

Udichi new committee formed

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A new committee of Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigoshthi has recently been formed with Prof Badiur Rahman, Amit Ranjan Dey being selected as president, general secretary respectively.

Bimol Mazumder was selected as treasurer in the new committee of 91 members.

The new committee was announced on the last day of the cultural organisation's three-day conference began on Thursday at Mohanagar Natya Mancha, Dhaka.

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FROM PAGE 3 He said such a growth is the contribution of the private airlines. "But due to various reasons, the country's private airlines couldn't stand on a solid ground. High rate of jet fuel, obstacles in importing spare parts, excessive duty and tax on different parts, are among some key

reasons behind it," he said. Uneven competition between Biman and private airlines and undue favour to the national airlines by the government are also behind this, he said.

The Novoair MD cited examples of closing down of GMG, United and Regent Airlines. He demanded formation of

an independent "Airport Authority" to ensure better services. Portraying the sorry state of service at the airport's immigration, the US Bangla MD said, "We need dedicated immigration police."

The CAAB chairman also said the inequality between Biman and private airlines should not exist.

RMG workers, police

FROM PAGE 3 Workers had previously staged a protest on Thursday, with the same demands. Mohammad Mamun (40), who works at a factory in Mirpur, said he and his wife both work at garment factories, but now, they are struggling to bear

daily costs of the family. "I've been working at a garment factory since 1998. My wife has been working as a helper since 2016. We were doing fine," Mamun said. "But for the last two months, I couldn't send money to my parents in Madaripur. I'm struggling to bear the education cost of my two children. Our salaries are not covering all the expenses."

ASM Mahtab Uddin, deputy commissioner (Mirpur division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told this newspaper that they have detained 16 people in connection with the violence and vandalism. They are now being interrogated.

Contacted, BGMEA senior vice president Shahidullah Azim said while he is aware about the protest and demands, it will not be possible to increase wages, due to the ongoing global crisis. He said the incident was instigated by an influential quarter.

Prof Munir Ul Islam passes away

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Munir Ul Islam, former professor of chemistry department at Chittagong University, passed away at the National Heart Foundation in Mirpur, Dhaka on May 15. He was 82, said a press release.

Prof Islam was at the university for 21 years and retired in 2007. He also worked in Buet, Dhaka; Imperial College London, UK; and King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He left behind his wife Nazneen Akhter Islam, sons Muhit, Munim and daughters Humaira and Kaniza and son-in-law Abir.

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approached to the public administration ministry, the minister said they will talk to the state minister in this regard. "If necessary, I will talk with the prime minister," he added.

Ahmed Najmul Hussain, director road safety programme of Brac, recommend to recruit 10 percent women drivers in government jobs and a separate BRTA counter for women driving licence seekers.

Mercy Miyan Tembon, the World Bank's country director to Bangladesh and Bhutan, and Brac executive director Asif Saleh, among others, spoke at the event.

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but they didn't listen to both of us," said his wife Zinnatun Nesa. The next morning, Sardar's relatives located the actual accused at a village with the same name in Ganipur, a neighbouring union.

Upon finding the fugitive, police released Sardar around 3:00pm on the same day.

"The two persons have the same name; their fathers and villages have the same name too. But the names of their mothers and unions are different," the officer said.

Contacted, Ganipur Union Parishad Chairman Moniruzzaman said he has heard about the matter.

"I also know about the case against Ganipur's Razzak," he said, adding that Razzak is accused in a case filed by his wife, under the woman repression prevention act. When Sardar's relatives went to the chairman, he helped them locate the accused.

Mostaq Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Bagmara Police Station, said, "A misunderstanding occurred while identifying the person."

Making

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Khedachara village of Matiranga upazila. He has set up a clinic, a pharmacy and a library for villagers. Dirathi Tripura, a local health worker engaged with the clinic, said primary healthcare was beyond the reach of locals before the clinic was set up.

But his work was not just limited to that.

"As alternative means of income, other than working in the forest, were very few, I imparted vocational training to locals, particularly women, and provided them with sewing machines," he said. Russel has also launched a campaign to help women suffering from reproductive health issues and struggling with menstrual hygiene.

"Eight months ago, I started training young girls on making reusable sanitary napkins. A team of 14 can now produce and distribute them among some 500 women of seven villages," said Russel.

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