



IT'S A SIX... A boy swings a coconut tree branch bat for a perfect hit. The stumps behind him are wooden planks, overall a rather creative way to play a game of cricket with friends. The photo was taken in Babuganj upazila of Barishal yesterday.

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Role of ACC

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against the media, Shahriar said the police force or the government should not bear the responsibility for alleged corruption of former IGP and some other police personnel.

"The state cannot bear the responsibility of the corruption of an individual," he said, denouncing the police department for not taking any departmental actions against their former IGP.

Kabir, also the president of the advisory committee of Nirmul Committee, criticised the passport department and said it was not possible for Benazir to get nine passports without the help of the department. "The home ministry will have to take this responsibility as well."

"These people are harming the nation. Then why is there a dilly-dally over taking actions against them?" he asked.

Prof Mahfuza Khanam, president of Federation of World Teachers' Association, said as long as the nation lives, it will remain grateful to Jahana Imam.

Prof Mizanur Rahman, former chairman

of National Human Rights Commission, said his organisation, Empowerment through Law of the Common People (ELCOP), will take initiatives to bring the Pakistanis who committed war crimes to the fore and hold mock trials if needed.

Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan was supposed to give the "Jahana Imam Memorial Lecture" on the political vision of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the trial of war criminals. As he was not present at the programme, Barrister Tapas Baul read out the written speech on his behalf.

Prof Mahfuza and Prof Mizanur's ELCOP were given "Jahana Imam Smriti Padak" at the programme for their contributions to the trial of war criminals and in the movement of establishing the spirit of the Liberation War.

Educationist Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury, president of the Nirmul Committee, chaired the discussion.

Attorney General Advocate Abu Mohammad Amin Uddin spoke, among others.

Take measures to mitigate pilot shortage

Minister asks Biman STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Civil Aviation Minister Mouhammad Faruk Khan yesterday asked Biman Bangladesh Airlines to take necessary measures to overcome its pilot shortage.

The minister came up with the directives while holding a meeting with the Biman authorities at its headquarters at Kurmitola.

Faruk Khan also directed to recruit cockpit and cabin crews soon by maintaining existing recruitment policies and transparency.

He said the national carrier needs more both cockpit and cabin crews as Biman started flight operations in several new international destinations in the last few years.

The minister also stressed passenger service quality and asked officials to make sure that the Biman's call centre remains open for 24 hours.

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PRAYER TIMING



JUNE 27

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-05 12-45 5-00 6-54 8-17

JAMAAT 4-40 1-15 5-15 6-57 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Recognise women's household work Recommends JS body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended that the government recognise women's domestic work as an economic activity.

The parliamentary standing committee on the women and children affairs ministry made the recommendation at its meeting at parliament.

Awami League MP from Munshiganj-2 and chairperson of the committee Sagufta Yasmin presided over the meeting. The parliamentary watchdog recommended taking necessary steps to empower women entrepreneurs at the grassroots.

In the meeting, it was recommended to strengthen the monitoring system to keep all the activities undertaken by the National Women's Organization in 64 districts and 50 upazilas of the country.

Put an end

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Afroza Begum, 40, died in police custody following her arrest in Abhaynagar.

"Torture and other ill-treatment are abhorrent and never justified," said Taqbir Huda, Amnesty International's regional researcher for South Asia.

Bangladesh's authorities must ensure that allegations of torture and other ill-treatment by law enforcement personnel

are impartially and independently investigated, and suspected officers are brought to justice through fair trials, he said.

Bangladesh must establish a compensation fund for torture victims and also ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture so that victims can file complaints directly to the UN Committee against Torture, he added.

7 killed, 9 hurt in road

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In Dinajpur, Abdul Monnaif, 22, died and his pillion sustained injuries as their motorcycle collided with a tractor in Matherganj village under Nawabganj upazila on Tuesday.

In Rangpur's Pirganj

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