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Jubo Dal founding day observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga
The 25th founding anniversary of Jatiotabadi Jubo Dal, youth front of ruling BNP, was observed in Chuadanga recently.
A discussion meeting was held at the town hall on the occasion.
Chuadanga district BNP president Al Haj Mohammad Mozammel Hoque MP was the chief guest while district Jubo Dal president advocate Waheduzzaman Bula presided over the meeting.
Local BNP and Jubo Dal leaders Anwar Hossain, Abul Quashem, Khalid Masud, Shahidul Quaanain, Abdul Jabbar Sona, advocate Shamim Reza and others spoke on the occasion.

Wife killed for dowry

BSS, Rajbari
A newly married housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband for dowry in Baliakandi upazila on Tuesday.
Police said Munira Khatun, 18, was married to Abdur Razzaq of Samuk Khola village under Islampur Union in Baliakandi upazila few days ago.
But her greedy husband pressed her to bring dowry and used to beat her. On Tuesday, her husband and other members of his family neat Munira. She later died at Rajbari Sadar Hospital.

One caught with forged notes

BSS, Rajshahi
Villagers caught one person with two forged Tk 500 and Tk 100 notes at Fatepur under Bagha upazila Thursday night.
Police said, Rafiqul Islam, 33, was caught while he was purchasing cigarette with a forged Tk 100 note. Later villagers searched him and found a Tk 500 forged note in his pocket.
The villagers handed him over to police, who lodged a case and sent him to court hazat.

Golden Jubilee Tower

Felling of 24 trees at RU protested

A RU CORRESPONDENT

A decision of the Rajshahi University (RU) authorities to construct a fountain cum tower at a cost of Tk 12 lakh in front of the administrative building by cutting 24 valuable trees has caused students' anger recently.
The students of Geography and Environmental Studies Department observed a rally and held a human chain on the campus recently protesting the authority's 'arbitrary' selection of a 100 square feet area where many trees exist instead of selecting an empty space.
Four banyan and mango trees have already been axed for construction of the tower to mark the golden jubilee of the university.
The Rajshahi City Corporation will voluntarily finance the construction work of the fountain cum tower made of stainless steel as a gesture of goodwill to the university.
'Only old trees, not green ones are being fallen down for the purpose', told the university's students advisor Professor Rafiqul Islam to this correspondent.
their hall superintendent for alleged corruption and his misbehaviour with them on Tuesday.

Barisal police fan out to keep order

40 check posts, mobile teams during Ramadan

AKTER FARUK, Barisal

Barisal police have taken some measures to improve law and order and maintain smooth traffic during the Ramadan.
Forty check posts have been set up at different points in the divisional headquarter and in nine upazilas in the district.
Six check posts have been set up in Barisal city, also to be patrolled by 10 mobile teams. The rest of the check posts have been set up in upazilas.

Police sources said the six check posts in the city at Launch Ghat, Shipping Ghat, Dapdapia, Laharhut Ferry Ghat, Rupatali and Nathullabad Bus terminal are manned by 22 police officers and 50 constables.
More 20 officers and 50 constables are on patrol duty in the city.
Thirty-six officers and 132 constables are on duty at the 34 check posts in the nine upazilas.
Five check posts have been set up in Bakerganj; four each in Banaripara, Babuganj and Uzirpur; six in

Gournadi and three each in Agailjhara, Muladi, Mehendiganj and Hizla upazilas.
Police said, all suspected people and goods are being checked at these points.
Talking to this correspondent, Barisal Police Superintendent Md Mohsin said every year some pre cautionary steps are taken some days before the Eid. This year strong police vigilance will be maintained throughout the Ramadan.

2 outlaws shot dead in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two cadres of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) were gunned down allegedly by rival party cadres at Chapaigachi in Sadar upazila early hours of yesterday.
The dead were identified as Mohor Ali, 30, son of late Noyan Ali of village Baliapara in Sadar upazila and Swapan, 35, son of late Abdur Razzak of village Cheuria in Kumarkhali upazila.
Police said a gang of around 15,

allegedly belonging to the outlawed Gano Mukti Fouz, an armed wing of Sramajibi Mukti Andolon (SMA) attacked on the BCP cadres when they were holding a meeting at Chapaigachi village at about 3 am.
The Gano Mukti Fouz (GMF) cadres sprayed bullets on them. Two BCP cadres died on the spot.
Police recovered their bodies yesterday morning and sent them to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy.
No case was filed in this connection.

