

RU situation tense as JCD calls indefinite strike from today

RAJSHAHI, Aug 11: A tense situation is prevailing on RU campus as JCD calls for an indefinite strike at the university from tomorrow, reports UNB. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal has called the strike protesting Thursday's clash between police and students that left at least 150 people injured. They held a rally at the university railway station this afternoon. City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu addressed it as chief guest. The ruling party's student See page 11 col 8

Dengue : 32 more hospitalised in city

By Staff Correspondent
Thirty two more dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals and clinics in the city yesterday. Of them, eight were admitted to BIRDEM, nine to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, six to Mitford Hospital, three each to Shishu Hospital and Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital, two to Ibne Sina Clinic and one to Al Razi Hospital. No death report, however, was received from the hospitals, clinics and the control room of the Directorate of Health yesterday.

Two terrorists held with arms in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Aug 11: Police in a pre-dawn raid today arrested two terrorists and recovered one foreign made revolver along with seven bullet from their possession at BRTC crossing near Jamtola slum area. Police said the raid was launched there after a housewife identified as Hazera Begum, 25, was shot dead by a group of extortionists near Jamtola slum area last night. Police said the gang opened fire at 7 pm when the shop owners in the area chased the extortionists. Hazera died on the spot while two others received bullet wounds.

8 killed as bus, tempo collide in Joypurhat

JOYPUHAT, Aug 11: Eight people were killed and six injured when a bus collided with a tempo on Joypurhat-Bogra-Dhaka highway at Pinot, 30 km off the district headquarters, this evening, reports UNB. All the victims were the tempo passengers. Their identity could not be known immediately. Police said a Joypurhat-bound bus from Bogra collided with a tempo at Pinot in Kalai Upazila at about 7.30 pm, killing seven tempo passengers on the spot. Another passenger succumbed to injuries at local health complex. Four of the injured were shifted to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital in critical condition.

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August	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Aug 12		6:36 pm
Aug 13	5:32 am	
Prayer Timings		
August 12		
Fajr	4:25	4:55
Zohr	12:45	1:30
Asr	5:00	5:15
Maghrib	6:40	6:45
Esha	8:15	8:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Gunmen kill AL's Khulna mayor aspirant Rab

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 11: S M A Rab, probable Awami League candidate in the next mayoral election in Khulna City Corporation, was gunned down by some unidentified young men near his residence at Sonadanga in the city at about noon today. His security man Kader was also bullet-hit and was admitted to a local clinic with severe injuries. Police and witnesses said Rab was going to nearby Baitul Mukarram mosque for Jumma prayers when one of the nine gunmen on three motorcycles fired at him from a revolver. "Rob tried to run away but fell down. The killers chased him, fired shots from a point blank range killing him on the spot and sped away", said one of the witnesses, Abdur Rashid, a homeopath doctor. Three bullets hit his neck, throat and back. He was rushed to a clinic at Sonadanga where doctors declared him dead.

The young men, wearing lungi and half sleeve shirt, were aged between 20 and 24 years, police said quoting witnesses. No case was filed in connection with the incident till filing of the report at 10 pm. The killing sparked violent protest by Awami League, Juba League and Chhatra League activists. They brought out truck and stick processions in the city, damaged shops and vehicles and ransacked offices of opposition BNP and its front organisations. Local BNP leaders Khairuzaman Khokon and Mujibur Rahman and five party workers were injured in an attack on BNP office at Khalishpur, sources said. Rab along with about 2000 supporters had joined Awami League from Jatiya Party in 1998 in presence of AL chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a function in Khulna. Early last year, Sheikh Hasina at a public meeting at the Circuit House Maidan here declared him AL candidate in KCC mayoral election. As Rab came to limelight dashing hopes of many veteran and dedicated Awami League leaders, intra-party rivalry in Khulna intensified, party sources said. His quick rise and reputation among party workers were unexpected. But his suspected involvement in some non-political incidents including the murder of journalist Shamsur Rahman and close link with an outlawed organisation made his life quite insecure and tarnished image of the party, they said. Officials of KMP are yet say anything about the murder. Rab's body was sent to his residence after autopsy. His See page 11 col 8

