

Ctg: Crimes on rise

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over to Kotwali police.

On Saturday about 12 armed terrorists stormed into a pharmaceutical laboratory at OR Nizam road under Panchlaih thana and decamped after snatching Taka one lakh. They also damaged the telephone and furniture of the laboratory office. In this connection, a case was filed with Panchlaih thana, but none was arrested so far.

In the second incident the same day, armed terrorists shot a car driver and snatched a briefcase containing Taka 80,000 when it was leaving a petrol pump after taking fuel at 8 pm at Love Lane crossing under Kotwali thana. Kotwali police said none was arrested in this regard so far.

Russian minister in city

EY Sidrov, Minister for Cultural Affairs of Russia, arrived here yesterday on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.

Fertiliser worth Tk 5 lakh seized

COX'S BAZAR, Dec 4: Members of 39 battalion of BDR seized a huge quantity of fertiliser valued at Taka five lakh and arrested four persons from an engine boat at the Naf River near Teknaf border in the early hours today, reports BSS.

According to official sources here, the BDR members acting on secret information stopped the engine boat in which the fertiliser was smuggling to Myanmar.

After a search BDR jawans found the fertiliser in the boat concealed in rice bags. BDR personnel seized the boat and arrested four persons.

Create atmosphere for fair polls, says Dr Kamal

Gano Forum president Dr Kamal Hossain has renewed his call to the Opposition and the ruling party to create an atmosphere, conducive to holding free and fair elections through negotiation, reports UNB.

He was speaking at the inaugural session of a two-day extended meeting of the central committee of the party.

Nomination

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Jubo Dal leader Advocate Abdus Salam was the first to collect the nomination form at 9.01 am.

The last date for submitting the application forms seeking the ruling party's nomination have been fixed for tomorrow. But it might be extended by another couple of days, a party source said.

The BNP nomination seekers will have to deposit Tk 6,000 while submitting the forms.

City plans

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service agencies as well as the employment, violence and environment issues.

He offered help of NGOs in formulating a participatory plan for Dhaka city.

Representative from the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Engineer Mosharrif Hossain said for better co-ordination the planning process should be free from political interference. He also saw formation of a central body to frame the whole planning process for city development.

AKM Kamaluddin Chowdhury, former member of Planning Commission, said the governance aspect of the city has not been discussed in depth in the DMDP.

He suggested setting up a separate Dhaka metropolitan government, like in Brussels, to be in overall charge of investment, infrastructure and revenues which will improve the city's administration.

He also observed that the RAJUK should be reorganised as it is unable to solve the problems of the city in its present structure.

The resident representative of the World Bank in Dhaka, Pierre Landell-Mills, said the Bank needs to know the long term development plan for Dhaka city as it has millions of dollars in stake as part of different development programmes.

"Dhaka is the heart and soul of the country. Therefore, it is urgent to find the solutions to the rapidly deteriorating situation of the city," he said.

snatchers snatched Taka two lakhs from a businessman, Sarwar, at gun point at Rajakali under Chandgao thana. When the businessman raised a hue and cry, members of the public managed to catch three of the muggers and handed them over to Chandgao thana police. Acting on their confessions police recovered a rifle after gheraoing a local club but failed to recover the money.

Just few days ago in two separate incidents of mugging at the Love Lane crossing and at Pologround road, one female doctor was stabbed and robbed of her golden chain and three other women travelling by an auto-rickshaw lost all their belongings, according to police.

Many other incidents of mugging remained unreported.

Armed terrorists allegedly abducted two other jewellers and took them outside the city earlier in the week. But they were released later mysteriously, police said.

Raw jute export 'Govt decision to benefit India'

The Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association (BJSJA) has expressed surprise and concern at the withdrawal of restriction on raw jute export by land, reports UNB.

BJSJA chairman Sabbir Yusuf in a statement said because of the withdrawal of the export restriction, good quality jute would sneak into India adding to the woes of local jute mills suffering from high production cost due to low yield this year.

He said India would now get opportunity to compete with Bangladesh in the international jute yarn market.

Yusuf pointed out that Indian producers, benefited by recent devaluation of Rupee and cash subsidy on export of raw jute yarn, were already challenging Bangladesh.

