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#### **Clash over** football, 25 injured

BSS, Pabna At least 25 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of villagers over a football match at Hatgram football ground in Bhangura upazila on Wednesday.

Police and witnesses told BSS violence erupted when supporters of two football teams began fighting over a football match in the village. They used batons and lethal weapons in the hour-long clash. On information police rushed to the spot and dispersed them.Of the injured, Salim,24, Farid, 25, Mozid, 17, Humayun, 18, Sohel, 22, Motier, 23, Mottaleb, 21, Mithu, 15, Hasinur, 20, and Momin, 26, were admitted to different clinics in critical condition.

# **BRDB** loan for distressed

# UNB, Munshiganj

Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) distributed loan amounting to Tk 8.20 lakh among 82 distressed families on Thursday.

BRDB Director General ASM Motiur Rahman distributed the loan at a function here with Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Syed Abdul Momin in the chair. A total of 82 people, including 52 men and 30 women, of the families received the loan.

# New telephone exchange opens

UNB, Brahmanbaria The analogue telephone exchange of Nabinagar upazila has been onverted into digital one.

Local member of parliament (MP) Kazi M Anwar Hossain inaugurated the exchange on Thursday.

### Seminar on infertility held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong Proper counselling and treatment can remove infertility of infertile couples, speakers at a seminar here said.

The seminar, attended by medical experts and gynae specialists from home and abroad, was organised by the Chittagong unit of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB). It was held at Chittagong Club.

# Tk 30 lakh stolen from ticket sale proceeds at Sylhet railway station

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Defalcation of over Tk 30 lakh from ticket sale proceeds has been detected at Sylhet railway station. The amount may go up when the

on-going probe will be completed in a few days, sources said. Kanti Biswas and Shajahan Ali have Two teams, one comprising been put under suspension, the Divisional Assistant Chief Traffic sources said Manager Abdur Rab Hawlader and Shahjahan Ali was entrusted to

deposit sale proceeds of tickets with Additional Finance Advisor and Principal Accounts Officer Goura Agrani Bank, Station Road branch. Chandra Roy and the other headed On an average, tickets worth Tk by Divisional Commercial Officer four lakh are sold at the station every Md Miazan Kabir are probing the day. Shahjahan Ali used to deposit irregularities for the last seven days.

The investigation started followfake bank receipts for depositing the ng filing of a general diary on June money, the sources said.

21 and a case on June 24 with As he was not attending office Sylhet Railway Police against since 15 June, the railway station booking in-charge Shahjahan Ali authorities apprehended something after he was missing since June 15. wrong and filed a GD, followed by a Meantime, Station Master Bimal case

Hailing from Pabna, Class III employee Shahjahan Ali had been posted at Sylhet railway station since 1976. He owns two shops in the city's posh Al-Hamra shopping complex, two Pajero jeeps and a Leguna autotempo, officials at the railway station said

Shahjahan also owns a house in around Tk three lakh. He prepared Kuril area in Dhaka city, they said.



This rare species of 'wild quail' was found in Bagerhat recently. Bird and wildlife specialist Sharif Khan caught the bird from a jungle there. Local people call it Nagarbatoy. Quails lay eggs during rainy season. But female wild quails do not hatch their eggs and look after the chicken.

# New CMUJ leaders elected

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg The new executive committee of Chittagong Metropolitan Union of Journalists (CMUJ) was elected with Eskander Ali Chowdhury and Kashem Mahmud as its president and secretary respectively.

In the re-election to the president post, held on Wednesday, Eskander Ali Chowdhury (Purbokone) got 24 votes. He defeated Helal Humavur (Khoborpatra) by three votes. Shamsul Hag Haidari, the other

candidate for the post of president got 12 votes. Re-election was held as all the three candidates got 19 votes each in the biennial election, held on June

15 The other newly elected office bearers are: Vice-president-Shahnawaz (BSS); general secretary- Kashem Mahmud (BSS); jointsecretary- Rafiqul Islam Salim (Inquilab); organizing secretary-Mahbubur Rahman (Karnaphuli); treasurer Syed Md Zahedul Haq (Dainik Shakti); sports, culture and publication secretary- AKM Saifullah Chowdhury (Karnaphuli); and executive committee members Aminul Islam (Daily Life) and Saiful

Islam Shilpi (Dinkal).

threatens hartal who joined AL ahead of the last parlia-OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur mentary polls, led the demonstration. A faction of the district Awami In his speech he accused Abul Kalam League (AL) staged demonstrations Azad of the bomb attack on his resiin the town on Thursday demanding dence on Tuesday night. The bomb arrest of rival faction leader Abul was hurled to kill him, he alleged.

The demonstrators held two rallies at Kutchery bazaar and Jahaz company square.

Abul Kalam Azad, also a new entrant in AL, is a transport leader. None of the district AL leaders was

available yesterday for comment.

