two days later.

A ministerial committee is investigating this incident.

HOW 'ILLEGAL' RECRUITMENT WORKS Most of the "illegally" recruited staffers are usually regularised by showing their recruitment against vacant posts later, said RU Registrar Prof Abdus Salam.

"When the authority manages to approve the recruitment by the university's syndicate and finance committee chaired by the VC, they continue to mount pressure on UGC for regularising those. Thus, the regularisation happens," he said.

Although recruitment is done regardless of any actual demand for additional staff, the departments and offices concerned usually cannot dismiss the joining of recruited people, RU teachers said.

Usually the recruits join with political muscles behind them, the teachers said, adding that a department chair once had to resign as he denied to accept someone's recruitment.

"Illegal recruitment has been happening since the BNP-Jamaat era, none could stop it," said Prof Md Elias Hossain of Department of Economics. "Most horrifying thing is that the

recruits' quality of work and qualifications are lower than the standard. He said majority of the recruitment

drives are unnecessary, and these only put pressure on the university's budget.

Many of the recruited teachers sit idle in their offices, or share a course of study with several other teachers in some

Meanwhile, in many other departments, one teacher is taking multiple courses, said Prof Elias, pointing out the lack of planning that goes into these recruitment

"There are many recruits that are

not qualified. For example, a recruited computer operator was discovered to have never touched a computer before his joining," said the professor.

"Ad-hoc appointments would fall under emergency recruitment, but still it requires demand from departments concerned," said Prof Abu Naser Md Wahid of Department of Law. Appointments in unapproved posts

create pressure on budget and the authority uses funds from internal sources for this purpose, obstructing other developments, The authority transfers funds unlawfully

and withdraws fixed deposits in banks to fill the budget gaps, said RU teachers and The annual increase in the university's budget was limited within Tk 31 crore till

among various sectors, delays payments,

2013-14 year, said Md Afsar Ali, acting director of accounts in RU. But it soared to a highest of Tk 71 crore

in 2015-16 and Tk 62 crore the next year, following the announcement of the 8th national pay scale, he said. "The opening of new departments is

also responsible for the rising costs," said This year, the UGC is curtailing Tk 30

crore from the annual budget for cost reduction on electricity, transport, and other expenditures due to the coronavirus pandemic, said the accounts director.

"The curtailing of funds will worsen the situation as the lion's share of annual expenditures are spent on salaries and allowances," Afsar Ali said.

The university needs more teachers to reach the UGC recommended ratio of one teacher for 22 students for general universities, said Associate Prof Ajijur Rahman, administrator of RU Public Relations Office.

The ratio in RU is now one teacher for 34 students, he said. The university has 1,120 teachers for 33,300 students in 59 departments under 12 faculties.

The university has a total of 3,357 staffers including 757 officers and 1480 employees. Retirement and deaths of staff sometimes balances the number of total staff members, he said.

However, the UGC provided the current fiscal year's budget for a total of 3,389 staffers -- 1,097 teachers, 812 officers, and 1,480 employees.

Prof Abdus Sobhan, who could not be reached for his comments recently, has

argued in support of his deeds earlier. "No rules were flouted. I did what the laws empowered me to do and what made sense to me," said the former VC.

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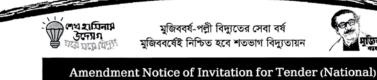
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Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh For the convenience of the Tenderers a Corrigendum of the Tender Notice

Published in the "Prothom Alo", "The Daily Ittefaq", "Bangladesh Pratidin" and "The Daily Star" on 28-03-2021 and amendment published in the above mentioned Daily Newspapers on "23-04-2021" for the Procurement of "Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hardware (1 phase and 3 phase Meter with HES, NIC, HHU, UCC, UVS, DCU, Repeater, DR, Data Centre accessories etc.) & Software for Implementation of AMI with MDM and related service Under BREB for 5 lac smart meter that will be scalable up to 50 lac smart meter." against Tender Package No. SPPM-MCS-01 Lot-1:, Lot-2 of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board is hereby described as follows:

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**Other terms and conditions of the tender document will remain unchanged.



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Sealed tenders are invited from bona-fide vendors for nterior decoration work of new premises of Dhanmond

02. The participating companies must have at least 05 (five) s proven experience of interior decoration work to any scheduled Bank or must have previous record of successfully interior decoration work to BASIC Bank Limited. Copy of previous work order(s) must be supplied along with the tender as proof in this regard.

A pay order of Tk. 1,30,000.00 has to be submitted with the tender in the name of BASIC Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka as earnest money. Earnest money can be forfeited for reasons mentioned in the tender schedule.

The tender schedule may be obtained from Common Services Division (Sena Kalyan Bhaban, 5th floor, 195 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000) of BASIC Bank Limited between 10:00 A.M. and 04:00 P.M. of all working days at a cost of Tk.1000/- only. No schedule will be sold after 04:00 P.M. of June 03, 2021.

Sealed tenders have to be dropped in the tender box kept a Common Services Division (Sena Kalyan Bhaban, 5th floor, 195 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000) of BASIC Bank Limited within June 06, 2021 by 03:00 P.M. and the tenders will be opened at 03:30 P.M. on the same day in presence of bidders, if any

Other terms and conditions can be found in the tender schedule. **Deputy General Manager** Common Services Division

GM Quader

An investigative reporter will collect information from different means and there is nothing wrong in

it, GM Quader added. "Due to the reports by investigative reporters, we know the news of looting in different government

departments," he added. GM Quader said Rozina had collected information for the sake of her profession. She is fulfilling her responsibility to inform the nation and in the

interest of the country. Collecting information is not a crime, he added.

JP secretary general Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu said due to lack of democracy in the country, people cannot speak freely. Media workers are not able to reveal the truth; there is no freedom of the media, he added.

He also said media workers who are coming forward to reveal the truth are being tortured. The attack on Rozina cannot be accepted in a civilised society, he added.

Biman suspends

destinations are not being operated at present due to the Covid-19 situation.

The Saudi Arabian government has recently imposed

various conditions to prevent coronavirus infection. Covid-19 medical insurance has been made compulsory for all foreign nationals traveling to the country. This insurance will cover the cost of 14 days in institutional quarantine in hotels and treatment at hospitals and clinics

Apart from this, arrangements have to be made to stay in the institutional quarantine through the concerned

Airlines are also required to conduct PCR tests on the first and seventh days of travel for passengers wishing to travel to the country. Saudi Arabia has also demanded that the airline submit

before their departure. A top official of Biman said they have informed their offices about the conditions by the Saudi government. "Our officers there are trying to manage the hotels."

the list of passengers to the country's authorities four days

"It takes some time to arrange those. Apart from this, there is a condition to give the passenger list four days before the start of the flight. That is also the reason for temporarily suspending flights to Saudi Arabia," he added. Saudi Arabia is the largest expatriate income market for Bangladesh. At least 26 lakh expatriates are working in

different sectors in the country. In addition to Biman, Saudi Arabian Airlines and Flynas operate flights from Dhaka to various destinations in Saudi

Biman has requested its passengers to contact its nearby offices regarding hotel bookings and fixing post-suspension journey schedules from May 24.