5 students stabbed at Barishal univ

Our Correspondent, Barishal

Five students of Barishal University (BU) vesterday suffered stab injuries in a clash between two rival groups following a reported feud over occupying seats in a residential hall.

The injured are Md Rafi of political science department; Jidan Hossain, Farhan Hossain and Ucchas of geology; and Hafijur Rahman of botany.

All of them are activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, however, none holds any post in the student organisation, said university sources.

They were admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. Of them, condition of Rafi and Farhan was critical, as they sustained head injuries, said hospital

There is an ongoing rivalry between two groups of students. Around 4:30pm near the university's main gate, the groups clashed to occupy seats at Bangabandhu Hall, which is located outside the main campus, said witnesses. At one stage, they attacked each other with lethal

weapons, leaving five students injured, they added. Contacted, BU Proctor Subrata Kumar Das confirmed the incident and said the university authorities will investigate it and take legal actions against those involved in the clash.

Law enforcers have been deployed in the area to avoid further violence. No case was lodged in this connection till filing of this report around 8:30pm yesterday, the proctor



A BRTC bus hit a tree after the vehicle and a tractor collided head-on in front of Sunamganj Technical School yesterday morning, leaving 20 passengers injured. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Road accidents kill 11, injure 41

Eleven people were killed and 41 injured in road accidents across the country during the last two days, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Lakshmipur, four people were killed instantly and three injured as a CNG-run auto-rickshaw and a microbus collided head-on on Noakhali-Lakshmipur regional highway at Battoli in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Identities of the deceased -- who were in the autorickshaw -- could not be known immediately, said Chandraganj Highway Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ruhul Amin.

The injured were admitted to Noakhali General Hospital. Police seized the microbus.

In Mymensingh, a passenger of a battery-run autorickshaw was killed and two were injured as a truck rammed the vehicle on Gouripur-Ramgopalpur road at Ramgopalpur in Gouripur upazila yesterday morning, said Gouripur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Borhan Uddin Khan.

The deceased -- Abdur Rahman Khan (45) -- hailed from Teroshira village in Gouripur.

In Kishoreganj, five-year-old Omar Faruq, son of Khokon Mia, died after a truck ran him over while he was crossing Soghra-Sadullahpur road at Bhatgaon in Sadar upazila on Monday, said police.

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EXTENSION BUILDING OF SHER-E-BANGLA MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

10 years in the making

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL, from Barishal

How long does it take to complete a two-year project for constructing a medical facility? For a government hospital struggling to cope with patient flow, the answer is more than a decade.

The extension building of Sher-Medical College and Hospital (SBMCH), which is under construction since 2007, was supposed to be handed over to the medical authority in December last year, but construction authorities failed to do so yet again.

The building would alleviate the sufferings of thousands of patients, as the hospital has been facing an acute crisis of available patient rooms for the last three decades.

About 1,800-2,000 patients are generally admitted to the hospital, although it can only accommodate 1,000, said Dr Bakir Hossain, the hospital's director. A total of 4,000-5,000 patients regularly take treatment from the outpatient department.

In 2007, the health ministry had



PHOTO: TITU DAS

storey extension building to ease the

In October that year, Public Works Department (PWD) in Barishal floated an open tender in this regard. Azad Construction and Mercantile Corporation were jointly awarded the project, with a budget of Tk 25 crore, according to PWD.

At the beginning of 2011, the contractors appealed to revise the approved the construction of a seven-project as its implementation cost had

increased by that time.

Later, duration of the project was extended by one and a half years, following an appeal made by the contractors, said Dr Bakir.

On August 8, 2012, PWD rejected an appeal to revise the project again, cancelling tender agreement with the contractors. The contractors then filed a petition with the High Court against the cancellation. The HC rejected it in SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

of a camp in Jashore yesterday.

benefits can maximise its use, said speakers at the inaugural programme The opening ceremony of "Right to Information Camp" was held at CTK

Speakers tell inauguration of Jashore RTI camp

The Right to Information Act is for people, and awareness on the act's

'Everyone has right

to information'

Adorsho Junior Girls School in Bhojgathi union under Manirampur upazila. Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) and Jagroto Nagorik Committee (Janak) jointly organised the camp with support from UK Aid and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF). Thirty individuals from

the union are going to participate in the camp, said a press release. Martuza Ahmed, chief information commissioner of Information Commission, was present as chief guest.

Md Shafiul Arif, deputy commissioner of Jashore; Md Ashraf Hossain, superintendent of police in the district; Nazma Khanom, Manirampur upazila chairperson; Md Ahsan Ullah Sharifi, UNO of Manirampur; and Md Abdur Razzak, UP chairperson of Bhojgati, were special guests.

MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman delivered the welcome address. Convenor of RTI Forum and MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam chaired the programme. Hasibur Rahman said, "...Through this camp, participants will be

taught how information can change people's lives and how they can apply for information."

Apart from local villagers, people from various occupations were present on the occasion.

