

Journo beaten by Jubo Dal activists at Keraniganj

UNB, Keraniganj

A local journalist was beaten mercilessly by the Jubo Dal activists here yesterday over publication of a report.

Local sources said Jubo Dal cadre Swapan along with his associates entered the local office of the Dainik Janata at South Keraniganj at about 10:00am and beat up its local correspondent Zahirul Huq mercilessly in presence of police.

The injured journalist was admitted to Mitford Hospital.

It was alleged that police refused to file a case in this regard and instead registered a general diary (GD).

Five local correspondents of different national dailies were injured in attacks by the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Jubo Dal, student and youth fronts of the ruling BNP, during the last four years.

Apart from Zahirul Huq, the other injured were Delwar Hossain of the Jugantor, Iqbal Hossain of the Prothom Alo, HM Amin of UNB and Sadhan Chandra Saha of the Sangbad.

JCD factions clash in Rajbari

UNB, Rajbari

Three people were injured, two of them seriously, in a clash between two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Rajbari Govt College campus on Thursday.

Witnesses said the clash ensued at 11:00am when 15 to 16 JCD men led by Sohel, Hiru and Rabbani attacked their rival group following an altercation over mobile phone, leaving Roman, Raju and Shaon injured.

Seriously injured –Roman and Raju –were admitted to Sadar Hospital while Shaon was released after first aid.

Additional police forces were deployed on the campus to avert further clash.



COVERING THEIR MOUTHS WITH BLACK CLOTHS, MEMBERS OF BANGLADESH SHIKKHA PRATISHTHAN KARMACHARI FEDERATION STAGE A DEMONSTRATION AT MUKTANGAN IN THE CITY YESTERDAY TO REALISE THEIR DEMANDS.

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DR JABBAR MURDER

One to die, 5 get life in Bagerhat

UNB, Bagerhat

District Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday sentenced a man to death and five others, including a woman, to life term in jail in a sensational murder case.

Of the convicts, Bahadur Bepari was awarded death penalty while the lifers were identified as Sahabuddin, Hayder Ali, Bellal Farazi, Riaz and Laboni Begum.

According to the prosecution, a gang of dacoits swooped on the

house of physician Abdul Jabbar of Hogla Bunia village in Morelganj upazila on the night of March 7, 2005. They at one stage shot Jabbar dead and looted valuables worth over Tk one lakh from the house.

A case was filed in this regard.

After examining the records and witnesses, Tribunal Judge Abdus Samad handed down the verdict in the crowded courtroom.

Fifth edition of BBC Sanglap begins today

The recording of the fifth edition of BBC Bengali Service's Bangladesh Sanglap will take place at the Media Centre of Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre today, says a press release.

A four-member panel will discuss major current issues with an invited audience of around 150 members of the public.

Commerce and Water Resources Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, former foreign minister and a senior leader of the 14-party opposition alliance Dr Kamal Hossain, Vice-chancellor of South East University Prof M Shamsheer Ali and Convener of Bangladesh Nari Sangram Committee Shirin Akhter will feature in the panel.

The selection of the audience follows a transparent path – listeners have been invited to register their interest in attending the Sanglaps through announcements in all BBC Bengali programmes. In addition, invitations have been sent to various Radio Listeners' Clubs whose members are generally young, with diverse political views and affiliations.

The Sanglap will create a platform where members of the public can discuss major socio-political issues with leaders of various political parties and members of the civil society. The new series of Sanglaps are divided into two parts – the first running from September to mid October, and the second running from November to the end of December.

The on-going Bangladesh Sanglap series follows the highly successful series of eight debates last year which were jointly produced with the BBC World Service Trust, also called Bangladesh Sanglap.

The Sanglap programmes will be broadcast by BBC Bengali radio on Sundays, and telecast by Channel i on Mondays. Channel i will repeat the programmes on following Sundays.