Bahaddarhat carnage Hazarika helps seize arms, another held

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 11: Police in a raid in the city last night seized a Chinese made sub-machinegun which was reportedly used in Bahaddarhat incident in which eight people including six BCL activists were killed. Police said the sophisticated weapon recovered along with ammunition from a house in Kuaish area at 11 last night as per confessional statement of arrested Shibir activist Gias Hazarika. Police last night arrested another Shibir activist Md Iqbal Hossain from Chittagong University campus on charge of his link with the seven-member killer gang. Police said Iqbal admitted during interrogation that he hired the microbus used in the Bahaddarhat carnage. Earlier, Md Solaiman of the seven-member killing gang was arrested. Police said drive was on to

arrest the rest of the killing gang. UNB adds: The sub-machinegun and 13 bullets were recovered during raid on Burischar home of Hazarika. The bullets have similarity with the covers of the bullets used during the killings, police said. "As the bullets of SMG recovered Thursday night have similarity with the covers of the bullets used during the 8 killings, the SMG might also have been used in the attack," said a DB man. Police said they raided the CU's rail gate no. 1 area at about 9.30 pm and caught Iqbal who is also wanted in four other murder cases in the port city. Eight people, including six Chhatra League leaders and activists, were killed in brushfire allegedly by Shibir activists at Bahaddarhat in the city on July 12.

Litu's bodyguard Ashraf arrested

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 11: Police arrested two associates of ward commissioner Litu in the city on Thursday night. The arrested were identified as Ashraf and Kamal. Ashraf is not only a terrorist and bodyguard of Litu, but also one of the custodians of his illegal firearms. Kamal, Sareng of Litu's private engine boat was, however, released few hours after his arrest. The reason behind his release from Khulna thana is yet to be known. Both Ashraf and Kamal are well aware of Litu's whereabouts, said a source. A special team of KMP started raiding all suspected places of Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat districts in search of Litu and Hirok from August 1. Police believe arrest of Litu's bodyguard Ashraf will be 'helpful'. Top officials of CID and KMP are now working together in Shamsur Rahman murder case. Inspector Shajahan of CID, I.O. of this case, believes that the conspiracy to kill Shamsur Rahman was hatched in Khulna under the leadership of Litu and some of his 'godfathers' in the ruling party.



Living on the edge: Spillovers of the Padma spell the danger of an impending disaster at Aricha Ghat, blurring the line between the bank and the river, prompting this dangerous proximity between the parked buses and the anchored launch. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

More areas flooded, road links snapped



Two women brave their way through the almost waist-deep water in search of drinking water at Majhikanda village in Dhaka's Nababganj thana yesterday. — Star photo

The overall flood situation in greater Dhaka will worsen further while it will improve in other parts of the country by 9 am today, reports UNB. According to Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre, the flood situation in and around Dhaka, Narayanganj, Manikganj and Munshiganj districts is likely to deteriorate with inundation of more low-lying areas. It said the flood situation between Goalundo and Bhagyakul and in greater Sylhet is likely to improve while the situation in Chapainawabganj and Brahmaputra-Jamuna basin will continue to improve. Meanwhile, road communications on Shaka-Sirajdikhan route snapped following inundation of the road in two places. Vast areas in Munshiganj town and Tongbari, Sreenagar, Lauhajang, Sadar and Gazaria upazilas also went under water rolling down several major rivers through the district. Erosion by the turbulent Padma continued in Panchghola in Tonibari devastating homes and crop-fields. A report from Shariatpur adds: About five lakh people in seven upazilas remained mar-

