

SC LEGAL AID COMMITTEE

Justice Jahangir new chair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim, a judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court, has been appointed as chairperson of Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee (SCLAC). The SCLAC is a body that provides legal assistance to poor litigants of the country without any cost. Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique made the appointment. The appointment comes after the outgoing chairperson of SCLAC, Justice M Enayetur Rahim, was elevated to judge of the Appellate Division of the SC on January 9. The Supreme Court administration issued a notification on Wednesday to this effect. Justice Jahangir was formerly a member of the International Crimes Tribunal.



Commemorating the 70th anniversary of Ekushey February, a solo exhibition titled “Borney Byanjona” (Layouts in Letters) was inaugurated yesterday at La Galerie and Galirie Room at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The exhibition features Bangla calligraphy by Arham ul Huq Chowdhury and will be open to all till February 22, Monday to Saturday from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

PHOTO: STAR

CMCH staffer suspended for stealing govt medicine

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) authorities yesterday suspended a staffer over stealing government medicine from the hospital. The suspended staffer, Ashu Chakraborty (32), is an office assistant at CMCH, said CMCH director Brig Gen Shamim Ahsan. Police recovered government medicine worth Tk 3.5 lakh, after searching a house near CMCH, which a gang used as a store for keeping stolen medicine from CMCH, said Arafatur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police. Director Shamim said after searching a bag the two were carrying, police recovered government medicine that were supplied to the hospital for patients. “We suspended Ashu, while Syed is an outsider,” he said, adding that police were taking legal action against both. Contacted, Jahedul Kabir, officer-in-charge of Panchlaish Police Station, said during primary investigation, police came to know that a nexus consisting of CMCH staff members and outsiders used to steal government medicine worth Tk 15,000 to Tk 20,000 from different wards every day to sell them to medicine shops near Chattogram Medical College Hospital. “We have identified the nexus and are trying to arrest the other members,” he said.

Husband ‘tortured’, she got ‘rape threat’

FROM PAGE 2 elsewhere and then six to seven of the cops started interrogating me. They were making obscene gestures and asking me how much I could pay them.” “I was into the second month of my pregnancy. After I begged them to stop, all except one left.” Tapashi said the man, who had introduced himself as a Special Branch officer from Dhaka, then slapped her and left the room. She said her parents went to the police station the next day looking for her, but policemen told them that she was not there. After she shouted, her parents saw her. Only then, she was allowed to go. Tapashi claimed that the

law enforcers also forced her and her parents into signing on a blank piece of paper before setting her free. “They also threatened us that they will kill Mehedi if we shared anything with anyone.” Police also had taken Mehedi’s signature on blank paper the previous night, she said. After torturing him for three straight days, Mehedi was shown arrested as a suspect in the Latif murder case before a district court, she said. Tapashi said she cannot stay at her home as police often visit it at night and threaten her. “I’ve been hiding for the last two and a half months. Police even sent their informants to my relative’s

house,” she said. She also said SI Hiron went to her uncle’s home in Rajbari around 20 days back. As she tried to run away, she slipped over on the ground amid rain and had a miscarriage. Contacted, OC Shahadat Hossain refuted the allegations, saying they did not torture anyone. He said they took Mehedi to the police station for questioning over the murder. “The woman came to the police station, but she would not leave without her husband. At one point, we convinced her into going home,” he said. SI Hiron could not be reached for comments. Superintendent of Police in Rajbari M M Shakiluzzaman said the

allegation by Tapashi was not true. “But if she files any complaints with us, we will investigate them,” he said. The Daily Star is publishing the couple’s identities with her consent.

South Sudan risks return to war, UN warns

AFP, Juba

South Sudan risks a return to war, the United Nations warned yesterday, with outbreaks of interethnic violence and political infighting threatening to undo even the limited progress made in implementing its lumbering peace process.

No evidence, yet Rasraj faces

FROM PAGE 12 57(2) of the Information and Communication Technology Act 2006 which has been repealed amid widespread criticisms. Talking to The Daily Star, Rasraj’s lawyer Nasir Miah said Mohammad Iqbal Hossain, inspector of the Detective Branch of police in Brahmanbaria, submitted the charge sheet on December 29, 2021. The next day, Brahmanbaria chief

judicial magistrate sent the case to Chattogram Cyber Tribunal for trial, he added. Contacted, Inspector Iqbal said the forensic department found evidence that Rasraj deleted the photograph from his Facebook. Supreme Court lawyer ZI Khan Panna opined that the pressing of chargesheet against Rasraj under the DSA was a “heinous criminal act” on the part of law enforcement agencies.

Rasraj is an innocent fisherman who cannot even use Facebook, he said, adding that the charge sheet submission after two years under the DSA was unlawful. Panna, a trustee member of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust and a former chairperson of Ain O Salish Kendra, said, “I will appear before the Chattogram court with a group of lawyers from Dhaka on behalf of Rasraj. “We will defend him on

the next hearing of the case.” Chattogram Cyber Tribunal lawyer Bhulon Bhowmik said the tribunal was yet to register the case and fix the date for its hearing. The PBI has submitted the charge sheet of the case after six investigators looked into the allegation. Rasraj, who was arrested in connection with the attack in 2017, is now on bail in the DSA case.