SUCCESS IN GIRLS' EDUCATION US under secy praises Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

Dr Paula Dobriansky, under secretary for democracy and global affairs, has praised the Bangladesh government for successful girls' education programmes, but observed more needs to be done to remove the gender barriers to learning.

Dobriansky who made a statement on the Education of Girls in the Developing World Remarks at UN Headquarters on Wednesday said no country can thrive in which women's voices are silenced, their rights are violated, and their potential is left unrealised.

He said leaders around the globe must pursue the education of girls as a high priority as he said the girls' education holds the promise of improving lives, spurring economic growth, and creating opportunities in less-developed and post-conflict countries.

Presenting a statistics he said one-sixth of the world's population is illiterate and two-thirds of the illiterate are women. Girls continue to lag behind boys in basic literacy and numeracy, perpetuating a cycle of inequality and poverty that impedes developing countries from moving forward.

Dobriansky said in much of the developing world, girls represent an untapped resource and a hope for the future. Educating girls is a crucial component of building a foundation for democracy, and a prerequisite for creating and sustaining free, open, prosperous societies.

"Nations that marginalise half of their population cannot function and thrive as full democracies.

Dobriansky said a number of governments have made important strides in improving the status of girls' education, saying that successful government programmes in Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Kenya, and Mexico have helped more girls gain access to education through scholarships and stipends that help poor families send their daughters to school.

BSF picks up 6 Bangladeshis

BSS, Lalmonirhat

Indian Border Security Force at Mogalhat point arrested six Bangladeshi nationals yesterday and took them to India when they were fishing in the Dharla River, BDR sources said.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in a letter to BSF asked them to return the Bangladeshis. But, BSF didn't so far replied to the letter, the sources said.

Six Bangladesh nationals were fishing in Bangladesh side of the River. The BSF members of Gitaldah battalion intruded into Bangladesh territory and took them away from the pillar no 928 and 929.

All of the Bangladeshi nationals are from Karnapur village of the district.

They are Mojnu, 25, son of Azhar Mia, Fazlu, 20, son of Hashem Ali, Zakria, 25, son of

Bazlur Rahman, Tandul, 28, son of Abed Ali, Azharul, 20, son of Yunus Ali and Tajul, 20, son of Asmat Ali.

Deputy Commander of Lalmonirhat Rifles Battalion acknowledged the incident and said they have sent emergency letter to BSF company commander of Gitaldah.

A tense situation is prevailing in the area after the incident, sources said.



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EMINENT ARTIST MOSTAFA MONOWAR VISITS A CHILD PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION ON RAMNA RESTAURANT PREMISES YESTERDAY. SAVE THE CHILDREN, SWEDEN AND PRATIBANDHI SHISHU ADHIKAR THEMATIC GROUP JOINTLY ORGANISED THE EXHIBITION MARKING THE CHILD RIGHTS WEEK.



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BANGLADESH PARIBESH ANDOLON (BAPA) AND NIRAPAD KHADYA AND PANYA KARMASHUCHI JOINTLY FORM A HUMAN CHAIN AT SHAHBAKH IN THE CITY YESTERDAY WITH A VIEW TO CREATING AWARENESS ABOUT FOOD ADULTERATION.

'People's confidence in BNP further increases'

BSS, Comilla

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said here yesterday people's confidence in BNP has further increased following various pragmatic programmes implemented by the government in the last five years.

"The country witnessed a massive development in all spheres of national life, including education," he said this while addressing a public meeting at Narandia High School ground of Dalutpur Union.

Mosharraf Hossain said the people of the country repeatedly sending BNP

to the state power because of its agenda of "development and production".

The government has given special priority to education from the realisation the education was the key to development of a nation. "If the nation is educated, poverty will come down automatically," he said.

President of the managing committee of the school Abdul Latif Mollah presided.

Later, the minister inaugurated the construction work of two-story building of the school. Education Engineering Department will implement the works at a cost of Tk 28.55 lakh.