

Clash at RMC during PM's live TV programme

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Oct 4: Some internee doctors and students were injured while watching the television programme of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Rajshahi Medical College campus.

According to the campus sources, internee doctors Ratan and Tuhin — belonging to the Bangladesh Chhatra Dal and the Bangladesh Chhatra League respectively started a quarrel while watching the television programme of the Prime Minister at about 9 pm Tuesday.

About half an hour later, Dr Ratan was severely beaten allegedly by some Chhatra League workers in front of the women's hostel.

Another clash took place between Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League supporters at Pinku Hostel at about 8:30 pm over opening the television.

Sept 5 Sultanpur police firing: Probe ends

From Our Correspondent JESSORE, Oct 4: Judicial enquiry into September 5 police firing incident at Sultanpur under Kotwali police station (PS) in the district concluded on September 30.

One person was killed in police firing on the day. The victim was identified as Ram. 32. Two police officers, SI of police, Fazlur Rahman and SI Sikan-der Ali of Kotwali PS was suspected behind the cause of the killing.

The judicial committee headed by first class Magistrate completed the enquiry in presence of ASP Circle-A Shamsul Huda and SI of Kotwali Sab-uddin. The probe body was formed under order of Magistrate, Sadar court following a murder case filed by one Son-tosh Dutta, brother of firing victim in the court of Sadar Magistrate M A Hakim on September 26 last.

The magistrate directed the Officer in Charge (OC), Kotwali, for investigation and further steps.

Report of the enquiry is yet to be published.

One killed, 15 injured in road mishap

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Oct 4: A man was killed and 15 others were wounded when an overloaded Kushtia bound bus plunged into a roadside ditch near GK Canal bridge on Kushtia-Meherpur road.

According to witnesses, the bus coming from Meherpur lost its control at the point in Bal-dipara seven miles away from the town and met the accident.

Of the injured, five were rushed to Kushtia General Hospital in a critical condition. They were identified as: Azur-din, Rezaul, Shariful, Lutfar Biswas and Shariat. Other injured were released after first aid.

Police sent the body of the deceased to Kushtia General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Driver and conductor of the bus fled the scene.

A case was lodged with the Mirpur police station.

Arms, liquor seized in Khulna: 7 arrested

KHULNA, Oct 4: Metropolitan police in two separate raids recovered firearms, foreign liquor and Indian sarees from two abandoned houses in the city on Tuesday, reports UNB.

They also arrested seven people in this connection. They were identified as Sumon, 22, Shohrab, 25, Anirban Ma-jumdar, 30, Ataur Rahman, 16, Shawkat Ali, 20, Jamal Hos-sain, 20, and Shahadat Hos-sain, 27.

Acting on a tip-off police raided an abandoned house adjacent to Railway Market and recovered 40 hand-made bombs, 35 bottles of foreign wine, 310 bottles of phensidyl syrup, ganja and a telephone set.

In another raid, police recovered a revolver, two pipe-guns and some Indian sarees from another abandoned house at Khalispur area in the city.

Two separate cases were lodged with the police.

Army Habilder drowns in boat tragedy

From Our Correspondent BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 4: One army personnel Habilder Abul Kalam, 35, of Bispunor village under Brahmanbaria sadar thana of the district drowned when an engine boat capsized in Rualia canal of the district recently.

According to Brahmanbaria sadar thana police sources, the boat carrying 40 passengers was on its way to Bispunor village under sadar thana of the district. The ill-fated boat capsized while it dashed with a pucca irrigation canal of deep tubewell in the haor near the Boalia canal.

All the passengers were rescued but the victim, Habilder was missing. Later his body was recovered from Boalia canal a day after.

An unnatural death case was filed with sadar thana police station.

