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Kirtonkhola ferry disrupted again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
Ferry service on Kirtonkhola river on the Barisal-Bhola highway, resumed on Friday, was again disrupted on Saturday as the lone old vessel went out of order.

Fire at Feni

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni
At least 25 shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Feni Bazar in the town last night.

2 'outlaws' held in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia
Two alleged outlaws belonging to Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) were arrested at Chadgram village in Bheramara upazila on Saturday.

Hartal today in Jaintapur for BRTC service

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
An eight-hour hartal will be observed in Jaintapur upazila today to press resumption of BRTC bus service.

The Brihattar Jainta Samannaya Samity (Greater Jainta Cooperation Association) earlier called the hartal to pressed the demand.

The hartal follows rallies in different aereas of the upazila, held by the Samity yesterday and the day before, to press the demand.

BRTC service in four routes in the district from Sylhet railway station was introduced on September 10. But, the service on Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaffiong route was withdrawn last week following pressure from private transport owners and workers associations.

Diarrhoea: one more dies, 200 attacked in Nilphamari

3600 IV Cholera salines reach, says Civil Surgeon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

One more diarrhoea patient died in Nilphamari and over 200 attacked in the last 24 hours ending at about noon yesterday.

Saidpur upazila health complexes on Saturday.

They said diarrhoea wards at Nilphamari and Domar health complexes are "packed with patients".

Hundreds more were undergoing treatment at outdoors in different upazila health complexes, they added.

Nilphamari Civil Surgeon Nazrul Islam yesterday said 3600 bags of intravenous (IV) Cholera saline reached from Dhaka in the morning.

He said 54,500 bags of oral saline and sufficient TC capsules, metronidazole tablets and water purifying tablets are in stock.

He however said the situation is under control.

Meanwhile local Awami League MP Asaduzzaman Noor donated 500 bags of IV Cholera saline for the affected people.

Besides Islamic Aid, Muslim Aid, Bangladesh, and Dhaka-based Nilphamari Kallayan Samity have distributed oral salines, medicines, money, rice and potato among affected people.

14 AL men among 113 held in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Metropolitan Police arrested two persons identified as Shahidul Shaikh, 34 and Shawkat Hossain, 35 and recovered three powerful live hand bombs from their possession.

Besides, police picked up 113 people including 14 leaders of Awami League, Chhatra League and Jubo League on Friday midnight from the city.

All of them have been sent to jail, showing them arrested under the KMP Ordinance without any specific charge.

2 'outlaws' held in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Two alleged members of a new outlawed party --South Bangla Chhinnamul Communist Party -- were arrested by BDR from Alipur check post in thye Sadar upazila on Thursday.

Two revolvers, five bullets and over 100 party posters and letters for illegal toll were recovered from them.

They are Subhash Mondal, 30, of Sunari village in Dacope upazila and Pankaj Sardar, 22, of Patnikhali village in Koira upazila in Khulna district.

Police said, they had entered the country through Bhomra. BDR searched their bodies and caught them when they were crossing Alipur checkpost in a motorcycle.

They were handed over to police. They told police that they went to India to meet their leader Akash Babu who lives at Salt Lake in Kolkata.

Police produced them before court, which placed them on three days' remand.

One kidnapped for ransom in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A hatchery owner was kidnapped for ransom from Boalia village in Daulatpur upazila on Saturday night, allegedly by some members of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP).

Police said, Israil Hossain, 30, was kidnapped on gun point as he was guarding the hatchery.

The abductors alater sent a message for Tk three lakh ransom. A case was filed but police could not rescue him.

Rupsha AL activist murder 15 held for quizzing, cops 'closed' for negligence in duty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Fifteen people have so far been picked up from different areas of Rupsha upazila for questioning in connection with Friday's murder of Awami League activist Tushar Ahsan Lenin.

Sub Inspector Abdus Samad and ASI Jinnat have been closed to the police lines.

They were on patrol duty near the place where Tushar was gunned down on Friday night.

Tushar's younger brother has filed a case but did not name any accused.

