

ODHIKAR Refusal to renew reg illegal: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The High Court yesterday ruled in favour of human rights organisation "Odhikar," allowing it to seek renewal of its registration and receive foreign donations. The court declared the government's previous decision not to renew its registration as illegal. Odhikar, established in 1994, has been instrumental in documenting cases of enforced disappearances and supporting victims' families. It had applied multiple times since 2014 to the NGO Affairs Bureau for registration renewal but was repeatedly denied. Odhikar filed a writ petition with the HC in 2022, challenging the Bureau's inaction. The bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Sashanka Shekhar Sarkar delivered the verdict, removing legal barriers for Odhikar's registration and fundraising efforts. In a related case, the HC yesterday overturned a lower court's verdict that sentenced Odhikar's former Secretary, Adilur Rahman Khan, and current Director, ASM Nasir Uddin Elan, to two years' imprisonment under the ICT Act. The charges stemmed from allegations of publishing a "distorted report and doctored images" about a 2013 police crackdown on a Hejajat-e-Islam rally. The HC bench of Justice Abdur Rob accepted their appeal, clearing both individuals of all charges.

Prof Golam

FROM PAGE 3 Ranaklanto: Razul Jiboni, Adhunikotar Abhigate Bangaramni, Muktijuddho o Tarpor, Bangla Bhashar Udbhab o Annyanno, Hazar Bochorer Bangalee Sangskriti, and Ashar Cholone Bhuli.

Govt to reassess controversial Safari Park

FROM PAGE 3 It is home to 209 species of unique fauna and 603 species of flora, including the northern pig tailed macaque, hoolock gibbon, otters, Chinese pangolin, Asiatic elephant, fishing cat, and Indian leopard. In 2020, the project's feasibility study and masterplan were initiated under the vested interest of Shahab Uddin, former minister of environment, forest and climate change, and also lawmaker of Moulvibazar-1 constituency. The Daily Star on July 3, 2021 published a report titled 'Greens worried as new safari park planned' on the concerns raised for the reserve forest. The Transparency International, Bangladesh on August 7, 2021, urged

the government to revoke the plan. On August 26, a delegation of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association inspected the forest and commented that over 10,000 trees would have to be felled to implement the project. However, on October 25, 2021, the ministry concerned went on to approve the plan. Criticising the move, Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon at a roundtable urged the government not to advance with the plan. On October 18 last year, eminent citizens and activists Sultana Kamal, Shamsul Huda, Khushi Kabir, Dr Ittekkharuzzaman, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Alamgir Kabir and Mokaram Hossain wrote a letter to the government not to approve the project.

Shot during protests

FROM PAGE 3 "I have had no income for the last month. We have already spent Tk 45,000 for my treatment, of which we borrowed Tk 30,000. The surgery cost almost nothing, and the hospital is providing medicine. But still, some medicines and injections have to be bought from outside," said Shajib. "Doctors said I will require another surgery, and another month to recover," he added. A total of 142 injured protesters, including 47 students, are currently undergoing treatment at Nitor. Officials at Nitor said 13 people who were shot lost their legs. One person also lost an arm. A total of 642 people were treated at Nitor from July 12 to August 14. So far, five people have died at the hospital after arriving with gunshot injuries. Mozaffar Hossain, joint director of Nitor, told The Daily Star, "We've formed a committee to identify what kind of support is needed for the injured. Those injured in the anti-discrimination movement, including students, will receive support."

He said the medicines purchased from outside will be adjusted if the bills are submitted to the hospital. Another patient at the facility, Mohammad Akash, 19, lost his left leg, as doctors had to amputate it. While talking to The Daily Star, his father Dulal Miah said he was taken to five hospitals after he suffered bullet wounds in Narayanganj. "Akash worked at a sweet shop. We borrowed Tk 3.5 lakh to send him to Saudi Arabia for work, but now most of that money has already been spent on his treatment. My son has lost his job and his leg, and now the whole family has become financially crippled," said Dulal. Meanwhile, NIOH data shows that 740 patients received treatment at the hospital from July 17 to July 26 and August 4 to August 16. Of them, 610 were admitted to the hospital. A total of 495 operations were completed at the hospital. Moreover, 366 people lost their vision in one eye, while 17 lost vision from both eyes. Currently, 55 people are undergoing treatment at NIOH.

