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BRTC links Chandpur with Khagrachhari

BSS, Chandpur BRTC (Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation) bus service between Chandpur and Khagrachhari has been introduced from Wednesday.

BRTC chairman Advocate Taib Alam Khondkar inaugurated the bus service at a function at Chandpur bus terminal.

While speaking the BRTC chairman said the government introduced buses in different routes to improve communication system across the country. He further disclosed that BRTC bus service would be introduced shortly between Chandpur and Cox's Bazar.

One crushed by police patrol car in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

One person died under the wheels of a police patrol car at Bamrail on the Barisal-Dhaka highway on Saturday.

Jitendra Nath Adhikari, 31, was crossing the road when the car belonging to Uzirpur thana ran over him, police and the victim's relatives said.

Jitendra hailed from Bamrail area. The body was handed over to his relatives after autopsy at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. No case was lodged till Sunday.

2 AL men, one BNP activist killed in Jhenidah, Chuadanga

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Two local Awami League leaders were killed by unidentified miscreants at two villages Jhenidah and Chuadanga on Saturday night.

The killing in Chuadanga was done allegedly by outlaws.

A BSS report from Jhenidah said an Awami League leader was shot dead by miscreants at Kanaharpur village under the Sadar upazila.

Police said, unidentified miscreants numbering ten to twelve called Abdul Mannan out of his residence and took him to a nearby place at Kanaharpur.

They shot him point blank and left him in a pool of blood after confirming his death.

Being informed, police recovered the body next morning and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed with Jhenidah police station in this connection. None was arrested. Reasons behind the killing could not be known immediately.

In another incident, BNP activist Akbar Ali, 40, and Amir Ali, 35, of Oghantonagar village in Jhenidah Sadar upazila were injured critically when a group of unidentified miscreant attacked them recently.

Akbar Ali died at Magura Hospital on Sunday. Amir Ali is being treated there.

Another BSS report from Chuadanga said Mizanur rahman, a leader of Nagda union Awami League in Alamdanga upazila, was murdered Saturday night at Betbaria village allegedly by outlaws belonging to Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP).

He was picked up from his Joregacha village home. Police recovered the body Sunday morning.

A case has been filed with Alamdanga police station.

Process postponed in Dakop

Clashes injure 16 in Jessore, Lalmonirhat

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At least 16 people were injured in Jessore and Lalmonirhat in clashes between people during formation of Gram Sarkar units on Saturday.

Our Staff Correspondent reported from Khulna that 10 people including a Union Parishad (UP) member were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Jhumjhumur under Jessore Sadar upazila.

According to police, the clash took place between supporters of Jhumjhumur UP Chairman Manjurul Huq and local BNP leader Mokaddes Hossain when names of persons in the Gram Sarkar unit was



being read out by a representative of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer.

The injured are UP member Khalilur Rahman, former UP member Faruque Hossain, Abu Saeed, Jamaluddin, Dulal Hossain, Ibrahim, Iqbal Hossain, Ruhul Amin, Khalil and Moin.

A case has been lodged with Jessore Kotwali police in this connection.

Gram Sarkar could not be formed at Chalna Bazar in Dakop

upazila on Saturday as rival groups clashed.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent reported that at least six persons were injured in clash during formation of Gram Sarkar at ward No 3 in Gokunda union in the Sadar upazila.

The clash took place after voting as the defeated group attacked the winner group, both aligned to ruling BNP.

The injured are Abdul Aziz, Keramat Ali, Kachhir Uddin, Mecher Ali, Bashir Uddin, and Bakul.

They were admitted to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital.

The injured said they will file a case if district BNP leaders do not take any action.

Transport owners in Khulna, Rajshahi may stop wheels to press 8-point demand

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Transport owners and workers in Rajshahi and Khulna have reiterated their call to the government to fulfill their eight-point demand.

They urged transport owners and workers in northern and southern districts to stop the wheels from Thursday, as called earlier, if the demands are not met by Wednesday.