Meanwhile some police sources claimed that Tushar had helped police on September 10 in recovery of nine arms and eleven bullets from now-defunct United Fish Processing Factory at Ramnagar, owned by Khulna city BNP President M Nurul Islam MP.

Three alleged armed cadres of PBCP (J) were arrested from there.

End to SUST crisis not in sight

Rally, march in city for starting first year classes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet.

Students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally in the city as part of their agitation for starting first year classes.

Classes can not be started as teachers are on strike, demanding recruitment of more teachers.

The students gathered at the Shahid Minar in the city and brought out a procession from there at about 11-30 AM.

They later held a brief rally in the Court Point area.

Azizur Rahman Khan conducted the meeting while Hridoy Ayub and Al Amin Hossain spoke.

The speakers announced that a 'students-people mass rally' would be held at the main gate of the varsity at 11 AM tomorrow to realise the demand.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the SUST Syndicate, which was scheduled at 11 am yesterday, was deferred.

However, an official said the Acting Vice Chancellor (VC) held a meeting with Deans and departmental heads yesterday morning

and discussed ways to resolve the crisis. But, nothing fruitful was achieved, he said.

The Acting VC is scheduled to hold a meeting with all teachers at 11 AM today to find out a way to start classes.

In the prevailing situation, there is apprehension that the Academic Council meeting, scheduled to begin at 11 AM today, may not be held, sources said.

On the other hand, Shahjalal University Teachers Association also called a general meeting of teachers at 11 AM today at the university auditorium.

CU students boycott classes for repeal of grade system

CUET 1st yr students on strike

CU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Chittagong University (CU) started class-boycott yesterday demanding cancellation of grading system and revival of the old 'class system' in examinations.

The students under the banner of General Students Action Council (GSAC) declared the programme at a rally held on the campus on Saturday. The rally followed a procession.

The students at the rally alleged that the university authorities were playing the role of a silent spectator

regarding the demand for cancellation of grading system. They also vowed to continue class boycott till their demand is met.

The university authorities had assured them to revive 'class system' but did not take any initiative. This is increasing the session jam.

Mahmudul Quader presided over the rally, addressed by, among others, Rupam, Abdur Rab, Happy, Pinki, Zia and Nahid.

At the Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET), third year students of civil engineering department started

class-boycott yesterday demanding repeal of an expulsion order on three fellow students.

The CUET authorities expelled Mohammed Alamgir, Chinmoy Barua and Mamtaz Sami Billah on Wednesday as they could not obtain 40 credits.

Students of the department alleged that the authorities did not give any prior notice before the expulsion. They also said the CUET is being run under the Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) Ordinance even after it was upgraded to its present position.

Dacoit killed in gunfight with police in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An alleged dacoit was killed and seven others were injured in an hour-long gunbattle with police at Chhayani Rasulpur village in Gafargaoan upazila on Saturday.

The dead was identified as Chandu, 35, of Golarvita Chandertek village in Trishal upazila.

Police and local people said, the gulbattle took place when the dacoits were fleeing after robbery at

some houses. As the villagers raised a hue and cry, the dacoits fired blank shots, which drew a police team from Gafargaoan thana led by SI Monsur. Police later recovered the body of Chandu and a pipegun.

On September 24 night, two alleged dacoits were beaten to death at Joydarkhali village in Gafargaoan and a retired policeman was killed by dacoits at Gandakhola village in Trishal.

Govt Yasin College a no-smoking area

UNB, Faridpur

The Government Yasin College has been declared no-smoking educational institution in the district.

The unanimous decision was taken at a joint meeting of students, teachers and staffs of the college on Thursday.

Muhammad Altaf Hossain, principal of the college, took the praiseworthy step in the backdrop of increasing drug abuse by young generation particularly the students across the country.

22 held from 5 Chuadanga villages on one night

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

Joint forces arrested 22 people from five villages in Notipola union under Darnuhuda upazila on Thursday night.

The villages are Hogoldanga, Hemayetpur, Notipota, Bhagiratpur and Iaxmifur.

Four of them were arrested in connection murder, toll collection and dacoity cases and the rest under Section 54 of CrPC, police said.

Gaibandha metal workers on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

The Gaibandha unit of Bangladesh Engineering Industries Owner's Samity went on strike yesterday following a row between owners and workers.