Sept 9 Churakhali massacre Normalcy in the region yet to return

From AKM Zahoorul Huq

RANGAMATI, Oct 4: The situation turned tense following the controversial abduction of Kalpana Chakma in last June 11 night from New Lailiyag-hona tribal hamlet of Baghaichhari. Tension in the area intensified to an alarming proportion after the barbarous killing of 33 woodcutters by the tribal insurgents at Churakhali in Baghaichhari thana of the district on September 9 last has become dreadfully deep and dark now-a-days despite cease-less efforts of the administra-tion in a bid to tame the agitated and panicked people at length.

A grave like situation has been prevailing in Langadu and Baghaichhari thana of the district, populated by about 1.25 lakh people, majority of whom are tribals, 90 and 145 kilome-ters north-east of district head-quarters respectively. Frontier Baghaichhari thana, almost equal to Narayanganj district in respect of geographical territory is worsty insurgency-bat-tered locality in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region.

Hats, bazars, thana head-quarters and the riverine routes, the only means of communication of these two thanas are under the control of the Bangalees, (non-tribals) whereas, the jungles and the inaccessible areas are being dominated by the Paharees, Shah Alam, the Deputy Com-missioner (DC) of Rangamati hill district told The Daily Star in an exclusive interview at his office on September 30 last.

The mistrust which developed following the disap-pearance of Kalpana Chakma and a few follow up incidents based on it has intensified after the brutal killing of 33 wood-cutters in Churakhali of Baghaichhari thana between tribals and non-tribals segre-gated them socially, economi-cally and psychologically, Shah Alam observed.

Tribals who confined them-selves in the safer and inacces-sible areas, do not dare to market their horticulture products, produced at their home-side gardens, the prominent means of their livelihood apprehend-ing revenge from the Bangalees following the September 9 Churakhali massacre while the Bangalees do not dare to go to the jungles for collecting fire-wood and timbers, on which they entirely depend for earn-ing their breads, the DC de-tailed, adding that this has created an impasse in the day to day life of both the tribals and non-tribals.

Shah Alam was, however, found optimistic returning back the acutely felt normalcy by restoring trust and mutual understanding between tribals and non-tribals through moti-vating them and holding meet-ings and personal contacts.

A meeting in the continuous process in returning back nor-mality and amity was held the first day of this month in the conference room of the DC with Shaha Alam in the chair. UP chairman of Baghaichhari, Az-izur Rahman Aziz, Balukhal

UP chairman Myadhan Chakma, Chandraghona UP chairman Anil Tanchangya, Saroatali UP chairman Priya Nanda Chakma were among others expressed their renewed commitment to work jointly to cool down the tense situation which jeopardised the present life of about 1.23 lakh people of Langadu and Baghaichhari thana in the district. Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Rangamati hill district, Mohammad Shahidul-lah Majumdar told The Daily Star Tuesday morning.

While describing the situa-tion, Abul Farooque Khan, the President of Langadu thana unit of Awami League said, More than 1,500 Bangalees in 456 families in Bhatyapara, an adjacent hamlet of Langadu thana headquarters have been passing their days in half-fed or unfed condition following the Churakhali massacre on September 9. These people were entirely surviving collecting forest produces from the jungles, Farooque said.

Immediately after the Churakhali tragedy, the tribal officials more than 65 per cent of the total strength in Langadu and Baghaichhari thana have started keeping themselves absent from attending the offices, tribal passengers stopped travelling by launches in six river-ine routes in the district while the students from tribal com-munity deserted classes in schools and colleges to avert possible attack from the Ban-galees, Farooque added.

By former ministers, MPs DAB starts investigation into alleged misuse of govt fund

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, Oct 4: Investiga-tion has been taken up against former speaker, three minis-ters, whip and eleven MPs for their alleged involvement in the misappropriation of about Tk four crore and fifty lakh from former prime minister's relief fund during BNP rule.

A strong team of DAB (District Anti-Corruption Bu-reau) officials are reported to have seized necessary papers relating to expenditure shown in this regard, official sources here said.

A DAB source said that Khulna division received four crore forty three lakh taka from the PM's relief fund. The money was placed to the desir-ing men just on the eve of February 15 elections.