# Tk 1.41 cr VAT evaded by medicine co

AL faction in Rangpur

BSS, Rajshahi

The Customs and Value Added Tax (VAT) authorities have detected evasion of Tk 1.41 cr VAT by a pharmaceutical company.

Acting on a tip-off, a special team was sent to the factory of Edruc Pharmaceuticals Limited, Pabna, according to Customs Commissionerate here. After search, the team recovered he company's documents from July

College student Farzana Afrin Rumi suicide case has been transferred to the Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge Mohammod Shahinoor

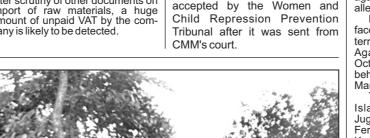
Islam of the Women and Child Repression Prevention Tribunal on Wednesday ordered transfer

of the case, filed with of Daulatpur thana Rumi allegedly committed suicide on April 14 after an abortive attempt to kidnap her by some miscreants

Police arrested ten persons and chargesheeted four of them on April 30

5, 2000 to April 26 this year and detected evasion of Tk 1.41 cr VAT. Three of the four are in jail Officials said the amount is only a custody. They are Sajjad Hossain part of the VAT the company evaded. Only documents on local Rony, Hasan and Taimur Rahman, while the otherMizan-is absconding

The charge sheet was accepted by the Women and



#### **Bus strike in Barisal** College student Rumi suicide divn passes 9th day case sent to Speedy Tribunal **OUR CORRESPONDENT.** Barisal following a dispute over business

# STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bus strike in Barisal division entered the ninth day on Friday, much to the sufferings of people. Bus services are stopped in all

the nine routes since Thursday due to a strike by bus owners. The routes are Barisal-Jhalakati

Barisal-Pirojpur, Barisal-Bhandaria, Barisal-Rajapur, Barisal-Kaukhali Barisal-Mathbaria, Barisal-Kathalia Barisal-Patharghata and Barisal-Charkhali

The bus owners went on strike

# "False" case of extortion Charge sheet against 3 newsmen in Barisal **OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal** The court granted them bail on

the same day.

Police have filed charge sheet against three local journalists in an allegedly false case of extortion.

BNP activist Syed Fakir, who faces three cases of extortion and terrorism, had filed the case with Agailjhara magistrate court on October 28, 2002, allegedly at the behest of Agailjhora thana OC Maniruzzaman

The case was filed against Saiful slam, local correspondent of Jugantar, Omar Sani of Ittefag and Ferdous Molla Babu of Bhorer Kagoj

Syed Fakir complained that the three journalists demanded tolls from his family members and threatened to publish news against them for non-compliance.

The OC then rapidly went into action. He arrested the journalists on

### Cyclone in Cox's Bazar, 10 injured OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's

At least 15 people were injured and 10 houses demolished when a tornado lashed Goroinnakata village in Shaharbil union under Chokoria upazila on Thursday.

Of the victims, 10 were injured when a vehicle skidded off the Chiringa-Badar Khali road due to strong wind.

The rest including housewife Moriam Begum, 22, and infant Ehsan were injured in house colapse, official sources said. All the injured have been admit

Police official suspended in Khulna

ted to the local health complex

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Reserve Officer (RO) of Khulna police lines Md Hafizur Rahman has been suspended for alleged complicity in submission of fake certificates showing ten people as freedom fighters for recruitment in police

The action followed filing of three cases by RO-2 Kaka Mia with Khulna thana

The cases have been transferred to CID. official sources said. All the ten accused of submitting fare certificates are absconding They are Borhan Mia. Dulu Mia Imamul, Ziaur Rahman, Shafiuddin,

The bus owners associations in Humayun kabir, Monirul Islam Mofizul Islam, Alimur Razee and Barisal and Jhalakathi districts are led by local leaders of the ruling party. Shaheed. Sources said the district adminis trations tried their best to resolve the

dispute, but failed.

Later, local BNP MP Zahiruddin

Swapan assured the journalist

community here that the accused

ournalists would not be harassed

by police. The matter was also

brought to the notice of the

Inspector General of Police during

thana OC is involved in corruption

and the case was filed as the local

media was critical of his activities.

It is alleged that the Agailihara

Mentionably, Syed Fakir was

arrested earlier for criminal activities

and looting trees, which was reported by the three journalists.

his recent visit to Barisal.

share and time schedule for buses.

the striking bus operators are also

not allowing other types of motor-

ised vehicles including Bangladesh

Road Transport Corporation

(BRTC) buses on the routes.

To add to the misery of people

harassing female student **OUR CORRESPONDENT**, Jhenidah A teacher of Islamic University (IU) has been terminated from service

terminated for

IU teacher

with effect from June 23 for sexually harassing a female student of his department

The university Syndicate terminated the service of Ashraf Ali, assistant professor in the department of Al-Hadith and Islami Dawah, for harassing a student after assuring her "extra marks" in departmental examinations in 2002.

