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648 firearms licences cancelled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal The Barguna district administration has cancelled 648 licences of firearms due to various reasons under Section 18(A) of the Fire Arms Act 1924.

30 houses looted by outlaws in one night

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal. The outlawed Sarbaha Party cadres committed armed robberies in 30 houses in one night at Jalabari village under Sarupkathi upazila of Pirojpur on Tuesday.

Ahmedul Kabir's death condoled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh A meeting was held at the Mymensingh Press Club auditorium to condole the death of Ahmedul Kabir, Chief Editor of the Bangla daily 'Sangbad'.

Stand-off over BRTC service in Sylhet

Agitated people of three upazilas again foiled the authorities' move on Thursday to take BRTC buses back to the capital and stop its service in greater Sylhet.

Courier service co-raided, closed for hundi business

Police led by a magistrate have raided the office of a private courier service in the city for illegal hundi business, arrested two of its employees and stopped its operation.

Police also recovered Tk 1,34,000, seized some 'important documents' and two iron safes from the office of Rainbow Courier Service in Shahjalal Upashahar area.

Security men from a private security service have been deployed at its office.

Police said the raid followed filing of a case against the company with Sylhet Kotwali thana on Monday under the Money Laundering Law.

In the FIR, police said the company was engaged in illegal hundi business since its launching in 1999. It did not have any approval from the Bangladesh Bank. Those accused in the case include the company's Chairman Tanvirul Haque, Managing Director Capt. (Retd) Sirajul Haque, Chief Accountant Sujay Bhattacharyya, Accountant Biswajit Chowdhury, Assistant Accountant Rusel Bhuian and Booking Officer Quazi Motahar Hossain Mamun.

Nilsagor no more attracts guest birds

Roosts ruined in the name of developing picnic spot

Guest birds no more come in flocks to the historic Nilsagor, once their safe winter abode. Chirping of thousands of birds are not heard and big flocks in the sky are not seen.

and 20 years. The trees have been felled by the authorities, he said. The birds used to start arriving from early November and stayed till March-April. Their chirping on trees, dips in the clear water movement in large flocks thrilled hundreds of visitors from home and abroad.



A partial view of Nilsagor lake where a few guest birds could be spotted on Tuesday. No old tree is seen in the picture.

Step down for snap polls, Suranjit asks govt

Jamaat harbouring a dozen fundamentalist groups, Mannan tells Satkhira AL council

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira Awami League (AL) Presidium member Suranjit Sengupta MP has asked the government to step down paving the way for a mid-term election 'to end misrule, terrorism and corruption'.

Being freedom fighter, former president and BNP's founder Ziaur Rahman patronised "collaborators of Pakistan occupation army", he said.

It is time to ban hartal, says Huda

Communication Minister Nazmul Huda has said it is time to ban 'hartal' by enacting new law as it is destroying the country's economy.

organised the two-day reunion. Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman and Commerce Minister Amir Khorshur Mahmud Chowdhury were also present at the inaugural function as special guests.

Medical Association (BMA) Chittagong unit General Secretary Dr. Khurshid Jamil Chowdhury, addressed the function.

JSD demands national govt

A CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj Jatiya Samajtantrick Dal (JSD-Inu) President Hasanul Haq Inu has alleged that the BNP-Jamaat government failed to run the country and demanded formation of a national government to "free the people from its misrule".

Dialogue on local govt at Comilla Women UP members inactive as male colleagues non-cooperate

STAR NATIONAL DESK Women Union Parishad (UP) members are compelled to play a passive role due to non-cooperation of their male colleagues in discharging their duties.

Male members usually show their apathy towards their female colleagues. Because women members lack required consciousness, they have social limitations and other weaknesses, he mentioned.

Lalmonirhat AL leader murder People nab one more accused, allege police 'inaction'

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat. Local people on Thursday caught and handed over to police one more person in connection with the murder of popular Awami League leader, freedom fighter and Union Parishad Chairman Shamsul Islam Suruz.

Four of them were produced before court, which placed Hariz on four days' remand and sent the rest three to jail.

The local people alleged that police reached the spot of the killing about 10 hours after being informed.

Pneumonia kills 49 children in B'baria

Patients on Sadar Hospital floor, nurses to be bribed for use of nebuliser

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria At least 49 children died from pneumonia and other respiratory problems in the district since October, official sources said.

with their mothers. Talking to this correspondent, some of the parents alleged that nurses were realising Tk 20 to Tk 30 from them each time for use of nebuliser for their children, a treatment vital for respiratory problem.

Highest punishment demanded for traffickers

Police officials, civil society representatives, NGO men join BNWL workshop in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet. Women and children trafficking from 13 districts including those in Sylhet division is increasing as traffickers escape punishment due to legal loopholes and alleged inaction by law enforcers.

Principal of Sylhet Government Mohila College Shamsunnahar and Special Public Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal for Nari O Shishu Nirjatan Doman Adalat Ashique Uddin Ahmed spoke as special guests.



Comilla Poursabha Commissioner Jamir Uddin (1st from left) making a point during a dialogue on 'Role of Mass Media in Strengthening Local Governments', held at Comilla Press Club on Monday.