Monirul Islam, a farmer from Magura, suffered pellet wounds in his eye and other parts of his body on August 4 while protesting. He lost his left eye following a surgery at NIOH. "The surgery and most medicines cost me nothing. But some expensive medicines are not in stock and have to be bought from outside," he said. "However, I had to bear ambulance costs. Also, my relatives who are looking after me have certain expenses, and the longer I stay, the more they will have to deal with those costs. Doctors said they don't know how long I have to stay," he said. Selina Khatun, mother of 16-year-old Selim who was shot at Gazipur intersection on August 5, was seen crying at NIOH. "There is no improvement in my son's eye condition. My son and I are both construction workers. For his treatment, I borrowed Tk 25,000. But still, he hasn't gotten well. Where will I get the money for better treatment?" asked Selina. She requested the government to send her son abroad for better treatment.

Farzana Rupa, Shakil on four-day remand

FROM PAGE 3 The two journalists were arrested at Dhaka airport on Wednesday and later shown arrested in the murder case filed with the police station. Anwar Hossain Aynal, a decorator, filed the case under Sections 302, 114, and 109 of the Penal Code, accusing 39 named and unnamed individuals, including former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, over the death of his brother

Fazlul Karim during anti-government protests in Uttara on August 5. The case documents show that the duo's names were not listed in the FIR; they were arrested as unnamed suspects. Ekattor Television terminated Shakil and Farzana on August 8. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Journalists in International Media (BJIM) called on authorities

to ensure the protection of Shakil and Farzana, emphasising their right to a fair trial and protection from judicial or police harassment. "We urge the interim government to affirm its commitment to press freedom, ensuring that all journalists and media outlets can operate without fear of retribution or targeted campaigns stemming from their

journalistic pursuits," it said in a statement. In addition, Reporters Without Borders (RSF) yesterday expressed deep concern over the arrest of the journalist couple. In a letter to Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus, RSF Director General Thibaut Bruttin urged the interim government to release them immediately and ensure their safety.

Students protest

FROM PAGE 3 Discrimination Student Movement around 7:30pm. Later, they held a rally at the university Shaheed Minar. During the procession, students were seen chanting similar slogans as heard in DU. In RU, several hundred students, alongside teachers from different departments, under the same banner, brought out a procession and staged a rally at the university's main gate at 1:00pm. Golam Kibria Chowdhury Mishu, coordinator of anti-discrimination student movement, said, "For the past 53 years, Indian government has been torturing Bangladesh in different ways." Students from Islamic University in Kushtia and Barisal University held processions from their campuses and staged

rallies in nearby areas. JnU students also staged a demonstration early yesterday at the university's main gate. Students of SUST, Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Patuakhali Science and Technology University, Bangladesh University of Textiles, and Dhaka College also brought out protest programmes with similar demands in the last two days. Besides, a seven-member delegation representing a faction of Gono Odhikar Parishad yesterday submitted a six-point message to the Indian High Commission. The demands include immediate closure of all dams opened towards Bangladesh within 24 hours.

Mohakhali ramp

FROM PAGE 5 which operates the expressway, told The Daily Star. He said a very low number of vehicles usually use the ramp. So, one toll booth will be enough for the operations. However, he could not say when the exit ramp at the FDC gate (Karwan Bazar) would be opened as one of the pillars there was torched. The authorities resumed operations of the expressway, except for the three ramps, from August 11. They resumed manual and limited operations of Banani ramp from August 15.