French troops kill 10 jihadists

AFP, Paris

French counter-terrorism forces based in west Africa killed ten suspected jihadists accused of

involvement in a massacre of police officers in Burkina Faso last November, the French military announced on Thursday. The suspected jihadists were

from a group affiliated to the radical Ansarul Islam movement that has carried out “numerous attacks against civilians”.

What’s 1,000

FROM PAGE 5 didn’t show much interest in paddy cultivation fearing increased irrigation costs. In addition, farmers said in the previous boro season, they got a fair price for paddy, but the cost was higher. As a result, they have been discouraged from cultivating paddy and agricultural land is now lying uncultivated. Kazi Lutful Bari, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension (Moulvibazar), said it has been a long-standing demand of the area’s people. If an irrigation system is introduced, many uncultivated lands can be cultivated. However, WDB will need to see if the pump can be placed in an area where everyone can access it, he added. Contacted, Akhtaruzzaman, executive engineer of WDB in Moulvibazar, said he will visit the area soon and look into the matter.

Rab denies

FROM PAGE 3 the government to terminate the investigation officer, saying that police does not need such an incapable officer. Nazrul said they would submit a memorandum to the home ministry on Sunday. Memorandums will also be submitted to the president and prime minister later to set a deadline for completing the probe. Sheikh Mamunur Rashid, joint secretary-general of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, urged the judiciary to intervene. Journalist leaders also proposed a syndicated investigation report and a committee to monitor the progress of the investigation.

Is Harris really dead?

FROM PAGE 12 has been working to get information on the matter. On January 11, various media outlets ran reports on Harris’s death after his cousin Ashiq Chowdhury in a Facebook post claimed that the BNP leader passed away at a hospital in the UK three and a half months ago, and was buried there. Quoting his daughter, some media outlets reported that Harris died of post Covid-19 complications in a Dhaka hospital and was buried in the capital. Mohammad Kamruzzaman, special superintendent of CID’s Dhaka metropolitan (South) which is tasked with investigating the matter, said officials have written to the police in Sylhet, where Harris was born, to

investigate the matter. “I will be able to give you an update after receiving the findings from Sylhet,” he added. Harris, political secretary to former prime minister Khaleda Zia, had disappeared when a military-backed caretaker government took over in 2007. The Interpol red notice was served on him in November 2015. On August 21 in 2004, a grisly grenade attack was carried out on an anti-terrorism rally organised by Awami League on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, then leader of the opposition, was the target of the attack. The BNP Jamaat alliance government was in office at the time.

Chairman of Rangs

FROM PAGE 12 Mosque after Asr prayers and the second janaza at his village home at Khaokhir in Nalchhity upazila of Jhalakathi. Akhter was one of

the forerunners actively working for the exceptional growth of the electronics industry in Bangladesh. Rangs employees paid tribute to his departed soul.

Energy sector victim

FROM PAGE 5 “The energy policy must think about its social and environmental implications. Population density and environment of the country must be considered,” he added. Meanwhile, Delwar Hossen, AL’s forest and environment affairs secretary, said the government’s energy policy does not only reflect energy but also issues of national security. During her speech, Rizwana Hasan, eminent lawyer

and chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said that environmental activists in the country are facing constant threats and false lawsuits whenever they raise questions or organise protests against so-called development projects. “The development is being imposed on us. This development is not for the people,” she said, adding that it is the people who bear the cost for these projects, but they are the ones who remain ignored.

Book fair

FROM PAGE 3 He made the remarks while inspecting the fairground at Suhrawardy Udyan. During this time, the cultural affairs minister also visited the fair and observed the under-construction stalls and pavilions. He said there was no booth at Bangla Academy to vaccinate publishers, salespeople and Bangla Academy officials. “However, we requested Dhaka Medical College and Hospital to provide services. They are doing that.”

Sleeping

FROM PAGE 12 — did not intend to focus on weight loss, but the researchers noticed that the participants began losing weight within two weeks of changing their sleep patterns, according to The Guardian report. The improved sleep pattern also prompted consumption of 500 fewer calories a day among some participants. “If healthy sleep habits are maintained over longer duration, this would lead to clinically important weight loss over time,” said Dr Esra Tasali, of the University of Chicago’s sleep centre. As part of the study, the volunteers were not asked to restrict their diets or change their exercise routines. They all slept in their own beds and wore devices to track their sleep duration. Previously, studies revealed that lack of sleep can lead to weight gain through increased food intake. “In our study we only manipulated sleep and had the participants eat whatever they wanted, with no food logging or anything else to track their nutrition by themselves,” Dr Tasali said.

