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She knew how to wage a movement

Hasina on Bangamata's role in historic June 7 hartal

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib had a significant contribution to the independence of the country and all achievements during the struggle for liberation.

"My mother made the June 7 hartal [a countrywide strike in 1966 in support of the historic six-point programme] a success. She knew how to wage movement and keep the organisation united [in Bangabandhu's absence]," she said.

The PM was addressing an event in the city's Osmani Memorial Auditorium on the occasion of the 93rd birth anniversary of Bangamata.

The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs arranged the event to celebrate the Bangamata's birth anniversary and to confer the Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Padak 2023.

Bangamata was gunned down along with her husband Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most members of their family during the mayhem on August 15, 1975 at their Dhanmondi 32 residence.

Hasina said that when Bangabandhu was in jail, Bangamata used to inform him about the political situation and his organisation, Awami League. She also used to convey Bangabandhu's instructions to the party's

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DRIVING HOME... Amid furniture, kitchen racks and cupboards, a woman tries to ensure that her cat is comfortable and safe as the pick-up truck carrying them to their new home hits the Kemal Ataturk Avenue. This photo was taken on International Cat Day, celebrated around the world yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

No scope to defer HSC exams

Says edu minister; coaching centres closed from Aug 14 to Sept 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said the HSC and equivalent examinations this year will be held with a curtailed syllabus.

The exams, however, will be held for full duration and with full marks, except for the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) exam, which will be conducted for 75 marks instead of 100, she said.

The practical exam for this subject would comprise 25 marks, and the remaining 50 marks would be split between 20 marks of MCQ questions and 30 marks of written questions.

The decisions came in a bid to ease the pressure on the students,

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YUNUS CASE

HC rejects petition, trial to proceed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected a petition filed challenging the labour court order that framed charges against Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and three other Grameen Telecom officials in a case filed over labour law violation.

The bench of Justice SM Kuddus Zaman and Justice Shahed Nuruddin passed the rejection verdict after holding a hearing on the rule issued over this matter.

The trial proceedings of the case against Yunus and others will run following the HC verdict, complainant's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

Deputy Attorney General Sujit Chatterjee Bappi echoed him.

Meanwhile, Barrister Abdullah-Al-Mamun, the lawyer for Yunus, told this correspondent that a petition will be moved before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court seeking stay on the HC judgement.

Full text of the HC verdict is yet to be released.

Anomalies aplenty in Biman

Finds CAAB audit report

RASHIDUL HASAN

The Biman Bangladesh Airline's policy, procedure, or activity does not fully comply with the approved company manuals or the applicable regulatory standard, finds a recent audit report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

The Air Operator Certificate (AOC) renewal audit for 2022 assessed Biman's level of conformance with the regulatory requirements, and identified 39 operational and 10 airworthiness objections.

The objections were identified in the areas of Air Operator Certificate Management and Finance (two), flight operations (seven), cabin safety (14), airworthiness (10), ground handling (10), flight dispatch (two) and dangerous goods (four).

Biman also failed to ensure they have adequate manpower for safe operations.

The CAAB in its audit report expressed concern regarding the Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition (CAME) where required Reliability Control Board (RCB) meetings were not conducted on a regular basis.

CAME is a set of processes by which an aircraft, engine, propeller or part complies with the applicable requirements for flight operation and remains in a sustainable condition for safe functioning throughout its operational life.

Besides, RCB refers to how well an aircraft's systems are maintained over time to ensure safe operation.

Also, the maintenance of the Boeing 737-800 aircraft was found not updated in accordance with the latest revision of the relevant maintenance programme document

Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES	
NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS
Air operator certificate 2	Hire adequate manpower
Flight operations 7	Review operations, flight dispatch, cabin safety
Cabin safety 14	Ensure full compliance with requirements
Airworthiness 10	Find root causes of issues
Ground handling 10	Design necessary corrective action plan
Flight dispatch 2	
Dangerous goods 4	

(MPD), the report added.

Meanwhile, during the sample aircraft inspection of Biman's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft, registered S2-AJU, the Universal Precaution Kits (UPK) was not found in the proper place as per the Location of Passenger Accommodations (LOPA).

