

SNAPS

Computer
programming
meet held

CU CORRESPONDENT
The Inter-school and College Computer Programming Competition of Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), Chittagong was held on its campus recently. Computer Club Chittagong (ICC) sponsored the contest. About 18 teams from nine educational institutions of the port city took part. Ispahani-1 group of Ispahani School and College emerged as Champions while Ispahani-2 group of the same school and LJS Diamond of Little Jewels School jointly became Runners-up.

Members of the champion team will enjoy full tuition waiver during their study at IUB.

IUB Vice Chancellor Professor Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury was present as the chief guest and eminent scientist Professor Kaykobad was present as special guest.

Prize-giving
ceremony held

CU CORRESPONDENT
The Prize Giving Ceremony of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) was held at a city community centre here on Sunday.

Student Affairs Division of the university arranged the programme. Professor AKM Azharul Islam, Vice Chancellor and Dr Abu Bakar Rafiq Pro Vice Chancellor of the university were present as chief guest and special guest.

Schoolgirl raped
in Bholia

A CORRESPONDENT, Bholia
A schoolgirl of Charnawab area in Bholia Pourasabha was allegedly kidnapped and raped by two miscreants of Rantanpur area on Sunday.

The victim was going to her uncle's house at Charnawab when Shamsudin and Faruque allegedly kidnapped her and took her to an abandoned house at Rantanpur village and raped her. Later, in the evening Shamsu took her to a house near to her house where she became unconscious. At once Faruque fled away.

Police arrested Shamsuddin. A case was filed with Bholia Sadar thana.

2 docs held for 'faulty'
operation gets bail

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

Two doctors, arrested in the town on Monday for an alleged faulty operation, were released on bail on Tuesday.

Dr Mosharrif Hossain, 65 and his son Dr Mahabudul Hasan, 31, were arrested on charge of doing a 'faulty' operation on a woman.

According to police, one Chad Ali of Mazampur village took his wife Fatema Khatun, 45, to Dr. Mosharrif with pain in her abdomen on August 25.

Mosharrif told Chad that his wife should be operated upon immediately.

Chad gave Dr Mosharrif Tk 4700 for the operation. Fatema was admitted at Kiron Polyclinic at Thanapara in the town, owned by Dr Mosharrif.

Dr Mosharrif and his son Dr Mahabudul who recently came home from Russia after completing his MBBS performed the operation.

It was later alleged by the patient that the operation was done on the basis of pathological tests done two month ago and without the help of any anaesthetist and necessary equipment.

On the papers given to her during release from the clinic, the name of the

disease is written as "Urine Prolapsed" and operation is names "Fothergill."

After a couple of days, Fatema felt serious pain in her abdomen again. He was taken to gynaecologist Dr. Fatema Ashraf of Kushtia General Hospital

Dr. Fatema suspected that the patient's genital passage was blocked by stitching.

To be sure, she sent the patient to Amin Diagnostic Centre in the town for tests.

Altrasonogram tests confirmed that the patient's genital passage was blocked.

Dr Fatema then advised the patient to go back to the doctor who did the operation.

Chad took his wife back to Dr. Mosharrif and narrated the whole matter. But Mosharrif ignored it and advised her to go home or to another clinic.

Chad went to the Sadar police station and filed a case against Dr Mosharrif and his son Dr Mahabudul on Sunday.

Police arrested them and produced them before court next day. The court sent them to jail.

Row between truck agents, truckers

Over 100 trucks with
imports stranded in
C'nawabganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Over 1000 trucks, 200 of those carrying imported onion and fruits, are stranded for four days on Chapainawabganj-Sona Masjid and Chapainawabganj-Rajshahi roads following a conflict between two truckers' federations.

Members of Chapainawabganj Truck and Bus Workers Union have detained all the trucks to and from Sona Masjid at Swapnagar since Sunday morning.

There has been several miles of traffic jam on roads to Rajshahi and Sonamasjid from Chapainawabganj, created by the trucks stranded in two lines.

The roadblocks have caused sufferings to people and inter-district truckers. Some truck drivers said they are stranded since Sunday morning.

They alleged that they have to pay illegal tolls at several points on the road to these labour organisations. Police are also involved in it from behind the scene, they alleged.

Members of Chapainawabganj Truck and Bus Workers Union have detained all the trucks to and from Sona Masjid at Swapnagar since Sunday morning.