Workers of Asha Metal and Shajahan Metal started agitation on September 20 for reasling their various demands.

As the matter could not settle, owners of other small workshops in the town joined them and stopped work, sources said.

Kotir Bazar-Adiabab bridge opens next month

BSS, Narsingdi

The 160-metre Kotir Bazar-Adiabab bridge on Sresteghar-Kotirbazar-Adiabab road over Arial Kha river is expected to be opened to traffic next month.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is constructing the project at a cost of about Tk two crore.

Sources at the local LGED office said 98 per cent work on the project has already been completed and all out efforts are being made to finish the work within the stipulated time.

Dacoity at six Sirajganj houses on one night

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Robbers looted valuables including gold ornaments from six houses in Borocapra village under Dhamaingor Union in Raiganj upazila on Thursday night.

About 50 dacoits armed with sophisticated weapons swooped on the houses at a time and took away gold ornaments, goods including TV sets and money.

People rallying round JP to get back peace, security: Ershad

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Former president and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad has said people are rallying round his party to get back peace and security as the BNP-Jammat government failed to ensure those.

"People are fed us with its misrule. Instead of good governance, the ruling coalition dragged the country into deep uncertainty", he said addressed a public meeting at Bheramara BJM College ground on Saturday.

With Bahadurpur Union Parishad Chairman Abdur Razzak in the chair, the meeting was addressed by, among other, JP central secretary ABM Ruhul Amin Hawladar, GM Golam Kader MP, Golam Habib Dulal MP, Ahsan Babib Linkon, Safiul Alam Pradhan, Ahamed Sarif and Nafiz Ahmed Khan Titoo.

Ershad said Awami League and BNP destroyed peace as they

sheltered criminals and toll collectors.

"People were better during my nine-year rule and they want Jatiya Party in power again", he said.

Crimes are rising as police can not work neutrally because of political influence, he claimed.

Image of goddess damaged at Moulviabazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulviabazar

Miscreants damaged the image of a Hindu goddess at a temple at Moulviabazar town Friday night.

The Deputy Commissioner, the Police Superintendent and the Moulviabazar Poursava chairman visited the spot yesterday morning and told members of the Hindu community that the culprits would be brought to book and adequate steps taken to ensure security during the Durga Puja.

Promoth Rabnjan Baul, president of the district Puja Committee, said some vested quarters were behind the incident to create unrest in the district town, known for communa harmony.

Shifting of upazila hq protested

Half-day hartal observed at Fulchari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A half-day hartal was observed in Fulchari upazila yesterday in protest against a government decision to shift the upazila headquarter from its present location to Kalirbazar, four kilometres away.

People also brought out a procession and held a rally at Fulchari.

Shops and educational institutes remained closed and all kinds of transport were off the roads during the hartal.

The government decided to shift the upazila headquarter at Kalirbazar as Fulchhari is threatened with erosion by the Brahmaputra river.

The Fulehari Upazila Headquarter Shifting Resistance Committee, a newly formed body, has been organising agitations for cancellation of the decision.

On September 25, an All-Party Resisting Committee also held a rally at Fulchari.

Speakers at the rally urged the government to control erosion and not to shift the upazila headquarter.



PHOTO: STAR

An unauthorised construction on railway land at Lalmonirhat. The photo was taken recently.

Two abducted teenaged girls rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Two teenaged girls abducted from Bhetkhali in Syamnagar upazila on September 15 were rescued by a local UP chairman on Saturday.

They are Rahima Khatun, 10, daughter of Moslem Gazi and Arifa Khatun, 11, daughter of Abdul Aziz of Bhetkhali in Shyamnagar upazila.

They told their rescuers that while they were going to school, four persons Taizul, Saifur, Kamrul and Shafisul -- of the same village offered them sweets and took them to an unknown village. They were confined in a house there.

Romjan Nagar UP Chairman Alamgir Haidar said the girls were rescued from a paddy field at bordering Bhetkhali village. He said the girls might have been abducted for trafficking.

A case was lodged with Shyamnaga thana on September 16 but police could not rescue them.