The source further said, former speaker Sheikh Raz-zaque Ali and Whip Ashraf

Hossain received 70 lakh taka. The former foreign minister re-ceived 40 lakh taka, while for-

Husband allegedly beats wife to death

SATKHIRA, Oct 4: A house-wife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband at south Sreepur in Kaliganj thana on September 27, reports UNB.

Police and villagers said Salma, wife of Nuruzzaman, met her tragic end as she had re-fused to give consent to her hus-band to second marriage.

A case was filed with Kali-ganj police. The body was sent to local hospital for autopsy. Another report says, Three people, including two youths, allegedly committed suicide on September 27 over family fueds.

mer minister Tariqul Islam and MP Moulaana Sakhawat Hossain received 56 lakh taka.

The source added that four MPs of Jhenidah, former MP of Magura Kazi Salimul Huq and former minister Majid-ul-Huq received a sum of one crore sixty-five lakh taka, former MP of Chuadanga Mia Mansu-ruddin got 25 lakh taka, former MP of Meherpur, Abdul Gani 27 lakh taka and former MPs of Kushtia, Ahsanul Huq and KM Abdul Khaleque got 25 lakh each.

The source further said at least seventy-five per cent of Tk 4.43 crore taka has been em-bezzled by showing forged vouchers in the name of dona-tion to unimportant clubs and cultural organisations.

The investigation works are going on in full swing, the source said.

UNICEF to implement child education project in CHT: mission chief

From Our Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Oct 4: The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will implement Informal Child Education Programme, Expanded Programme on Immunization and drinking water supply scheme in Chit-tagong Hill Tracts (CHT) through local government council.

This was disclosed by the leader of the visiting UNICEF team while visiting Rangamati Wednesday.

Rulf C. Couriere, who is also Bangladesh representative of UN body said this while the team called on Rabindra Lal Chakma, Chairman of Ranga-mati Hill District Local Govern-ment Council at his office chamber on Wednesday evening.

The Charge d Affairs of the Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh, G Mowladar, Senior Programme Coordinators of UNICEF, Dr Monica Sharma and Dr Sharad Sapra were other team members.

The UNICEF representative will hold a meeting in Dhaka with the participation of Chairman and Deputy Com-

missioners of the three hill districts and local experts for chalking out the planning to strengthen implementing the programmes, it was proposed in the discussion meeting with the UNICEF team and Rangamati Hill District Local Government council chairman.

3 arrested from B'baria College

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 4: Three students were arrested from Brahmanbaria Govern-ment College premises for their alleged involvement in terrorist activities, police said Tuesday night, reports BSS.

One revolver and six rounds of bullet were recovered from the possession of one of the arrested persons, Shahinur Khan. Two other arrested are Abu Musa and Moinul Islam Khan, police said.

A Freedom Party leader, Mainuddin Ahmed Dulal, ac-cused in several criminal cases, was also arrested today, police said.

7-point decision to improve road traffic system

NAOGAON, Oct 4: The dis-trict administration has taken a 7-point decision to improve the traffic system in the district town for smooth plying of ve-hicles and reduce road accidents, reports UNB.

The decisions were taken at a meeting of the concerned quarters and elites of the town on September 19.

Deputy Commissioner, Muhammad Ali presided over the meeting, attended by politi-cians, lawyers, journalists, members of the Bus and Truck Owners Associations and student leaders.

The seven-point decisions, among other things, include making several zebra crossing in the town roads, fixing the speed limit of motor vehicles upto 25 km in the town area and immediate punishment of the driver of the truck that crushed a school boy on September 11.

The student, Hiralal of local government school, has been run over by a truck at Mukti crossing.

The meeting also decided to pay some compensation to the parents of Hiralal.



KISHOREGANJ: Some women along with their children are seen attending classes in a school under Non-Formal Education Programme. This photo was taken from village Barokharchar at Kuliarchar thana in Kishoreganj district. — Star photo by AKM Mohsin

10 kg hemp seized, accused flees

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Oct 4: SI Abdul Rab of Daulatpur police station on the basis of secret informa-tion recovered 10 kg of ganja (hemp) from a alleged smuggler when he was going by the side of Taragona Palli Biddut office recently.