No bar to publishing

FROM PAGE 3 writ petition, another HC bench ordered the government to immediately take steps to stop publishing and broadcasting Tarique Rahman's statements in media as long as he remains a fugitive. The bench also issued a rule asking the authorities and the media to explain why publishing Tarique's statements should not be declared illegal. During hearing of the rule on August 28 last year, the HC bench of Justice Md Khairuzaman and Justice Md Khairul Alam ordered Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) to immediately "remove or strike down" Tarique Rahman's statements from social media.

FROM PAGE 3 Siddiqua Lina submitted an application before it saying that she would no longer run the petition upon which the HC issued the rule and ad-interim orders at different times. "All the ad-interim orders passed in connection with the writ petition are hereby recalled (withdrawn) and vacated and the rule is discharged," the bench said. Barrister Kayser Kamal appeared for Tarique Rahman during the court's proceedings yesterday. Contacted, Advocate Nashreen Siddiqua Lina refused to make any comment about her decision for not running her petition. Earlier on January 7, 2017, following the same

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DMP appoints

FROM PAGE 3 All these OCs earlier remained posted to different police stations in Dhaka for years. Meanwhile, all the metropolitan commissioners, range deputy inspector generals, major posts in PHQ and different police stations, and superintendents of police in 10 districts have already been transferred. Also, on last Sunday, 63 police officers were promoted to the rank of supernumerary DIG, 10 got regular promotions as DIG, and 30 to the rank of SP. The major reshuffle in the police force came following the ouster of the Awami League government on August 5.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Department Western Economic Corridor & Regional Enhancement Program (WeCARE), Phase-I: (RCMLIIP) LGED-RDEC Bhaban, Level-03, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 www.lged.gov.bd Memo No: 46.02.0000.981.14.011.21-824 Date: 22 August 2024 e-Tender Notice No. 01/2024-25 One e-Tender is invited to the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following: Tender ID No. Package No. Description of Works On-line Tender Publication Date On-line Tender Closing Date 1008980 WeCARE/LGED/CW-03 Improvement of One Growth Centre Market and 21.6 km Adjacent Roads at Seordah of Jhikargacha Upazila under Jashore District (World Bank Funded WeCARE Phase-I: LGED) 22-August-2024 at 15:00 AM 23-September-2024 at 14:00 PM This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is mandatory. The fees for the e-Tender Document Price have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's Branches up to 5:00 PM of one day before the Closing Date. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) (Momin Mozibur Hossain Shamaji) Superintending Engineer & Project Director WeCARE Phase-I: (RCMLIIP) Tel: +88-02-44826234 E-mail: pd.wecare@lged.gov.bd

PALLI KARMA-SAHAYAK FOUNDATION (PKSF) PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 Phone: 88-02-222218331-33, 02-222218335-39; Website: https://www.pksf.org.bd Vacancy Announcement Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), an apex development organization, was established by the Government of Bangladesh in 1990 for sustainable poverty reduction through employment generation. Since its inception, PKSF has been implementing various poverty-alleviating and employment-generating programs and projects through its Partner Organizations (POs) all over the country. PKSF has been implementing a 5-year-long project titled 'Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART)' jointly financed by the World Bank and PKSF since August 2023. The objective of the project is to increase resource-efficient and resilient green growth of the microenterprises (MEs). PKSF hereby invites online applications from the eligible candidates for the following post under the SMART project: Name of the Post No. of the Post Consolidated Monthly Salary (BDT) Senior Program Manager (Enterprise Development-Footwear and Leather) 01 1,80,000/- The employee will be recruited initially for one year with the opportunity for annual performance-based renewal during the project period. Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements may submit online applications by 06 September 2024. Please visit the PKSF Website (www.pksf.org.bd) for detailed job descriptions and instructions to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. PKSF is an equal-opportunity employer. Any kind of persuasion will be treated as disqualification of the candidate. PKSF reserves the right to cancel this recruitment process without assigning any reason whatsoever. **Women are highly encouraged to apply. Deputy Managing Director