172 students to get Prime Minister Gold Medal today

CITY DESK

Prime Minister Gold Medal-2018 award ceremony under the auspices of University Grants Commission will be held today at Prime Minister's Office, says a press release.

As chief guest, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hand over the gold medals to students.

A total of 172 students -- 84 males and 88 females from 36 universities -- who secured the highest CGPA score will be presented with gold medals.

Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni will be present as special guest while UGC Chairman Prof Kazi Shahidullah will chair the ceremony. Md Mahbub Hossain, secretary to Secondary and Higher Education Division under Ministry of Education, will deliver welcome address.

Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, PMO Principal Secretary Dr Ahmad Kaikaus, and UGC member Prof Md Sazzad Hossain will be present on the occasion. Besides, ministers, secretaries, former UGC chairman, its present and former members, university VCs and PMO high officials will attend.

National Board of Revenue

Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Board of Revenue Rajshaw Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. National Tender Notice Ministry Division Procuring Entity District Date 26/02/2020 KEY INFORMATION FUNDING INFORMATION Budget and Source of Funds Development Partner (if applicable) PARTICULAR INFORMATION applicable) Project / Programme Name (if ASYCUDA World Implementation Programme Tender Package No Package- 02 Commissioning of the Data Center at Dhaka Custom House with 3 years IT Support Service Tender Publication Date Tender Last Selling Date Tender Closing Date and Time 24/03/2020 Tender Opening Date and Time 24/03/2020 Name & Address of the Office(s) Address(s) (ASYCUDA World) Room No- 227/224 (First floor), Rajswa Bhaban, National Board of Revenue Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. Selling Tender Document (Others) (ASYCUDA World) Room no- 227/224 (First floor), Raiswa Bhaban, National Board of Revent Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. Opening Tender Document Member (Customs: Policy & ICT) (4th floor), Rajswa Bhaban, National Board of Revenue, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. 11/03/2020 11 : 00 AM 21 Place/Date of Pre-Tender Meeting 230 (1st floor), Rajswa Bhaban, National Board of Revenue Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. INFORMATION FOR TENDERER As per tender data sheet 22 | Eligibility of Tenderer 23 | Brief Description of Goods or Works Center at Dhaka Custom House with 3 years IT Support Service 24 Tender Document Price Time Location weeks/months 06 months Taka 30,00,000 National Board of Revenue Single PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Name of Official Inviting Tender Designation of Official Inviting Member (Customs: Policy & ICT) (4th floor), Rajswa Bhaban, Address of Official Inviting Tender National Board of Revenue Segunbagicha, Dhaka. Contact details of Official Inviting Phone: 8391894 syedgolam.kibria13@gmail.c 30 Special Instruction 1.The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason. 2. If there is any govt. holiday or unavoidable situation arises on the date of tender receiving/ opening in that case, the next working day will be considered valid date for receiving/ opening of the tender at the same place and (Syed Golam Kibria) Member (Customs: Policy & ICT) National Board of Revenue GD-367 Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

NCC buying plastic waste from citizens



Workers load plastic waste onto a truck, to be transported to a plastic-to-fuel facility. Narayanganj City Corporation is buying plastic waste from citizens to keep the city clean. The photo was taken on Monday.

SANAD SAHA, Narayanganj

For the first time in the country, Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) has started a programme through which they purchase plastic and polythene waste, in order to reduce pollution and keep the city clean.

Per kilogramme of waste will be purchased at Tk 15 at a particular centre located at Number-2 Railgate area in the town at 11am every Saturday, said NCC authorities.

Later, the plastic waste will be recycled to produce fuel. The NCC authorities inaugurated the plastic and polythene waste purchasing centre on Monday.

"Our main purpose is to keep the city clean. If people still litter plastic, they will face legal action," said Ashit

Three drug peddlers jailed for 15 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A court in Chattogram yesterday sentenced three drug peddlers to 15 years in jail in a case filed over recovering 28 lakh yaba pills from a trawler in Chattogram's outer anchorage and Dhaka in January 2016.

The convicts are Ali Ahmed (52) of Satkania; Md Hamidullah (36) of Patiya and Md Mohiuddin (39) of Rangamati. The court of Metropolitan Session Judge Sheikh Ashfagur Rahman handed down the verdict after the court found them guilty, said Public Prosecutor Advocate Fakhruddin Chowdhury.

"The court tried them under the Narcotics Control Act (1990) as they were arrested in 2016 and 15 years' imprisonment is the highest punishment in the act. As the case was filed under the old act, the trial was also done under it," he added. The government amended the act in 2018.

On January 17, 2016, Rab-7 arrested the three from Dhaka and Chattogram. Law enforcers first arrested Hamidullah and Ahmed along with a fishing trawler near Patenga coast, where they found 27.5 lakh pieces of yaba. Quizzing them, Rab members learnt that Mohiuddin was on his way to Dhaka with another consignment.

Later, Rab arrested Mohiuddin from Dhaka airport area with 50,000 yaba pills the following day and filed a case. Police pressed charges against them on May 23 the same year while a Chattogram court framed charges on September 9. Nine witnesses testified in the case.

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