"The entire jute industry is angry with such decision of the government. It will cripple the industry", the BJSJA statement said.

The government, after a meeting with jute goods producers and exporters, earlier imposed ban on export of raw jute by land from October 1 apparently to stop jute exports to India.

Rule on gov't for banning 'Nari'

By SC Correspondent
The High Court Division yesterday issued a *rule nisi* upon the government to show cause as to why the ban on the second edition of the book, 'Nari' written by Humayun Azad should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority and of no legal effect.

The division bench of the HC, comprising Justice A M Mahmudur Rahman and Justice K M Hasan, also directed the government to show cause as to why the handout issued on November 20 last forbidding the sale, distribution and preservation of all copies of the book should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority.

Upon hearing the writ petition filed by Professor Humayun Azad, Chairman, Department of Bangla, University of Dhaka, the court issued the *rule nisi* and fixed the petition to come up in the list on December 10 for hearing.

The Ministry of Home Affairs on November 19 issued the order banning the second edition under Section 99A of the Code of Criminal Procedure.



Reconstruction of the gutted Bangabazar in the city has begun. — Star photo

Drive to recover illegal arms

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2. Election Commission and new related to election will get priority in the radio and television news.

3. All political parties or alliances participating in the elections will enjoy equal treatment in the government news media.

The radio and television will cover the party programme and news relating to electioneering of the parties and candidates participating in the polls.

News of the political parties who had member in the last parliament or will nominate at least 30 candidates in the next elections will get coverage on radio and television. The merit of the news will be determined on the basis of the number of members of a political party in the last parliament and number of nominated candidates in the next elections after the withdrawal date.

In respect of party programmes of political parties and alliances, public meetings of party president and general secretary and press conference will get opportunity for coverage with visual of such subject which will merit publicity.

News on public meeting or press conference of political party or alliance touching on political stability, election

or national causes which will merit publicity will be entitled to 40 seconds to one minute audio coverage and maximum of 30 seconds visual coverage.

While giving coverage on party news, the news sent by press release on party pad and reporter of radio, television and Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) will be considered. The party press release on public meeting, press conference or important political activities must reach the radio and TV newsroom at least 30 minutes before the news time. No news given on telephone will be considered.

The news of the political parties or alliance will be covered in the main bulletins of Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh.

The ministers of the government will refrain from using government publicity media after the announcement of election schedule.

News of ministers, state ministers and deputy ministers even on visit to his own constituency will not be covered by the radio and the television.

Comilla University gets permission

The government has given temporary permission to set up and run the University of Comilla, an official handout said here yesterday, reports BSS.

It said the permission had been given to establish and run the university on some conditions under the Private University Law, 1992.

Suhrawardy's death anniversary today

The 32nd death anniversary of Hussein Shaheed Suhrawardy will be observed throughout the country today, report agencies.

Different socio-cultural and political organisations have taken programmes to observe the day.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday issued separate manages on the occasion.

Teenaged boy murdered in city

By DMCH Correspondent
Police recovered body of a teenage boy from a college building in Uttara in the city yesterday morning.

The boy aged about 14 was murdered sometime early hours on Monday.

The identity of the victim could not be known till last night, police said. The body was found in the office room of a degree college at Dakshinkhan under Uttara thana, sources added.

The boy was reportedly strangled to death, medical sources said adding that marks of injuries by nails were found in the body.

Tourism month begins today

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observed in the country for the third consecutive year this year under the aegis of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC).

The Tk 35.90 lakh celebrations beginning today will continue till January 4 next year.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia have given separate messages on the occasion.

President Biswas, in his message, said in the present world tourism industry is fabulously contributing to the socio-economic development. Earnings from the tourism industry in some countries occupy the highest position in their foreign trade, he said.

Donors endorse

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At the meeting, the government agreed to formulate a detailed time-bound plan of operations for institutional restructuring for the whole water sector.

Meeting sources said the donors' representatives had particularly insisted on greater involvement of the NGOs as well as the project beneficiaries and affected persons in the planning, execution and evaluation of water projects.

