



Yunus for best use of intellectual property, copyrights

BSS, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday urged all to become proactive in ensuring the best use of intellectual property and protecting copyrights so that a prosperous Bangladesh can be built.

"To build a prosperous Bangladesh, everyone must be proactive in making the best use of intellectual property and protecting copyrights," he said in a message marking World Intellectual Property Day

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A man raises his hand to signal an oncoming bus to stop as he crosses a road in Mirpur-2 area yesterday. Vehicles often occupy the zebra crossings, putting pedestrians at risk as they try to cross the road.

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'Nightmares don't let me sleep'
Lokman recounts horror in Libyan captivity



Lokman Hossain with his family members at his home in Pirojpur.

KM HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

The slightest noise now wakes Lokman Hossain from his sleep, bringing back the horrors of his ordeal in Libya.

"Even as I try to close my eyes, the nightmares don't let me sleep. So, I stay awake every night, but the memories keep swarming in my mind, leaving me traumatised," said the 37-year-old.

Lokman recently returned home after his family paid Tk 12 lakh in ransom to a criminal gang in Libya on March 27.

Lured by the hope of changing his fortune abroad, Lokman had earlier paid Tk 3.5 lakh to go to Libya, followed by another Tk 10 lakh to move to Italy from there.

To arrange the total amount, his wife Rimi Akter had to sell everything they owned, including their residential land at Noly Joynagar village in Mathbaria upazila, Pirojpur.

Lokman first travelled to Libya via Dubai through one Shah Alam and his brother-in-law Mannan of Barguna's Patharghata upazila to work as a salesman in August 2023.

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Dhaka selection round of Star-bKash Newspaper Olympiad held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to inspire the youth to read newspapers, the selection round of The Daily Star-bKash Newspaper Olympiad Season-4 was held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

Over 1,000 enthusiastic participants took part in the competition across five different shifts throughout the day.

Launched in 2018, the Newspaper Olympiad has grown into a nationwide movement, driven by the commitment of more than 3,000 volunteers across the country.

In the Season-4 of the Olympiad, bKash joined as the title partner.

This season has already seen over 15,000 participants from across the country, with the selection rounds still ongoing in different divisions. The Dhaka round commenced at 7:00am and concluded at 7:00pm.

The programme began with an inaugural speech from Labby Ahsan, president of Newspaper Olympiad and Youth Coordinator at The Daily Star.

The closing ceremony was attended by Tajdin Hassan, chief business officer of The Daily Star, who joined as the chief guest.



A group of participants of the Dhaka selection round of The Daily Star-bKash Newspaper Olympiad at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

Suspected mugger stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A suspected mugger was stabbed to death by his associate in the capital's Karwan Bazar area on Thursday.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Rafiq, 20, who had multiple stab wounds, according to police and morgue sources.

Police arrested a youth named Asif, also known as Ashik or Ibrahim Khalil, 22, in connection with the incident.

Mobarak Hossain, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Police Station, told The Daily Star that initial investigation suggests Asif stabbed Rafiq in front of a restaurant in Karwan Bazar around 11:30am on Thursday.

Rafiq's grandmother later arrived and tried to take him home, but he succumbed to his injuries near the railway tracks due to excessive bleeding, the OC added.

Acting on a call made through the national emergency helpline 999, police from Tejgaon Industrial Area recovered the body from the eastern side of the railway tracks around noon, said OC Gazi Shamimur Rahman of the police station.

The body was sent to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College morgue for autopsy.

OC Mobarak said Rafiq, a resident of Dewanganj upazila in Jamalpur, was involved in mugging in the Karwan Bazar area.

"Both the victim and the arrestee had eight cases each against them for theft and mugging," he said, adding that the murder stemmed from a dispute over sharing money from their criminal activities.

Polls shouldn't be delayed to complete reforms: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday questioned why the interim government has not taken action against those who helped Sheikh Hasina establish fascism.

"Why are those responsible for establishing fascism still at large? Why haven't those who destroyed institutions and used their entrusted positions to serve Sheikh Hasina and entrench fascism been arrested yet?" he said.

He made the remarks while speaking at an event organised by "Amra BNP Poribar" at the BNP chairperson's Gulshan office. The programme was



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PARVEZ KILLING
Prime accused on five-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed the prime accused, Meheraj Islam, on a five-day remand in the case filed over the murder of Primeasia University student Jahidul Islam Parvez.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mehera Mahbub passed the order after police produced him before the court with a 10-day remand prayer, said a sub-inspector working in the court.

Law enforcers have so far arrested six accused, three FIR-named ones, in connection with the case. Of the six arrestees, Mahathir Hasan and Al Kamal Sheikh earlier gave their confessional statements to the magistrates in connection with the killing.

On April 19, 24-year-old Parvez, a third-year student of the university, was stabbed to death in front of the campus in Banani.

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Six AL activists held in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested six leaders and activists of the Awami League and its associate bodies in Dhaka, including one accused in a case filed over the torching of an army vehicle in Gopalganj.

The arrestees are -- Abed Ali Sheikh, 52, former chairman of Shuktali Union and former member of Gopalganj Zila Parishad; Momtaz Parvin Shimu, 42, president of the Mohila Awami League's Ramma and Hatirjheel units; Zakir Hossain Sagar, 43, former vice-president of the banned Chhatra League and a member of the Jubo League's Dhaka North unit; M R Badol, 50, acting general secretary of Mirpur Thana Chhatra League; and Monirul Islam, 38, an activist of Uttara Thana AL.

Quoting detectives, Taleb Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP, said Abed Ali, a named accused in the arson case, was detained from Dhanmondi around

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