In another incident Sajjad Hossain, 13, son of Sanwar Hossain at village Krishnapur in Kumarkhali upazila was shot dead on the same day.
Police said, Sajjad, a madrassah student, was shot by unidentified gunmen in front his house at about 9.30 pm. He died on the spot.
The cause of the killing could not be known immediately.
A case was filed with Kumarkhali police station.



PHOTO: STAR

A roundtable on Role of Civil Society to Improve Quality of Life of the Ultra Poor was held recently at Nilphamari under the aegis of the BRAC. It was organised by the Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) BRAC Advocacy unit Director Afsan Chowdhury (5th from left) and BCDJC Director Samar Roy (1st from left) are seen in the picture among the participants.

One dies from wrong treatment in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A patient died at a clinic at Kolaroa upazila headquarter allegedly due to wrong treatment by a fake doctor.
Khaleda Begum of Rasulpur village in Satkhira Sadar upazila alleged at a press conference here that her ailing husband Yakub Ali, 50, was taken to a private clinic at Kolaroa on October 3. The clinic is owned by one Prabhash Chandra Ghosh, she claimed.
Soon after admission, one Abdul Mannan, who claimed himself to be a physician, pushed an injection in the patient's left hand. Next morning, she and her son Mafizul Islam went to the clinic and found her husband dead.
Reading a written statement at the Satkhira Press Club on October 28, she alleged that her husband died from wrong treatment by the fake doctor.
Asked why she did not file a case, she said the clinic owner was threatening her of "dire consequences" if she filed a case.
She however said she would file a case soon.

Barisal BM College students go on rampage, demand removal of 2 teachers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The resident students of Barisal Government Brojomohan College went on a rampage on the campus demanding removal of two teachers for alleged irregularity, corruption and their misbehaviour with them on Tuesday.
They ransacked the office of the hall superintendent of Fazlul Huq Muslim Hall, his residential quarter and threw furniture and other goods in a pond.
Angry resident students brought out a procession on the campus and damaged the college auditorium before meeting college principal Professor Nurul Anwar.
Students, College administration and other related sources said that a group of resident students went to the office of Fazlul Huq Muslim Hall to discuss problems with hall super Professor Abul Kalam Azad of the Social Welfare Department and assistant hall super Professor Bellal Hossain of the History Department. But instead of giving a patient hearing to them the two teachers misbe-

Disabled help themselves

A CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Disabled Peoples Organisation for Development (MDPOD), a body of disabled persons in the district, in cooperation the district administration has given five wheel chairs to five disabled persons and ten white canes to ten blind people.
These were distributed at a function held recently at NDPOD office at Rouhadah village in the Sadar upazila.
Manikganj Deputy Commissioner M Abdul Bari, other officials, media representatives and MDPOD office bearers were present at the simple function.
MDPOD Chairman Syeda Akter Deiji was in the chair.
MDPOD, set up in 1998, has 75 members. All its office bearers are also disabled.
Speaking on the occasion, the office bearers said disabled people can be self-reliant with a little help from the society.

3 'outlaws' held in Jessore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jessore Kotwali thana police have arrested three armed cadres of Jana Juddho faction of Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) from Rajarhat crossing.
They are Pir, 24, Babu, 28 and Shariful, 30.
According to police the outlaws went to Rajarhat to kill Dr Abidur Rahman, owner of Abid Medical Hall for not paying Tk 50,000 as toll.
Office-in-charge of Kotwali thana Shahidul Islam said the three had demanded a toll of Tk 50,000 from Dr Abid. They confessed that they went to Rajarhat to kill Dr Abid, the OC said.

Mongla Jubo League leader's wife found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Afrin Ahmed Lucky, 25, wife of Mongla thana Jubo League leader Zahir Raihan Shanta, was found dead on Tuesday at her father's house at Kainmari village.
Doctors declared her dead when she was taken to Mongla St. Paul's Hospital.
Her father Dr Ahmadullah lodged a general diary with Mongla thana demanding thorough investigation into the death of her daughter.
Police found her body hanging from a ceiling fan in her bedroom.
Her father mentioned in the general diary that Lucky was "murdered". Because, she was unhappy in her conjugal life because of her husband.
Her husband was not found till burial of the body after autopsy, police said.

