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‘Govt to form task force for newspapers’  
Info adviser says step taken for dev of the industry

BSS, Dhaka

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Mahfuj Alam yesterday said the government will form a task force for the development of newspaper industries.

“The task force will transparently find out actual circulation of the newspapers, take steps for implementing the wage board awards and fix the advertisement rates for the overall development of newspaper industry,” he said.

The information adviser said this at a meeting with the stakeholders of Department of Films and Publications (DFP) at the ministry.

Stressing the importance of the newspapers to follow

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PHOTO: STAR

Clash erupts over ban on battery-run rickshaws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Battery-run rickshaw drivers yesterday clashed with pedal rickshaw-pullers while protesting a ban on their vehicles in Banani.

The drivers, armed with sticks and canes, also swooped on motorcyclists, and anyone documenting their demonstration, at different points in Banani.

Video footages of the clashes quickly went viral on social media.

The protest, which has been ongoing for several days, escalated yesterday, with chases and counter chases between batter-run rickshaw drivers and pedal rickshaw pullers.

“Since 11:00am, battery-run rickshaw drivers had gathered on Banani Road-11 and began attacking pedal-rickshaw pullers. People from the local society stepped in to support the pedal-rickshaw drivers. Battery-run rickshaw drivers then chased them. Later, some residents from Karail slum and nearby areas joined the protest and blocked the road,” said Mehedi Hasan, inspector (investigation) of Banani Police Station.

Abdul Jalil, president of the Gulshan-Banani-Badda Auto-rickshaw, Easybike

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JNU SECOND CAMPUS  
Project stalled amid bureaucratic hurdles

RAKIB MADBER

The construction of Jagannath University's long-awaited second campus in Keraniganj has stalled due to bureaucratic delays.

In January, students boycotted classes and exams and observed a 35-hour hunger strike on the present campus, calling for the army to be assigned the project work.

In response, on January 16, the education ministry instructed JnU and other relevant authorities to initiate the remaining work of the project, “Establishment of New Campus of Jagannath University: Land Acquisition and Development”, through the army under a “procurement through assignment basis”.

As the original Development Project Proposal (DPP) contained multiple errors, JnU authorities submitted a Revised Development Project Proposal (RDPP) to the Planning Commission. However, the RDPP has yet to be approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec), stalling fund release and official handover of the project to the army.

A meeting on the revised proposal was held on April 13 at the Planning Commission, but it remains unapproved, halting all progress.

“We haven't officially received the project yet. The RDPP is still awaiting ministry approval,” Lt Col Iftekhar Alam, project director, told The Daily Star.

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2nd tribunal to be formed to try rights violations

Says Tajul; victims of enforced disappearance seek justice  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Prosecutor of International Crimes Tribunal Mohammad Tajul Islam yesterday said a second tribunal will soon be formed to try the atrocities committed during the July uprising and the last 15 years of human rights violations.

“Everyone is saying to increase the number of tribunals. We also think it is difficult for a single tribunal to cover the entire scale of the atrocities. We are working to form another tribunal. It will soon be established,” he said while speaking at a discussion.

He said the prosecution team would also be expanded to meet the growing workload.

The discussion was organised by the platform Voice of Enforced Disappeared Persons (VOED) at Jatiya Press Club.

At the event, survivors of enforced disappearances called for the immediate withdrawal of all false cases, punishment for those involved in disappearances and extrajudicial

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COURT CORNER

High Court seeks full disclosure of presidential mercy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the respondents to show cause as to why their failure to publish and disclose all records related to the presidential prerogative of mercy from January 1, 1991, to July 31, 2024 should not be declared illegal.

Secretaries at the ministries of home and law, and the cabinet have been made respondents.

The HC bench of Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque and Justice Aynun Nahar Siddiqua issued the rule following a petition that sought its order to disclose all the records regarding the president's mercy including a list of names of people whose sentences have been commuted, suspended, or reduced.

1971 WAR CRIMES  
Azharul's appeal hearing today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court is set today to hold hearing of an appeal filed by Jamaat-e-Islami leader ATM Azharul Islam challenging his death penalty for crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The appeal has been included as item 28 for hearing in today's cause list of a four-member bench headed by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed.

On February 27, the SC allowed Azharul to move a fresh appeal before this court challenging his death penalty and also fixed April 22 for hearing.

A five-member bench passed the order after hearing a petition seeking a review of its earlier verdict that upheld the ICT's ruling sentencing Azharul to death. The SC upheld his death sentence on October 31, 2019.

SC SECRETARIAT ORDINANCE  
SC sends draft to law ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday sent a draft of the Supreme Court Secretariat Ordinance 2025 to the law ministry.

The Supreme Court Secretariat Ordinance 2025 has been prepared in order to institutionalise judicial independence, outlining recruitment, promotion, transfers, budgeting, training, and development of judicial officers (lower court judges) and staff members under the SC secretariat, said an SC press release.

According to the press release, in a letter signed by the SC's Registrar General Aziz Ahmed Bhuiyan, the concept paper regarding the establishment of the SC Secretariat, the draft of

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KILLING OF PRIMEASIA STUDENT

Three put on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed three individuals on a seven-day remand in connection with the killing of Jahidul Islam Parvez, a third-year student of Primeasia University, in the capital's Banani area on April 19.

Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sanaullah passed the order after police produced Al Kamal Sheikh, 19, Alvi Hasan Zunayed, 19, and Al Amin Sani, 19, before the court.

Police arrested them in Mohakhali early yesterday, said AKM Moin Uddin, inspector (operations) of Banani Police Station.

“They are not named in the FIR, but primary investigation suggests they were involved in the murder,” he said.

CCTV footage confirmed their presence at the crime scene, he added.

On April 20, Jahidul's

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JCD demands justice for Parvez

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday staged demonstrations on university campuses across the country, demanding justice for Jahidul Islam Parvez, a third-year student of Primeasia University, who was reportedly stabbed to death in Banani on Saturday.

In Dhaka, JCD held a protest rally in front of Primeasia University, where BNP's Dhaka South unit leader Ishraque Hossain issued a 48-hour ultimatum to arrest those responsible. Warning of tougher programmes if the killers were not apprehended, he alleged that members of the Students Against Discrimination were involved in the murder.

“There is pressure on police not to arrest them,” Ishraque claimed. “Anyone obstructing justice will face resistance,” he added.

At Dhaka University, JCD leaders gathered at the base of the Raju Sculpture around 1:00pm, demanding swift action. DU JCD president GC Roy Shahos and JCD general secretary Nahiduzzaman Shipon spoke at the rally.

At Jahangirnagar University, over a hundred JCD activists held a human chain at the Central Shaheed Minar in the afternoon. The unit's convener Jahir Uddin Babor said they are giving the government 24 hours to act or face intensified protests.

Jagannath University JCD also held a rally echoing similar demands.



People hurriedly cross the Bhadra railway crossing in Rajshahi, ducking under or climbing over the closed rail gate, even as a train approaches. Motorcycles also cross recklessly, ignoring the danger. A single misstep could lead to a serious accident. The photo was taken yesterday.