A BSS report from Rajshahi said leaders of the Rajshahi Road Transport Group (RRTG) on Sunday called upon the authorities concerned to implement its eight-point demand immediately.

Addressing a press conference here, the leaders said that they were facing financial loss as their business was being affected due to non-

implementation of their demands for long.

They leaders said they will go for a greater action programme if their demands are not met by Wednesday.

RRTG General Secretary Shahidur Rahman Montu read out a written statement at the press conference, held at the RRTG office.

The press conference was addressed by, among others, RRTG President Mijanur Rahman, Vice-president Achintya Kumar and labour leader Rafiqul Islam Tota.

Another BSS report from Khulna said the South Western and North Bengal Road Transport Owners and Workers Oikkyo Parishad said it will start an indefinite strike from

Wednesday to press its 8-point demand.

This was stated by president of Khulna Regional Truck Owners Association Abdul Gaffar Biswas at a meeting of the Parishad, held at its office here.

President of Khulna Motor Sramik Union Abdur Rahim Bux Dudu and other leaders of the Parishad were also present.

The demands include action against issuance of fake driving license, measures against toll collection by law-enforcing agencies, operation of BRTC buses under its own management, issuance of driving license in consultation with the representatives of transport workers union and steps to stop highway dacoity.

Workshop on quake preparedness held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a workshop stressed on more preparedness to minimise casualty and destruction from possible earthquake.

Action Aid Bangladesh organised the two-day workshop on 'Earthquake preparedness' for ward commissioners, NGOs and voluntary organisations that concluded at its Chittagong office yesterday.

Dr Shahidul Islam of Chittagong University's geography department, Action Aid Director Shafiqul Islam, its Co-ordinator Khurshid Alam, Programme Officer Touhid Ibne Farid and journalist Mohsin Chowdhury conducted the workshop.

The speakers said, unless adequate preparedness is made, there will be massive casualties and damage of property in greater Chittagong if another moderate tremors hits the area.

They called for identifying vulnerable structures in the area with the help of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) and government departments concerned.

The workshop adopted an action plan, which will be submitted to the authorities.

Schoolgirl 'killed' after rape, police allegedly record suicide case

A CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A 14 year-old schoolgirl was killed after rape but Manikganj police refused to file a murder case, the victim's father alleged at a press conference here.

Being refused, he filed a murder case with Manikganj Magistrate Court on August 14, he told the press conference.

In the case fled with the Magistrate Court, Abdul Aziz of Hizlain village under Manikganj Sadar alleged that her daughter Rupali Akhter was abducted by his neighbours Habibur Rahman, son of a police constable, Abdur Rajjazz and Akkas Ali on August 9. They killed Rupali after rape, he said in the complaint.

Being informed by local people, police recovered the body from a guava garden in the village on the morning of August 10. The body was sent to Manikganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy, he said.

Rupali was a student of class VIII at Lemubari Binoda Sundari High School.

At the press conference, Abdul Aziz alleged that he went to Manikganj police station on August 12 to file a murder case. But police

did not take any case.

He went there again on August 13. Police rebuked him for going there again, he alleged.

He demanded arrest and punishment of the killers.

Victim's cousin Jasim Uddin alleged at the press conference that police took his signature on a white paper when he went the police station on August 10 to file a case. After taking his signature, police wrote on the paper that Rupali committed suicide by taking poison.

On August 11, the Officer-in-charge of Manikganj Sadar police station told journalists that Rupali killed herself by taking poison though the autopsy report was not available with police then.

Sources at Manikganj Sadar Hospital seeking anonymity said that Rupali was killed after rape.

During a visit to Hizlain village on August 14, this correspondent did not find Habibur Rahman. Neighbours said he is absconding since the incident.

Meanwhile, the local units of Mohila Parishad and Communist Party of Bangladesh have demanded arrest and trial of the killers.