Both sides agreed that the government will establish a mechanism for regular exchange of views with the NGOs and to work jointly on people's participation.

Sources further said that agreement had been reached at the meeting on giving utmost importance to compensation for land acquisition.

Representatives of the leading donor countries and agencies, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, USAID, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency), attended the review meeting.

shows, exhibition of musical instruments, meena bazar, river cruise and package tours, essay competition, photographic exhibition, Lalson song programme, jatra, orchid and flower exhibitions.

Besides, there will also be a seminar on 'Priority of Tourism Industry in the National Development Plan' at the National Museum in the city on December 23, a 'dress as you like' competition at Abahani play ground on December 29 and a skating competition at Bijoy Sarani on December 30.

5 hurt in attack on Jubo League procession

By Staff Correspondent
At least five persons were injured and about fifty cars were damaged during a clash between some Jubo League activists and a group of unidentified youths at Pantha Path in the city yesterday.

More than twenty crackers were blasted during the clash which ensued when a Jubo League procession came under attack near the Samirita hospital while it was going to attend the 23rd founding anniversary rally of the Jubo League in Sukrabad.

Abdus Samad, 16, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bomb injury.

It was alleged that some 40 armed youths burst forth from a lane beside the hospital and attacked the Jubo League activists. Several crackers were exploded.

The maximum time limit in this respect will be 40 minutes and political parties should comply with the time sanctioned to it. This programme will start after publication of the final list of the candidates till two days before the polling date.

The date and time for address by a political party and alliance on radio and television will be decided on the basis of number of candidates fielded by a party in reverse order.

RAJSHAHI, Dec 4: Bangladesh Railway, west zone, resumed loaded wagon ferry service between Tistamukh ghat and Bahadurabad ghat from today, according to a press release. Passenger service in the route had earlier started from December 2, reports BSS.

The Midnight File

Gunman takes 23 French schoolchildren hostage

PAKIS, Dec 4: A gunman took 23 schoolchildren hostage in a suburban Paris primary school today, the Paris police chief's office said. The man entered the Louis Aragon School in the north-west Paris suburb of Clichy at around 4.30 pm (1530 GMT), when school ends for the day. A large police force surrounded the building, the local mayor's office said, reports Reuters.

BSF sets up tower near Benapole border 60 killed in Cameroon plane crash

JESSORE, Dec 4: Tension gripped the Benapole frontier today as the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) set up an observatory tower within five yards of no man's land violating the international border rules, reports UNB.

Officials said the BSF men started work to construct the tower at about 8:30 am despite repeated protest by the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR).

The BSF later stopped the work for a while when the Deputy Commander of 22 Battalion of BDR, Captain Nadir, visited the spot.

As the BDR Commander left the scene, the BSF men soon strengthened their forces, brought heavy arms in the area and completed the construction of the tower, the sources said.

Hasina

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join any election under the BNP government.

"Our movement is to ensure the people's voting rights. But the ruling party does not believe in democracy, it wants to stay in power through rigging," she added.

Hasina said Begum Zia was no more the Leader of the House and she had no right to use public property and money for election campaign.

The meeting presided over by Jubo League president Sheikh Zaful Karim Selim was also addressed by Awami League leaders Abdul Mannan, Amir Hossain Anu, Abdur Razzak, Tofael Ahmed and Prof Rafiqul Islam.

Juba League leaders Advocate Kazi Iqbal Hossain, Fakir Abdur Razzak, Mizanur Rahman, Dr Mizanul Huq, Advocate Saidur Rahman and Jahangir Kabir Nanak also spoke.

