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HC gets 11 new judges

Experts say more appointments should have been made

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The High Court Division of the Supreme Court got 11 new additional judges yesterday, but experts felt more judges should have been appointed to deal with the huge

This appointment comes over 33 months after the last recruitment.

President Abdul Hamid made the appointments in line with article 98 of the constitution, raising the number of HC judges to 95. The president for the last time appointed nine additional HC judges on October 20, 2019.

Around 5 lakh cases are pending with this court. Of the 11 new judges, five were lower court judges, three deputy attorney generals (DAGs) and three SC lawyers.

The judges are: Justice Mohammad Showkat Ali Chowdhury (former district and sessions judge on PRL), Justice Md Atabullah (former district and sessions judge of Cumilla), Justice Bishwajit Debnath (former DAG), Justice Md Aminul Islam (former DAG), Md Bazlur Rahman (former registrar general of Bangladesh Supreme Court),

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A shopkeeper fanning himself while chatting with someone in the capital's Mohammadpur bus stand area during a power cut in the locality around noon yesterday.

AKHAURA-SYLHET RAIL PROJECT

Negotiations resume after ERD intervention

Rail ministry forms technical committee; selected Chinese company submits fresh proposal on cost

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The railway authorities have resumed negotiations with the Chinese company selected for the expansion of the Akhaura-Sylhet rail line, after the process was halted for a year over contract price.

The railways ministry on June 12 formed a technical committee to assist the negotiation committee led by its Secretary Humayun Kabir. by the Chinese company and will

Meanwhile, the Chinese company has submitted a fresh proposal regarding the project cost two weeks ago, Bangladesh Railway sources said.

All the members of the sevenmember technical committee have months after Chinese Ambassador

nomination each from Buet and the Roads and Highways Department.

The five other members, committee, are from the ministry and the BR.

Speaking to this correspondent yesterday, a member of the committee, preferring anonymity, said, "We will hold a meeting to scrutinise the new proposal given give our recommendations to the ministry.

"However, we may have to hold more than one meeting to finalise our opinion."

already been selected after getting a to Bangladesh Li Jiming wrote

to the finance minister to revive negotiations with the company.

He also suggested signing including the chief of the a commercial deal for quick commencement of the Tk 16,104.45-crore project, to be implemented with a loan from China.

The ambassador had sent the letter in April this year after the railways ministry in October last year wrote to the Economic Relations Division (ERD), asking it to search for alternative funding for the project, following the directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The step was taken as the The development came three contractor declined to work after

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Legendary singer Nirmala Mishra passes away

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Odia Noted Bengali singer Nirmala Mishra passed away at her house in Kolkata yesterday after suffering a heart attack. She was 81 years old.

The singer had been suffering from health complications, and was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital.



Born in 1938 to Pandit Mohini Mohan Mishra and Bhabani Devi in Jaynagar Mazilpur, Nirmala grew up in a musical environment, under the influence of her parents.

She ventured into the world of playback under the guidance of music director Balakrushna Das.

This was the first time she got the opportunity to sing a song in an Odia movie, namely "Shri Lokanath" (1960).

Nirmala went on to garner much appreciation

Chinese rocket reenters Earth uncontrolled

A Chinese booster rocket made an uncontrolled return to Earth yesterday, leading US officials to chide Beijing for not sharing information about the potentially hazardous

US Space Command "can confirm the People's Republic of China (PRC) Long March 5B (CZ-

5B) re-entered over the Indian Ocean at approx 10:45 am MDT on 7/30," the US military unit said "We refer you to the #PRC for further details on

the reentry's technical aspects such as potential debris dispersal+ impact location," it said.

In a statement posted to its official WeChat profile, the China Manned Space Agency later gave coordinates for an impact area in the Sulu Sea, about 35 miles (57 kilometers) off the east coast of the Philippines' Palawan Island

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Five die as buses run them over

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Five people fell on the road after the battery-powered threewheeler they were in was hit by a bus. Before they could get their bearings straight, another bus ran them over killing them in Gazipur's Kaliakair upazila on Saturday night. Four of them were garment workers.

Quoting locals, Sub-inspector Rahat Khan of Kaliakair Police Station said after being hit by a bus, passengers of the three-wheeler fell on the road. Then another bus, coming from behind, ran them over around 11:00pm in T&T Battala area, said the police officer.

Two died on the spot and three others at Kaliakair Upazila Health Complex.

Four of the victims were three-wheeler passengers and the other was three-wheeler driver.

The four RMG workers were: Atiqul Islam, 35, Siddikur Rahman, 35, of Kaliakair; Mehedi, 30, of Barguna; and Shaheed Uddin, 28, of Jashore. The three-wheeler driver was Nazrul Islam, 34, of Tangail's Bhuapur, said SI Rahat.

After their work, the four garment workers boarded the three-wheeler from Chandra area to return to their homes in Kaliakair.