Jubo League activists formed a human chain in front of Sheikh Russel Children Rehabilitation Centre at Gamadanga on Friday protesting alleged government move to change its name.

Mob gouges eyes of fugitive criminal in Uzirpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A mob gouged eyes of a notorious criminal and fugitive convicted murderer in the early hours of Sunday at Mundupasha village in Uzirpur upazila under Barisal district.

Anis, 35, an alleged Sharbohara leader and a terror in Uzirpur, was caught when he and his accomplices swooped on houses of some minority families in the village for toll collection, police and local people said. His accomplices managed to flee.

Police rescued and sent him to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. A fresh case has been filed against him.

Police said listed criminal Anis was sentenced to life term imprisonment in absentia for murdering Saidul, a student of BM College, in Uzirpur in 1996.

He was caught by people, beaten and handed over to police last year. But he fled from Barisal SBMCH while being treated under custody.

Two police personal were suspended following his escape.

Fugitive Anis again started various criminal activities in Uzirpur area. Local minority families were his prime targets of torture and toll collection.

He had broken the hands and legs of an elderly woman -Basanti Rani as she refused to pay toll, police said.

Rapist gets life in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong

The Speedy Trial Tribunal in a verdict here on Sunday sentenced a youth to life for violating a college girl that led to her death.

Judge M Hasan Imam also fined the convict, Ashikur Rahman alias Asik, son of Siddique Ahmed of village Shitalpar under Kasba upazila of Brahmanbaria district, Tk one lakh, court sources said.

Asik had established an illicit relation with the college girl by giving her false hope of marriage.

She became pregnant and Asik brought her to a quack for abortion. Victim's father Mohammad Shamsul Haque Master filed a case with Kasba thana the same day.

Acid victim fighting for life at Barisal hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Asia Begum, 26, a housewife and mother of two children, is now fighting for life at the Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with severe acid-burn injuries.

Acid was thrown on her at the Ramalla village under Baufal upazila in Patuakhali district on Friday night when she came out of the house on nature's call, relatives said at the hospital.

The victim's relatives said her husband Yunus Howlader has a land dispute with his neighbor Khalil Fakir. The incident could be a sequel to the land dispute, they claimed.

She was rushed to the Baufal Upazila Health Complex and later sent to Barisal SBMCH in a critical condition.

No case was lodged and none arrested till Sunday.

Jute mill closure move Human chain at Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Workers and employees of Raipur Qaumi Jute Mill formed a human chain in Sirajganj town yesterday protesting the government's alleged move to close the mill.

This was part of a nine-day agitation programme, announced earlier by Quami Jute Mill Rakha Sangram Committee that began on August 13.

On August 14, they brought out a procession from the Bazar Station, paraded the streets of the town and held a rally.

The committee will organise a token hunger strike from 10 AM to 2 pm at the Bazar Station tomorrow, to be followed by a 'mass procession on Wednesday and a public meeting on August 26.

It will call a halt in the district against the planned closure of the mill, its leaders said.



An alleged member of a 'tendon-cutter gang'-Sumon--being beaten by a mob at Lalmonirhat bus stand on Thursday. Sources said he was caught while trying to flee Lalmonirhat by a bus. He was handed over to police. He hailed from Tomal Para area in the town.

Separation of judiciary demanded

A RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Members of the Rajshahi University Association of Law Finders (RUALF) recently brought out a procession on the campus demanding separation of judiciary from the executive.

RUALF president Shafiqul Alam and general secretary Shariful Haque led the procession. Earlier, they organised a tree

plantation programme in front of the Law and Justice Department.

Law Faculty Dean A F M Mohsin inaugurated the programme. Law and Justice Department chairman Prof Dr Begum Asma Siddika, Professor A B Siddik, Professor M Rabiul Hossain, Prof Abdul Hassan, Prof Anisur Rahman and Prof Hasibul Alam Prodhan participated in the tree plantation programme.