TOURISM MONTH -95 PROGRAMME

Date & Venue	Programme	Date & Venue	Programme
5-12-95	Inauguration Ceremony	16-12-95	Traditional Cake Exhibition
Tuesday, 4.00 p.m.	Cultural Programme	Saturday, 11.00 a.m.	Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka
Osmani Memorial Auditorium, Dhaka	Special Supplements	17-12-95	Package Tour to Sundarbans
6-12-95	Essay Competition	Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	Dhaka-Sundarbans-Dhaka
Wednesday, 3.00 p.m.	Food Festival, Cultural Programme & Handicrafts Exhibition (3 days)	7.00 p.m.	Lalan Song Programme
Parjatan Motel, Bogra	Winter Festival (month-long)	Dhaka Sheraton Hotel	
4.00 p.m.		20-12-95	
Dhaka Sheraton Hotel		Wednesday, 3.00 p.m.	Cultural Programme
7-12-95	Cultural Programme (2 days)	Majid, Noakhali	
Thursday, 7.00 p.m.		21-12-95	
Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka		Thursday, 10.00 a.m.	Mina Bazar (2 days)
8-12-95	Traditional Cake & Silk Exhibition	Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka	
Friday, 10.00 a.m.		3.00 p.m.	Handicrafts Exhibition & Cultural Programme
Parjatan Motel, Rajshahi		22-12-95	
6.30 p.m.		Friday, 9.00 a.m.	River Cruise & Cultural Programme
Parjatan Motel, Rajshahi		VIP Jetty, Pagla	
7.00 p.m.	SAARC Food Festival (week-long)	TOAB, Dhaka	Package Tour to North Bengal
Dhaka Sheraton Hotel		23-12-95	
9-12-95	Children's Painting Competition	Saturday, 4.00 p.m.	Seminar: Priority of Tourism Industry in the National Development Plan
Saturday, 11.00 a.m.		National Museum, Dhaka	
Agarabad Hotel, Chittagong		25-12-95	
6.30 p.m.	Food Festival	Monday, 11.00 a.m.	Orchid & Flower Exhibition
Agarabad Hotel, Chittagong		Rent-A-Car Premise, Head Office, BPC, Dhaka	
6.30 p.m.	Bangladeshi Food Festival (8 days)	26-12-95	Photographic Exhibition & Competition (2 days)
Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka		Tuesday, 11.00 a.m.	Jatra Exhibition (2 days)
10-12-95	Exhibition of Musical Instruments (month-long)	National Press Club, Dhaka	
Sunday, 11.00 a.m.	Handicrafts Exhibition & Cultural Programme	8.00 p.m.	Handicrafts Exhibition & Food Festival
Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka		Dhaka Sheraton Hotel	
3.00 p.m.	Handicrafts Exhibition, Food Festival & Cultural Programme	27-12-95	
Panchagarh		Wednesday, 11.00 a.m.	Dress as you like Competition
3.00 p.m.	Tribal Cultural Programme	Joy Restaurant, Savar	
Parjatan Holiday Complex, Cox's Bazar		29-12-95	
6.30 p.m.	Food Festival & Cultural Programme	Friday, 11.00 a.m.	Package Tour to Sundarbans
Agarabad Hotel, Chittagong		Abahani Playground, Dhanmondi	
11-12-95	Dhaka - Chittagong - Rangamati - Dhaka Package Tour	30-12-95	Skating Competition
Monday, 6.30 p.m.	Food Festival & Fashion Show	Saturday, 8.00 a.m.	
Motel Saikat, Chittagong		TOAB, Dhaka	
12-12-95	Handicrafts Exhibition & Cultural Programme	3.00 p.m.	
Tuesday, 8.00 a.m.	Food Festival & Cultural Programme	Bijoy Sarani, Dhaka	
Dhaka		31-12-95	
7.00 p.m.	Children's Painting Competition	Sunday, 6.30 p.m.	Food Festival & Cultural Programme
Agarabad Hotel, Chittagong		Hotel Abakash, Dhaka	
13-12-95	Handicrafts Exhibition & Cultural Programme	04-12-96	Closing Ceremony, Distribution of Prizes among the winners of Essay Competition & Photographic Exhibition & Cultural Programme
Wednesday, 3.00 p.m.	Food Festival & Cultural Programme	Thursday, 6.00 p.m.	
Khuina		Osmani Memorial Auditorium	
6.30 p.m.	Food Festival & Cultural Programme		
Parjatan Motel, Rangamati			
15-12-95	Food Festival & Cultural Programme		
Friday, 9.00 a.m.	Food Festival & Cultural Programme		
Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka			
6.30 p.m.	Food Festival & Cultural Programme		
Parjatan Motel, Sylhet			