SI Rahat said police seized one of the buses involved but its driver and helper fled. The other bus took off from

Off-spinner Mosaddek Hossain is the toast of his teammates as his first five-wicket haul in international cricket led Bangladesh to a series-levelling seven-wicket victory in the second T20I against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday.

Place of birth Venezuela! 2 people in Moulvibazar

find in NID cards **OUR CORRESPONDENT,** Moulvibazar

At least two people in Moulvibazar's Barlekha upazila received their national identity cards with their birthplace being mentioned as Venezuela.

"I applied for a correction on my NID with all necessary documents and received a digital copy of the card on Friday. I found out that I was born in Venezuela as it was mentioned on the card," said local Shiuli Begum.

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AL's income more than doubles

Financial statement submitted to EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League last year earned Tk 21.23 crore, more than double what it earned in 2020.

Also last year, the party spent more than half of its earnings in the previous year, according to its audited financial statement. An AL delegation, led by its Treasurer AHN Ashiqur Rahman,

submitted the statement to the Election Commission Secretary HN Ashequr Rahman yesterday. The main source of the party's income, according to the statement, was proceeds from nomination and primary membership forms. The

other sources included the various membership subscription fees and The ruling party had an expenditure of Tk 6.3 crore in 2021 – Tk 3.6

Mosaddek, Liton help Tigers level series

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh the target of 136 set by Zimbabwe comfortably in the second T20I to return to winning ways at the Harare Sports Club yesterday with a series-levelling sevenwicket victory. The Tigers had lost the first T20I at the same venue by 17 runs the day before, but this time the bowlers ensured Zimbabwe did not post a mammoth total.

Bangladesh well in chase with Liton Das beginning where he had left off in the earlier game. In the third over, Liton dispatched Tanaka Chivanga for two sixes and a four to start taking advantage of the Powerplay

Munim Shahriar played across the line to a Richard Ngarava delivery in the fifth over to see his off stump disturbed after an eightball 7 but Bangladesh finished the Powerplay strongly at 53 for 1. Liton notched a stylish fifty but departed out leg-before to Sean Williams after 33a -ball 56, his innings featuring six fours and two sixes.

Anamul Haque fell in similar fashion to the first game, caught at deep mid-on off Sikandar Raza to depart for 16 but Afif Hossain (30) and Najmul Hossain (19) ensured that there was no further

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- ফেরত কর্মীদের সাময়িক আবাসন সুবিধাসহ বিভিন্ন সেবা প্রদানের জন্য ঢাকাছু হযরত শাহজালাল আন্তর্জাতিক বিমানবন্দরের সন্ত্রিকটে নিরাপদ ও মনোরম পরিবেশে "বঙ্গবন্ধু ওয়েজ আর্নার্স সেউার" (BWEC) দ্বাপন করা হয়েছে:
- ১০০/- টাকা ফি প্রদানপূর্বক বিদেশগামী ও ফেরত প্রবাসী কর্মীগণ সরাসরি/অনলাইনে আবেদন
- প্রতিজন ০১টি সীটের জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন:
- 💠 প্রতি দিন গাঁট ভাড়া ২০০/-(দুইশত) টাকা:
- সর্বোচ্চ ০২ রাত অবস্থান করতে পারবেন: ক অবস্থানের ক্ষেত্রে প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজ-পত্রাদি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে:
- 💠 সেউার হতে বিমানবন্দরে যাতায়াতের জন্য পরিবহন সুবিধা:
- সেফ লকারে লাগেডসহ মূল্যবান মালামাল সংরক্ষণের ব্যবস্থা 💠 টেলিছোন সুবিধা প্রদান:
- ই-ভারনেট/wifi এর ব্যবস্থা:
- কিনেশগামী কর্মীদের বিমানকদর, গছব্য দেশ এবং বোর্ড প্রদন্ত সেবাসমূহ সম্পর্কে ব্রিফিং প্রদান: কাউলিলিং ও মোটিভেশনের ব্যবস্থা:
- 💠 প্রাথমিক চিকিৎসাসহ প্রয়োজনে হাসপাতালে ভর্তির ব্যবস্থা
- প্রাশ্ররী মূল্যে থাবারের ব্যবস্থা;
- 💠 পুরুষ ও নারী কর্মীর জন্য পৃথক থাকা ও নামাজের ব্যবস্থা:
- সার্বক্ষণিক যোগাযোগের নম্বর- ০১৩১০৩৫০৫৫৫, ০১৭৫৪৭১৫৭২০; ्रमणित वावश्व निर्तिश्का त्वार्छ्ड www.wewb.gov.bd @ शाखा। यात्वः
- 💠 প্রবাসবদ্ধ কল সেউনা (টোল ফ্রি ১৬১৩৫, ০৮০০০১০২০৩০), লেশে ০১৭৮৪৩৩৩৩৩৩,
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বঙ্গবন্ধু ওয়েজ আর্নার্স সেন্টার, লঞ্জনীপাড়া, বরুয়া, ওয়ার্ড-৪৮ ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন, থানা-খিলক্ষেত, ঢাকা-১২১৩।