The action followed a probe committee report, submitted on July 9. 2002. The committee was formed on October 3, 2001.

The Syndicate also ordered the accused teacher to refund nine months' salary, he drew from the

Talking to this correspondent, leaders of Barisal Reporters Unity, university, according to official professional groups and members sources. of the civil society criticised submission of a charge sheet in a "false' case and demanded action against

On contact, IU Vice- chancellor Prof Mustafizur Rahman, admitted the termination and said shame for his university".

purchase of materials revealed the swindle The VAT authorities told BSS that after scrutiny of other documents on import of raw materials, a huge amount of unpaid VAT by the company is likely to be detected

#### Kalam Azad. The demonstrators threatened to enforce a half- day hartal (strike) in the town on Monday if Azad is not arrested Sharf Uddin Ahmed Jhantoo, a former lawmaker from Jatiya Party,



The Teesta, now in spate, devoured seven villages under Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat district in the last few days. This school at South Goddimari village under Hatibandha upazila now faces extinction.

# Flood affects10,000 in Nilphamari

# Teesta flows above danger mark

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT,

The flood situation in Nilphamari district has taken a new twist, affecting over 10,000 people of 10 unions. The Teesta river has marked a sharp rise following heavy rains and

onrush of water from the upstream. It is alleged that the river is in spate as sluice gates of Gagaldoba barrage in India have been opened.

On Thursday, Teesta was flowing 2cm above the danger mark at Teesta Barrage point.

To reduce the pressure of water,

the Teesta Barrage authorities opened all the sluice gates. As a result, about 20 feet of the dam at Ghuddimari near Lalmonirhat town has been washed away.

The Water Development Board (WDB) authorities are trying in vain to control the situation by throwing sandbags.

WDB sources said four spurs in the Teesta at Dimla and Gangachhara and the Rangpur town protection dam are threatened. At least 400 families in hose areas have shifted to safer places, sources said.

However, Rangpur WDB Chief Engineer MA Aziz when contacted told the correspondent that the situation is under control.

More 250 Rohingya refugees repatriated

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's** Bazar

More 250 Rohingya refugees were repatriated to their homes in Myanmar from Nayapara and Kutupalong refugee camps here on Wednesday and Thursday.

With this, 2,34,600 Rohingyas have so far returned to Myanmar, officials said.

They said Rohingya refugee are returning home every day as the repatriation process has been geared up.

A total of 20,892 refugees are still in the two camps, they said.

29 October and sent them to court.

#### the persons responsible

Tax on lawyers Rajshahi Bar to boycott courts on June 30 STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Raishah

Rajshahi Bar will boycott courts on June 30 protesting the proposed tax on lawyers in the budget for 2003-04 financial year.

At a meeting on Thursday, the bar also called on lawyers in the country to boycott courts.

Presided over by Rajshahi Bar President Advocate Sayed Ekramur Rasul, speakers at the meeting said the proposed provisions for trade licence for lawyers and submission of income tax return is 'misrule and repressive'.

Lawyers are governed by the Bangladesh Bar Council Act and if anything is to be imposed on lawyers, it should be done through amendment to the Act.

They also demanded separation of the judiciary from the administration.

They criticised the proposed 45 percent enhancement in ministers' emoluments against only 10 percent increase in dearness allowance for government employees.

# Fake army officer held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

One person has been arrested on charge of extortion by personifying an army officer.

The officer-in-charge (OC) of Paikgacha thana, Golam Mohammod, arrested Belal Morol, 38, of Paikgacha form a residential hotel in the city for allegedly personifying a major in the army and realising money from businessmen.

A case has been lodged with Paikgacha thana, police said.

In another incident, Paikgacha police recovered three SBL guns and two pipe guns from a derelict pond at Dhamrail village.

The arms were found wrapped with polythene, police said.

cycle. The BDR personnel arrested them and recovered the forged money. A case was registered with Chuadanga Sadar police.

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Tk 6.55 lakh

forged notes

BSS, Chuadanga

upazila on Monday.

recovered, 2 held

BDR personnel arrested two per-

sons and seized forged of notes Tk

6.55 lakh from their possession at

Akundobaria under the Sadar

The arrested persons are

Ashaful, 32, of Ramnagar village

and Kamal, 30, of Par Krishnapur

The two were going to

Jibannagar in a motorcycle. When

BDR halted them near Akundobaria

on the Darsana-Jibannagar road,

they tried to flee leaving the motor-

DC takes charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Deputy Commissioner of Khulna Mohammod Restadul Islam has taken over charge as administrator of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry

following a commerce ministry order issued on June 21.

He will prepare a new list of 'genuine voters' and hold elections of an execu-tive committee and president of KCCI.

of KCCI to hold

polls

village under Damurhuda upazila.