

Vegetable trader stabbed to death in Narsingdi

UNB, Narsingdi

Unidentified assailants killed a vegetable trader at Amlabo Sahapara in Belabo upazila of the district on Thursday night.

The dead was identified as Ahmad Khan, 48, of the village.

Police said the assailants intercepted Ahmad at Sahapara crossing on the way to his home from Bhairab Bazar and stabbed him to death.

Police sent the body to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Victim's younger brother Rafiq said his brother was killed due to land related conflict with his neighbours.



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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina consoles the family members of Waziullah at Sudhasadan in the city yesterday. Waziullah, an AL activist, was killed under the wheels of a police van during the countrywide blockade by 14-party combine.

BBC Bangladesh Sanglap in Rajshahi today

The recording of the 10th edition of the BBC Bengali Service's Bangladesh Sanglap will take place at the Nanking Meeting Hall & Chinese Restaurant, Monibazar, Rajshahi at 5:45pm today, says a press release.

Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation and BNP leader Mizanur Rahman Minu, leader of the Workers' Party of Bangladesh Fazle Hossain Badsha, a leader of the Kansat electricity movement Gholam Rabbani, and socio-political psychologist and professor of psychology at the Rajshahi University Shawkat Ara will feature in the panel.

The panel members will answer questions and debate issues raised by members of the audience. The programme will be presented and moderated by Shakeel Anwar of the BBC Bengali Service.

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 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, and also called Bangladesh Sanglap.

The recorded Sanglap programme will be broadcast on the BBC Bengali radio at 7:30pm on Sunday and telecast on Channel-i at 8:00pm on Monday.

DU exams postponed

All the examinations of Dhaka University (DU) scheduled for until November 25, have been postponed due to unavoidable reasons, says a DU press release yesterday.

Schedules of other examinations will remain unchanged.

Fresh date for the deferred examinations will be announced later.

CARE trains more women drivers

As part of continued efforts to improve gender equity in CARE Bangladesh's Transport Services Department (TSD), it has trained 11 more women drivers and auto-mechanics, raising their number to 25 in the last three years, says a press release.

The graduation ceremony for 15 apprentices, including 11 women, was held at the CARE TSD office at Karwan Bazar on Thursday.

Steve Wallace, country director of CARE Bangladesh, welcomed the 4th batch of apprentices while Hasan M Mazumder, deputy country director, handed over certificates to new graduates of the 3rd batch. Stav Zotalis and Andrea Rodericks, assistant country directors, Md Manzurul Haque, general manager of TSD, and Munmun Salma Chowdhury, GM HRD, were also present.

Speaking at the function, Steve Wallace said providing training to women on driving was a great initiative and it has changed TSD culture radically in the last several years.

LDP showdown in Ctg Monday

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Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the newly formed party comprising the BNP renegades, will organise a public meeting at Chandanaish on Monday as a part of holding a huge showdown in Chittagong.

LDP Executive President Colonel (retd) Oli Ahmad is scheduled to address the meeting as the chief guest at Chandanaish Gachhbaria College, said a press release.

LDP central leaders will attend the meeting where a good number of BNP renegades from different upazilas of south Chittagong district and Cox's Bazar led by former lawmaker Salahuddin Mahmud are

expected to join the party formally, sources said.

LDP will also organise another rally at Patiya on Tuesday and a reception ceremony in the city on Wednesday.

A good number of leaders and activists of different political organisations from all the 41 wards under the metropolis are expected to join the party at the ceremony.

LDP city unit will hold a preparatory meeting at its temporary office in the city today to make the reception a success.

It will also organise a public meeting at Rangamati on Thursday.

Meanwhile, BNP is also preparing to hold a rally to counter LDP at

Chandanaish the same day. Upazila BNP held a meeting in the city on Wednesday night in this connection.

At the meeting at the city residence of Chittagong (south) district BNP President Ahmed Khalil Khan, the leaders called upon all the party men and supporters to attend the rally.

They also emphasised on bringing all the immediate past BNP ministers, advisers and lawmakers from Chittagong city and Chittagong north district units alongside those from Chittagong south district BNP to the rally, said the sources.

CA blamed for not removing CEC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties yesterday criticised the president/chief adviser to the caretaker government for not removing the controversial Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz in order to ensure a free and fair election.

In separate statements, they said the president formed a committee to discuss reformation of the Election Commission with the political parties; on the other hand he called the CEC to discuss the announcement of the next national election.

If the president directs the present CEC to announce the election schedule, that would be a big hypocrisy with the nation, they said.

The organisations include Communist Party of Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Workers Party of Bangladesh, Samajtantrik Mohila Forum and Jatiya Jubo Union.

HR conference in London today

A conference on human rights will be held today at Guildford in London, sponsored by BHRC UK Branch, says a press release.

A total of 100 representatives living in the UK will attend the conference.

Dr Saiful I Dildar, secretary general of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC), will open the ceremony with Amran A Chowdhury, president of BHRC UK Branch, in the chair.



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Security in front of the residence of Chief Election Commissioner MA Aziz in the city has been beefed up ahead of the second phase of the countrywide blockade by Awami League-led 14-party combine beginning Monday.