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নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে “পিপিএ-২০০৬ ও পিপিআর-২০০৮” এর সর্বশেষ সংশোধনীসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট অন্যান্য আইন অনুযায়ী সিএমপি’র রেশন স্টোরে ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরের ৪৪র্থ কোয়ার্টার (০১লা এপ্রিল/২০২২খ্রি. হতে ৩০ শে জুন/২০২২খ্রি. পর্যন্ত) এর জন্য (ক) দেশীয় ছোট দানার উন্মত্তমানের ১,৩৫,০০০ (এক লক্ষ পঁয়ত্রিশ হাজার) কেজি “মত্তর ডাল” ক্রয় ও (খ) প্রাস্টিক কন্টেইনার/পাত্রের-মাধ্যমে ১,২৫,০০০ (এক লক্ষ পঁচিশ হাজার) লিটার উন্মত্ত ব্র্যান্ডের “সয়াবিন তেল” ক্রয়ের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় যোগাভাসপত্র সরবরাহকারী/ফার্ম/দরদাভাগের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে -				
১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/জন নিরাপত্তা বিভাগ		
২.	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ		
৩.	মালামাল ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	পুলিশ কমিশনার, সিএমপি, চট্টগ্রাম		
৪.	কী কারণে দরপত্র আহবান	(ক) উন্মত্তমানের দেশি ছোট দানার মত্তর ডাল ক্রয় ও (খ) প্রাস্টিক পাত্রের মাধ্যমে উন্মত্ত ব্র্যান্ডের সয়াবিন তেল ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত		
৫.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	০৬/০৩/২০২২খ্রি., বিকাল ১৭.০০ টা পর্যন্ত		
৬.	দরপত্র গ্রহণের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৭/০৩/২০২২খ্রি., সময়-দুপুর ১২.০০ টা পর্যন্ত		
৭.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৭/০৩/২০২২খ্রি., সময়-দুপুর ১২.৩০ টা		
৮.	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	০৯/০৩/২০২২খ্রি., সময়-দুপুর ১২.০০ টা		
৯.	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	জিওবি (রাজস্ব)		
১০.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম ও ঠিকানা	মোঃ ফারুক উল হক, পিপিএম, উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (সরবরাহ ও পরিবহন), সিএমপি, চট্টগ্রাম		
১১.	দরপত্র খোলার দস্তুর	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (সরবরাহ ও পরিবহন), সিএমপি, চট্টগ্রাম-এর দামপাড়াস্থ পুলিশ লাইনস অফিস কক্ষ		
১২.	মালামাল সংগ্রহ অথবা কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ	দরপত্র তফসিল মোতাবেক		
১৩.	দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রাদি	দরপত্রের সাথে হালনাগাদ/২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরের নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদির সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দাখিল করতে হবে ক) ব্যবসায়িক ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, খ) আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র, গ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশনসহ পরিশোধের হালনাগাদ সনদপত্র, ঘ) ব্যাংক কর্তৃক আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতার প্রত্যয়নপত্রসহ দরপত্র দাখিলের পূর্ববর্তী ০৬ (ছয়) মাসের ব্যাংকের সাথে লেনদেনের স্টেটমেন্ট, ঙ) এনআইডি কার্ড, চ) মত্তর ডালের ক্ষেত্রে এগ্রিকালচারাল লাইসেন্স, ছ) ছবিসহ ফার্মের মালিকানার হলফনামার কপি এবং প্রতিনিধির ক্ষেত্রে ছবিসহ প্রাধিকারপত্র।		
১৪.	সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান/সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	(ক) সিএমপি রেশন স্টোর, দামপাড়া পুলিশ লাইনস, চট্টগ্রাম (খ) পুলিশ সুপার, চট্টগ্রাম-এর যোলশহরস্থ কার্যালয় (গ) জেলা প্রশাসক, চট্টগ্রাম-এর কার্যালয়		
১৫.	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	(ক) উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (সরবরাহ ও পরিবহন), সিএমপি, চট্টগ্রাম-এর দামপাড়াস্থ পুলিশ লাইনস কার্যালয় (খ) পুলিশ সুপার, চট্টগ্রাম-এর যোলশহরস্থ কার্যালয়		
১৬.	দরপত্র গ্রহণ/মূল্যায়ন	পিপিএ-২০০৬ ও পিপিআর-২০০৮” এর সর্বশেষ সংশোধনীসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট আইন অনুযায়ী		
১৭.	ক্রয়ের বিবরণ			
	লট নং	দরপত্রের বিষয়	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফেরতখোঁপা)	দরপত্রের সাথে দরপত্র জামানত (ফেরতখোঁপা)
	০১	উন্মত্তমানের ছোট দানার দেশি মত্তর ডাল ক্রয়	১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র	৪,০০,০০০/- (চার লক্ষ) টাকা
	০২	উন্মত্ত ব্র্যান্ডের সয়াবিন তেল ক্রয়	১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র	৫,০০,০০০/- (পাঁচ লক্ষ) টাকা
বি. দ্র. : দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। উল্লেখ্য যে, কোন কারণে দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের দিন অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী অফিস খোলার দিন যথাসময়ে টেন্ডার উন্মুক্ত করা হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রয়োজনে চাহিদার পরিমাণ হ্রাস-বৃদ্ধি করতে পারবেন।				
(মোঃ ফারুক উল হক, পিপিএম)				
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