The accused was going to-wards Bheramara on a bicycle. When S I Abdul Rab chal-lenged him the accused fled leaving the bag containing the ganja.

A case has been registered with Daulatpur police station in this connection.

S I Abdul Rab also recovered 400 bags of smuggled Indian salt on Sunday night from four trawler at the river Padma. The price of the salt was es-timated to be Tk one lakh 50 thousand. The alleged smug-glers were going towards Ishurdi on river route. It was not known whether there was a seizure list of the goods and case has been filed or not.

Row over site selection of project

BANDARBAN, Oct 4: Fish production is being hampered in the district due to shortage of fund and differences of opinion between two departments of the government, says an UNB report.

The government decided to construct a "Fish-fry Pro-duction Centre (FPC)" in the district and Taka 1.5 crore was sanctioned for the project. But difference of opinion between two government departments — Fisheries Directorate and the Soil Research Institute pre-vented the execution of the project.

The two departments dif-fered on the location of the project.

As a result government allo-cation of Tk 60 lakh for pisci-culture has remained unutilised so far hindering progress in fish production in the district.

Housewife assaulted to death for dowry

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, Oct 4: One housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband on September 23.

Kalaroa thana police sources said, Rahima Khatun, 20, of Faizullahpur under Kalaroa thana married Abdul Hai of the same village two years back. Abdul Hai just after his mar-riage, demanded dowry which her parents failed to pay. As a result Abdul Hai physically as-saulted Rahima off and on and on the day of occurrence, the husband beat her mercilessly killing her on the spot.

A case was filed with Kalaroa thana. Police arrested husband Abdul Hai and father-in-law Fazlur Rahman.

Day labourer falls from electric pole, dies

From CHT Correspondent RANGAMATI, Oct 4: A day labourer died instantly falling from an electric pole at Cham-pathnagar in the town yester-day evening while working on the pole for repairing the elec-tric line, Rangamati sadar hos-pital sources said.

The deceased was identified as Salahuddin, 18, inhabitant of Comilla town Salahuddin was a contractor's labourer.

The body was sent to Comilla reportedly by the con-tractor and no case was lodged with the police in this connec-tion police said. In another in-cident Kanchan Roy, 38, munic-ipality engineer died yesterday after noon due to cardiac failure while working at his office.

Doctor declared him dead when he was brought to the hospital.

Elder brother killed while punishing younger brother

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 4: Golam Mustafa, 40, of Dhopadanga vil-lage under Debhata thana of the district was allegedly stabbed to death by his younger brother Abdus Sattar on September 28, police sources said.

Debhata thana police said, the victim, Golam Mustafa was beating his younger brother Khokon, 12, because he did not attend school on the day of oc-currence and at one stage the victim's other younger brother, Abdus Sattar, allegedly stabbed Golam Mustafa with a knife killing him on the spot.

A case was filed with Deb-hata police station.

Alleged terrorists abduct one

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Oct 4: A group of armed terrorists allegedly kid-napped Aktar Ali Mondol, 18, of village Chalkgram under Mirpur thana from his house at dead of night on September 30. The fate of the victim is not yet known.

Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka

The following pictures were taken from different parts of the city by our staff photographers during the 'Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka' campaign which resumed yesterday.



Mayor Mohammad Hanif radios for help to clear the garbage in Swamibagh.



Dhaka district Railway Scouts paraded the Railway Colony at Shahjahanpur with a loudspeaker, urging citizens to keep their area clean.



Girl scouts urging a lady and his daughter at Bangladesh Bank Colony at Shahjahanpur to help proper disposal of garbage.



Abdul Latif, scout leader of Narinda explaining restaurant workers the need for keeping their eatery and its entrance clean.



Scouts from National Bangla High School campaigning for a clean neighbourhood at the Tinshead Quarter of Mirpur Section-II



Please keep the slum tidy scouts making their point home to the slumdweller at Tipu Sultan Road.