ACC files case against ex-Shilpakala DG Liaquat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has filed a case against Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy's former director general Liaquat Ali Lucky, former director (administration) Jahangir Hossain Chowdhury, and 22 other employees.

Sumitra Sen, deputy director of special branch at ACC's Integrated District Office, Dhaka-1, lodged the case yesterday.

ACC Public Relations Officer Akhtarul Islam confirmed the development to The Daily Star.

According to a report submitted by the ACC investigation team, Liaquat Ali and Jahangir Hossain conspired to falsify and forge written exam results

Women bear the brunt of climate change

Says Rizwana at MJF event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women, especially mothers, bear the brunt of natural disasters and climate change, said Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan yesterday.

Speaking as the chief guest at the "Annual Community of Practice Network Convention 2024," organised by Manusher Jonno Foundation at the Brac Centre Inn, Dhaka, Rizwana said gender issues are often included in official documents only towards the end, seemingly as a formality rather than out of genuine concern.

She highlighted the specific struggles faced by women in regions like Khulna, where clean water scarcity has forced many to take birth control pills to stop menstruation.

"During pregnancy, women suffer from high blood pressure due to saline water. Despite an abundance of water, there is a critical shortage of safe

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drinking water," she added.

The event, supported by UN Women, brought together experts and activists working on climate adaptation and gender equality.

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She also mentioned that local issues haven't been brought to the national

Embracing the rain with a touch of creativity! The driver and passengers of this rickshaw-van ingeniously shield themselves with a plastic sheet as a sudden downpour interrupts their journey. This photo was taken near Koiya Bazar along the Khulna-Satkhira highway yesterday.

PHOTO: **HABIBUR RAHMAN**

DSCC tops dengue deaths, cases

HELEMUL ALAM

Dhaka South City Corporation has recorded the highest number of dengue cases and fatalities this year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

At least 8,144 people were infected with dengue in DSCC areas, while the number is 7,352 in Dhaka North City Corporation.

Chattogram, excluding its city corporation areas, saw at least 7,311 cases, and Dhaka division, outside the city corporation, saw 5,353 cases.

Barishal, also excluding its city corporation areas, treated 3,177 patients as of yesterday.

DSCC areas also saw 99 deaths this year, highest so far. DNCC followed with 26 fatalities, Barishal reported 20, and Khulna recorded 11 deaths.

Among hospitals, Dhaka Medical College Hospital reported the highest number of deaths, with 36 patients succumbing to the virus. Mugda Medical College Hospital saw 24 deaths, Mitford Hospital 16, and Kurmitola General Hospital nine.

The DGHS reported a total of 186 dengue-related deaths and 36,590 hospitalisations so far this year.

Lisa Akhtar Jerin, a 13-year-old, is among many children hospitalised with dengue. Her grandfather, who brought her to Dhaka from Bagerhat, said she fell ill three days prior to their arrival. After being admitted, Jerin's condition has improved.

Six-month-old Ayman Hasan was also admitted with fever. His mother, Rimi Akhtar, said both her son and her aunt were diagnosed with dengue. The Goran resident said other residents in their building had also contracted the virus.

The city corporation has not

No specific threat for Durga Puja

Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday said there is no specific security threat centring Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindu community in Bangladesh.

Speaking to reporters after visiting Ramna Kali Mandir in Dhaka, he said, "We have taken various steps to ensure smooth and peaceful Puja celebrations."

Law enforcement agencies have implemented necessary security measures in this regard, he added.

Mahmudur Rahman demands ban on BCL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the daily Amar Desh, yesterday issued a seven-point demand, including banning Chhatra League as a "terrorist organisation" within seven days.

Speaking at a press meet at Jatiya Press Club after his release from jail, Rahman accused the BCL and police of involvement in the deaths of students during the recent uprising.