BB Governor observes Devaluation is not the only way to encourage export

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh "unofficially imports" goods and services worth 2.5 to 3 billion US dollars from India annually, eminent economist Prof. Rehman Sobhan said here yesterday. This "huge underground trading" (smuggling) is increasing the demand for dollar in the country, he said at a working session of the 13th biennial conference of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA). "How are you going to address this issue?" Prof. Sobhan asked Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Faruquddin, who was presiding over the session on "Macroeconomic Management and Reforms". Yesterday was the second day of the three-day conference that began at the Institution of Engineers. "We need proper tariff regime and proper valuation policy for Taka. Unless we have

proper policy for valuation of Taka, we will not be able to encourage export diversification", the central bank governor said. He also commented on hundi business. "We can not ignore devaluation for increasing export. But I do not believe adjustment of taka is the only way," he said. Dr Faruquddin said around 60 per cent of the country's total import is done through back-to-back L/C (Letter of Credit), on which devaluation has little impact. Payment becomes hundi-based if Taka is overvalued. In the past four and half years, India devalued its currency by 37 per cent, Sri Lanka by 31 per cent, Pakistan by 36 per cent, Indonesia by 23 per cent and Thailand by 29 per cent while Bangladesh devalued its currency by 20 per cent, he

mentioned. Some importers are evading tax by under-invoicing while some others are transferring capital from the country by over-invoicing. But this is not alarming, he said. Some bankers are involved in hundi business. Action has been taken against 39 such bankers, he said. Regarding checking illegal transfer of money, Faruquddin said: We have warned an embassy of a country, a major development partner and a micro credit institution in the connection. "If we have money laundering act, it will help this process. We are now concentrating on improving service (for remittances). We have to increase collection points to keep hundi business at the minimum." See page 11 col 8

JCD activities postponed at CU

CHITTAGONG, Aug 11: Organizational activities of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at the Chittagong University was declared postponed today (Friday). Opposition whip Syed Wahidul Alam, the BNP MP from Hathazari Constituency, announced postponement of JCD's organisational activities and cancellation of its conference preparatory committee, said a press release. The action came following internal conflict in the JCD that took a serious turn on the CU campus after formation of the conference preparatory committee. Earlier, a circular issued at the directive of BNP Chairperson on June 25 and signed by party joint secretary general Haris Chowdhury, said all political and organisational activities of JCD at Chittagong University would be decided in consultation with Syed Wahidul Alam, MP, as the university area falls under his constituency.

Deadlock ends: Coal import from India to resume soon

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Aug 11: Coal import from India through land customs ports in Sylhet and Sunamganj districts may resume within two weeks following removal of some problems regarding pre-shipment inspection (PSI). Coal importers stopped import about two months back, complaining complications in PSI at Dauki land customs port in Meghalaya. The decision to resume import follows visit of a 10-member Bangladesh team of officials and coal importers to Meghalaya last month and a follow-up meeting in Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials and importers told The Daily Star yesterday. Tuesday's meeting made some "temporary" arrangements in view of the "geographical backwardness" of the Sylhet-Meghalaya region, they said. See page 11 col 7

Zakir Ahmed Khan, Chairman, National Board of Revenue, Saiful Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Sylhet, MA Razzaque Chowdhury, former president of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Omkarnath Roy of Sunamganj Chamber, MA Mannan, President of Coal Importers Group, Sylhet, and representatives of three PSI firms attended the meeting, held at the NBR office. It was decided that PSI would remain in force but there would be some temporary arrangements till minimum infrastructure facilities are ensured. The PSI firms will issue provisional Clean Report of Finding (CRF) from their offices at Shillong, Meghalaya on the basis of LC and Proforma Invoice. The firms will set up offices in Sylhet town, Sutarkandi and Barchhara border areas in See page 11 col 7

Khaleda asks govt to accept teachers' demand

Opposition leader Khaleda Zia yesterday asked the government to accept "legitimate" demands of the teachers of non-government schools and colleges, reports UNB. In a statement Khaleda said teachers of non-government schools and colleges have been observing strike for a long time to press their demands. As the government did not meet their demands and take any initiative to resolve the problem, she said, the teachers are continuing strike in educational institutions. Academic life of students has become uncertain due to the standoff. But it did not stir the government, she said. Khaleda said the Prime Minister had committed that after assuming power she would take initiative to give 100 per cent of teachers' salary from government exchequer and to meet other demands. "But the Prime Minister did not fulfil any of the pledges after four year in power. Even she did not feel any necessity to hold discussion with the teachers," she said.