"Most of these (objections) represent deficiencies in process, procedures and guidelines that are to be specified in the company operations manuals, the Cabin Safety Manual, Dangerous Goods Manual, Flight Dispatch Manual, and the Ground Handling Manual," the report said.

Cabin Operation & Safety Manual (COSM)

was also found not updated with the CAAB's requirements concerning flight and duty time limitations and the rest time for pilots and cabin crew, it said.

Besides, Biman issued authorisation to its personnel for the positions of In-flight Entertainment (IFE) and in charge cabin safety without ensuring proper requirements, the audit added.

Additionally, Biman could not provide documentary evidence of updating the existing operation manuals with the current regulatory requirements.

Biman also could not establish necessary policies and procedures for the documentation of flight crew training records, and specific procedures to ensure the preservation of the required training documents of cabin crews in a standardised manner for traceability, the report mentioned.

Also, the organisation could not produce necessary evidence to ensure availability of adequate cabin crew for safe aircraft operation in its existing routes.

For cabin crew recruitment, qualifications mentioned in the recent Biman circular do not match with those established in the Continued Operational and Safety Manual.

Also, the Cabin Operation and Safety Manual was not found in the organisation's training facility.

No training record was found for the locally recruited personnel working in different foreign stations, and the Grade-6 officers and above in the Ground Service Equipment (GSE) division.

The airline has valid insurance coverage for all aircraft but failed to show any documented

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'Punished for journalism'

Says suspended CoU student after publishing news on VC's comments

MASHFIQ MIZAN

What should have been a routine day for a campus correspondent turned into a harrowing ordeal for Mohammad Iqbal Monwar.

Monwar is Cumilla University campus correspondent of Bangla daily Jai Jai Din.

While he should have been attending his classes on campus, Monwar, also a master's student of English department at CoU, is now wandering the Dhaka streets and contemplating his next move after being suspended from the university.

His crime? Journalism.

Monwar was suspended on August 2 after his news report on the CoU vice chancellor's comments at a programme was published in the Bangla daily on July 31.

According to the suspension order issued by the CoU acting registrar, Monwar stands accused of "intentionally distorting the VC's statement and disseminating it with misleading information".

Monwar refuted these allegations.

"I merely fulfilled my duty as a journalist to deliver the news without any malicious intent," he told The Daily Star recently.

He claimed that the university failed to provide him or his newspaper with a show-cause notice or a rejoinder to present their side of the story.

HOW THE CONTROVERSY BEGAN

The report was based on VC Prof AFM Abdul Moyeen's speech at the freshers' reception in the Marketing department of the university on July 31.

"I want my students to have critical thinking ability. I want them to contradict me. Just

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Old wine in new bottle

Fakhrul on Cyber Security Act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the government's move to introduce Cyber Security Act through changing the name of Digital Security Act is tantamount to "deceiving people".


"BNP firmly believes that the Awami League government is trying to deceive the people by merely changing name

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What looks like a dump yard is actually a part of DND canal next to the Dhaka-Chattogram highway. Piles of non-biodegradable garbage dumped by locals have completely choked the waterbody. Though there is a dedicated DSCC dumping zone within a kilometre, this mindless action continues. The photo was taken in the capital's Jatrabari area yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

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This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of The City Bank Ltd. in its 640th Board Meeting, held on August 07, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. through Digital Platform, has approved the proposal for joining a "Consortium" of 9 commercial banks who together will apply for a Digital Bank with the proposed name of "Digi10 Bank Plc.", and also to become a sponsor shareholder by way of investing BDT13.88 crore out of the total initial paid-up capital of Tk. 125 crore (i.e. to hold 11.11% shares of the proposed Digital Bank) subject to receiving all regulatory approvals.

Dated: August 07, 2023

By the order of Board,
Sd/-
Md. Kafi Khan
Company Secretary

PRAYER TIMING
AUGUST 9

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:20	12:45	5:00	6:47	8:15
JAMAT 4:55	1:15	5:15	5:50	8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION