




A principal mired in corruption

Edn ministry probe finds Mirpur college principal embezzled funds, appointed teachers violating rules

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With each passing day, his irregularities became more unbridled and brazen.

From preparing fake bills to disbursing money without vouchers, from paying hefty repair bills for furniture bought barely a year ago to spending unacceptable amounts of money in the name of rally and education tours, from collecting different fees from students without providing a receipt to appointing as many as 38 teachers violating rules and regulations, Md. Gholam Wadud, the former principal of Mirpur College, has indulged in all.

So unbridled did his misdeeds become that a few teachers of the college lodged a complaint against him to the authorities, which prompted an investigation by the Department of Inspection and Audit (DIA) of the education ministry and led to his suspension.

The investigation unearthed a case of unbridled use of influence to enrich oneself. The report was submitted to the ministry on June 30.

On August 21, the college governing body suspended Wadud. A few days earlier, the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) had suspended Wadud's

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Ignoring health guidelines, a large number of people gather at the gate of Ideal School and College in the capital's Mugda to receive their second dose of Moderna Covid-19 vaccine. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts dies

REUTERS, London

Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts, widely regarded as one of the coolest men in rock, a jazz enthusiast and snappy dresser during nearly 60 years with the band, has died, his spokesperson told Reuters yesterday.

He was 80 years old. "It is with immense sadness that we announce the death of our beloved Charlie Watts. He passed away peacefully in a London hospital earlier today surrounded by his family," the spokesperson said.

"Charlie was a cherished husband, father and grandfather and also as a member of The Rolling Stones one of the greatest drummers of his generation."

Among the first British bands to properly break



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CASES AGAINST PORI, OTHERS Probe reports to be submitted in 45 days

CID says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The CID yesterday said the investigation reports of the 15 cases filed against different people, including actor Pori Moni, model Piasha, producer Nazrul Islam Raj and expelled Awami League leader Helena Jahangir, would be submitted in a month and a half.

CID chief Mahbubur Rahman, also additional inspector general of police, came up with the disclosure at the Criminal Investigation Department Headquarters while speaking to reporters.

Although he said they are at the final stages of the probes, other officials involved in the investigation said they had no clue about how the accused collected the liquor and why they had stocked it.

Asked about the narcotics cases, the CID chief said they are collecting evidence. "Some of them [the arrestees] are saying they have brought it [liquor] from abroad while some are saying they bought it from the airport."

Some are saying they collected the liquor from other different sources, said

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Bangladesh allowance for Rebel Poet Nazrul

AUGUST 25, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

REBEL POET HONOURED

The Bangladesh government decided today to grant 350 rupees as monthly allowance to Rebel Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, now ailing in Kolkata. A spokesperson of the exiled government said the allowance was "a mark of deep love and regard of the people of Bangladesh for the rebel poet". The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting.

FRESH REFUGEE FLOW INTO MEGHALAYA

A fresh influx of refugees from Bangladesh into Meghalaya was reported today. An estimated 5,000 refugees, mostly of the working-class population, crossed over to the Balat sector of Meghalaya in the last 24 hours. Giving this information, the Deputy Commissioner of Khasi and Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya said today the government had information that an estimated 50,000 more refugees were on their way to the Meghalaya border from Bangladesh.

CALL TO BOYCOTT PAKISTAN-BOUND SHIPS

The International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) issued a directive to all seafarers and dockers calling upon them to refuse to load cargoes of war material destined for West Pakistan as soon as and as effectively as it was possible for them to do so.

BANDARNAIKE'S LETTER TO YAHYA

The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Sirimavo Bandarnaike expressed

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CASES AGAINST KHALEDA Court sets Oct 20 for hearing on charge framing

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday set October 20 to hear on framing of charges against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in 11 cases, including one filed over sedition.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court set the date, court sources said.

Of the 11 cases, 10 were filed in the first three months of 2015 over arson attacks. The other case was lodged with a Dhaka court on charge of making seditious comments on freedom fighters and the martyrs of Liberation War.

Besides these, Gatco, Niko and Boropukuria coal mine graft cases are now pending with three other courts in Dhaka.

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Venomous sea snakes confusing divers for mates



CNN ONLINE

Highly venomous olive sea snakes may "attack" scuba divers as part of misplaced courtship behaviors, according to a new study.

Divers regularly report sea snake interactions involving chasing and biting, the reasons for which were previously unclear.

Now a study published in journal the Scientific Reports suggests that male sea snakes may think divers are potential rivals or mates, while female snakes think they are possible hiding places.

The study uses data collected by co-author Tim Lynch describing encounters with olive sea snakes in the Great Barrier Reef, Australia, from 1994-95. In 74 of 158 encounters sea snakes approached

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SINHA MURDER CASE Complainant's testimony scrutinised whole day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

The defence lawyers for Maj (ret'd) Sinha Rashed Khan murder case yesterday cross-examined the case's complainant Sharmin Shahriar Ferdous.

Her cross-examination began around 10:00am and continued till 5:00pm with a lunch break for one hour at Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge's Court.

Lawyers of three prime accused -- suspended police

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PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 25

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-30 12-45 4-45 6-33 8-00
JAMAAT 5-05 1-15 5-00 6-36 8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



The New Zealand cricket team arrived in Dhaka yesterday to play a five-match T20I series against Bangladesh starting from September 1. The Kiwis, who are touring the country for the first time since being whitewashed in a three-match ODI series in 2013, went straight into quarantine at a city hotel ahead of the start of practice in Mirpur from August 27.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Homegrown mRNA Covid shot safe

Says India after early trial

AGENCIES

Indian pharmaceutical firm Gennova Biopharmaceuticals' Covid-19 vaccine, the first homegrown mRNA-based shot, was found to be safe and effective in an early-stage study, the government said yesterday.

Government authorities have also approved further studies to test the vaccine's

efficacy in a larger population. Gennova plans to conduct a mid-stage study at about 10 to 15 sites and a late-stage trial at 22 to 27 sites in India.

The country has authorised emergency use for two domestically developed Covid-19 shots, made by Bharat Biotech and Zydus Cadila, but does not have mRNA

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ADDENDA

Sub: Age Relaxation in Recruitment Process as Per Order from Ministry of Public Administration (MoPA), GoB

As per the directives from Ministry of Public Administration (MoPA), GoB, Vide Ref: 05.00.0000.170.11.017.20-143, dated: 19/08/2021, Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BIFPCL) has relaxed the upper age limit for the eligible candidates as follows:

"The candidates who have completed 30 years of age as of 25/03/2020 are eligible to apply for the notified posts advertised dated 09/08/2021 & 10/08/2021 in line with the age limit relaxation order of MoPA, GoB dated 19/08/2021."

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