Speight charged with treason

SUVA, Fiji, Aug 11: Coup leader George Speight today was charged with treason — which carries a maximum sentence of death — for heading the May 19 storming of Parliament that plunged Fiji into crisis, reports AP. Speight was charged with treason, conspiracy to commit treason and being an accessory after the fact to treason. He was not required to enter a plea during the hearing at Suva Magistrate's Court.



Speight waves to his supporters as he leaves court yesterday. —AFP photo

a prison island near Suva, Fiji's capital. About 300 supporters cheered and had to be held back by police as Speight was taken into court. Speight appeared in court with an adhesive bandage on the back of his head. Chief Magistrate Salei Temo said he had received copies of medical certificates that bore out complaints by Speight and eight others of being assaulted in custody by soldiers. Temo did not elaborate. Speight is unlikely to be sent to Fiji's gallows as no one has been executed here since independence from Britain in 1970. All 15 people in court today were remained in custody until Aug 25. Included with Speight on the treason charge were his bodyguards Villimonie Tikotani and Jitoko Soko and others who were not named. The conspiracy charge names Speight and others including his media spokesman Jo Nata. In the accessory to treason charge, Speight is named with seven others including Ilisoni Ligari, the ex-British soldier who controlled gunmen in Parliament during the coup, and Speight's brother James. Speight was arrested late last month just days after releasing the last of dozens of lawmakers he had held hostage for two months after raiding Parliament. A failed businessman, Speight claimed to have launched his coup to win more power for indigenous Fijians and rein in the influence of the country's ethnic Indian minority. The elected government toppled by Speight's coup was led by Mahendra Chaudhry, the first Fijian prime minister from the 44 per cent Indian minority. Indians were first brought to Fiji in the 1870s by British colonialists as indentured labour.

ডেপুজুর চিকিৎসা ও প্রতিরোধের জন্য যা করণীয়

- ডেপুজুর আক্রান্ত হলে আমাদের প্রধান করণীয় হচ্ছে হাসপাতালে চিকিৎসকের সাহায্য নেয়া এবং প্রতিরোধের ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা।
- প্রতিরোধঃ
 - এডিস মশা ডেপুজুরের বাহক। তাই বাহক মশার দমনই হচ্ছে ডেপুজুর প্রতিরোধের প্রধান উপায়।
 - ঘরের বাইরে অব্যবহৃত পাত্র, কোটা, নারিকেলের মালা, ডাবের খোলা, ভাঙ্গা কলস ইত্যাদিতে পানি জমতে দেয়া যাবে না। এসব জিনিস মাটিতে পুঁতে ফেলা বাঞ্ছনীয়।
 - অনুরূপভাবে বাসগৃহ, শিখা প্রতিষ্ঠান, অফিস-আদালত, রেস্তোরাঁ ও দোকানে ফ্লোর টব, কোটা, ড্রাম, গাড়ির টায়ার ইত্যাদিতেও জমে থাকা পানিতে এডিস মশা ডিম পাড়ে। এডিস মশা দমনে পানি জমার এসব স্থান ধ্বংস করতে হবে।
 - বাড়িঘর, শিখা প্রতিষ্ঠান, অফিস আদালত, দোকান-পাট ও তার আশপাশ পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখতে হবে।
 - ঘরে কয়েকদিনের জমে থাকা পানিতেও এডিস মশা বংশ বিস্তার করতে পারে। তাই ঘরে জমে থাকা পানি নিয়মিত পরিষ্কার রাখতে হবে। ঘরে ও বাইরে ছোট-বড় কোন পাত্রেই পানি জমতে দেয়া যাবে না।
 - মশার ব্যবহার করে এডিস মশার কামড় থেকে রক্ষা পাওয়া যায়। এডিস মশা সাধারণতঃ দিনের বেলায় কামড়ায়। তাই দিনের বেলায় ঘুমোনের সময়ও মশার ব্যবহার করতে হবে।
- সৌজন্যঃ
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