30,000 marooned in Khulna 22 villages flooded in Koira; Paikgacha town under water; woman dies from starvation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The number of marooned people in Koira upazila has risen to 30,000 as more villages have gone under floodwater surging from Kobadak river.
Hundreds of people have taken shelter in high places and at the Upazila Parishad building. They are yet to be provided with relief.
Seventy-year-old woman Puti Dashi of Madinabad union died Wednesday night from starvation, her relatives said.
The Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) however said she died of diarrhoea.
According to the UNO, at least 800 kutchra houses have collapsed.
An acute crisis of drinking water is prevailing as most of the tube wells in the 22 villages have gone under five to six feet water.

Over 300 people have been attacked with diarrhoeal and other water-borne diseases.
Floodwater has completely disrupted road links. Power supply is yet to be restored.
At least 100 shrimp enclosures have been washed away and Aman crops on f 3000 hectares have been totally damaged.
Marooned people are also suffering from insecurity. A large number of them are starving. When asked, UNO expressed his inability to ensure security. "It is not my duty", he said.
Hundreds of people have also been marooned at Paikgacha upzila due to collapse of the town protection embankment. The embankment collapsed due to pressure of surging water from swelling Shibsha river.
At least one-third of Paikgacha town is under four to five feet water.

Situation may turn alarming if the embankment is not rebuilt, which will require at least Tk one crore, UNO AFM Manzoor Kader said on Thursday.
A disaster prevention committee has been formed with Paikgacha Pourasava Chairman as its convenor. The upazila administration has sanctioned five metric tonnes of rice for the affected people, the UNO said.
He said a control room has been set up to monitor the situation round-the-clock.
But the disaster prevention committee formed by the UNO does not have representation of Awami League.
When asked, the UNO said local AL leaders were invited but they did not attend the meeting where the committee was formed.
But AL leaders said they were not invited.

Eviction of lessees from govt land 37 BNP-Jamaat men sued in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Thirty-seven leaders and activists of the ruling Four Party Alliance have been sued in two cases for allegedly evicting ten lessees from a government land in Assassumi upazila.
The cases were filed with Satkhira Cognisance Court 'GA' on Thursday by two of the evicted landless lessees -- Abdul Hannan and Majibar Rahman.

The accused include Assassuni Upazila BNP President Abu Hena Mostofa Kamal, thana Jubo Dal President Mashiul Huda Tuhin and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Wadood.
Court sources said ten landless people including Abdul Hannan and Majibar Rahman of Assassuni Sadar leased 2400 square feet land at Modardighi from the Zila Parishad on October 19 and built houses there.
But the leaders and activists of the Four Party Alliance led by Mashiul Huda Tuhin, Mostofa Kamal and Abdul Wadood ordered the landless people to vacate the land. Announcement was also made over microphone on October 28, asking them to leave the place.
On October 29 in the morning, they along with some others attacked the lessees, damaged their houses and evicted them. The attackers also looted their belongings.

Most community clinics in Barguna locked

BSS, Barguna.

Most of the 78 community clinics set up in five Upazilas of the district during Awami League rule for providing medicare to rural people are now under lock and key.
Local people said the government last year pressed into service 27 of the clinics, but these are not functioning properly due to shortage of medicines, doctors and instruments.
At some of the clinics, one health assistant or a family welfare assistant is sometimes seen advising 'clintens'.
Each of the clinics constructed on a 5-decimal plot of land at a cost of Tk 2.5 lakh consists of two rooms and a toilet. But the poor people are getting no service from these clinics.



PHOTO: STAR

Construction of the commerce building at Patuakhali Government College is suspended since the initial work was done in 1999 with an initial allocation of Tk eight lakh against an estimated expenditure of Tk 40 lakh. No body knows when the work will resume. Students are attending classes at the old building declared abandoned earlier.



PHOTO: STAR

The Conscious Citizens' Committee, Mymensingh and the Transparency International, Bangladesh jointly organised a discussion in the town recently to build a movement for creating a corruption-free society.