Bus communication to and from Chapainawabganj also remained suspended due to the conflict between Bangladesh Truck Agents Association and Chapainawabganj Truck and Bus Workers Union.

Sources at Sona Moajid land port said more about 500 trucks carrying imported goods are stranded at Mohdipur on the Indian side.

Outlaws kill 3
including UP
member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

Three persons including a Union Parishad (UP) member were killed by the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBPC) in separate incidents in two days.

The UP member was identified as Salehi of Kurulgachi union under Damurhuda upazila. He was sleeping at his house when at dead of night Monday night shot him to death after taking him to a near by field. The second victim was Geda, 35, son of Alam of village Akundobaria who was shot and slaughtered at about 8.30 pm on Monday night. The victim was taking rest at his house after Magrib prayer when the killers took him to a nearby garden at gun point and killed him. The third victim was Eunuch Ali Mollah, 42, of village Dalka Laknipur under Damurhuda upazila was shot and hacked to death on Sunday evening. He came out of his house in the evening when armed men caught and shot him to death.

Separate cases were lodged with the respective police stations.

Affluent in *monga* days !

Cop suspended
for rape attempt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A police sub-inspector has been suspended for rape attempt.

Sub-inspector Mujibur Rahman, in-charge of Sharashkati police camp in Kolaroa upazila, while on patrol duty on the night of November 13 entered the house of one Ibrahim at Bamankhali village and tried to violate his wife. Ibrahim is in Malaysia.

Next morning, the housewife filed a complaint to Satkhira Police Superintendent, who ordered the Kolaroa thana OC to investigate the matter.

The SI was suspended as investigation found her allegation correct.

2 killed in road
accidents in
B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A retired schoolteacher and another persons were killed in two road accidents in the town and at Saril on Monday.

Police said Karimunnes Begum, 58, retired teacher of Annada Government High School and wife of Md. Muzibur Rahman, vice-principal of Brahmanbaria Government College, died under the wheel of a truck. She was returning home from an Iftar Mahfil when the truck knocked down her rickshaw from behind at Maddyapara in Brahmanbaria town.

The truck sped away. No case was filed till filling the report yesterday.

In the other mishap in Saril, banana vendor Abdul Zalil was fatally injured when hit by a bus on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Shahbazpur. He died at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

Police caught the driver and handed him over to police. A case has been filed with Saril thana.

Two female
muggers
nabbed in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

People caught two female muggers and handed them over to police here on Monday night.

Police said, four female muggers intercepted a rickshaw near the Chittagong Club area in the city at around 8pm and snatched at dagger point a cell phone and money from the lone rickshaw passenger.

Afterwards, they shouted for help holding the passenger and identified himself as mugger. They also beat up the young passenger saying that he mugged them.

In the mean time many people gathered there.

But the innocent youth convinced the crowd that the female muggers were cheating them.

At this stage the mob caught two of them red-handed. They beat up one of them while the other was saved as patrol police rushed there while two others escaped.

Kotwali police admitted the fact and said female muggers have become active ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

JCD-Shibir clash: Cop among
7 hurt in Gaibandha

Police fire shots, tear gas canisters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Seven persons including a policeman were injured during a clash between activists of Jatiyatabdhi Chhatri Dal (JCD) and Islamic Chhatri Shibir (ICS) at Palashbari Tuesday night.

Police fired eleven blank shots and several tear gas shells to quell the violence that created panic in the area.

Shopkeepers downed their shutters and communication on the Rangpur-Bogra highway through Palashbari was suspended for about

an hour.

After the clash, JCD activists ransacked the office of Jamaat-e-Islami in Palashbari.

Police said medicine trader Bulu Mia and brick field owner Abdul Halim were at odds over a disputed land.

On Tuesday in the evening, there was a row between Shibir activist Shakib and JCD activist Raihan on the issue.

The matter soon spread and activists JCD and ICS brought out separate processions. Many of the

processionists were armed, witnesses and police said.

As the processionists faced each other, a fierce clash broke out.

Police swung into action and brought the situation under control.

Seriously injured JCD activist Raihan and Sub-Inspector Abdul Khaleque have been admitted to hospital.

Additional police force have been deployed in the area.

None was arrested. Sources said leaders of BNP and Jamaat were trying to resolve the crisis.

Natore traders want
revival of TERAC
activities

CORRESPONDENT, Natore

The businessmen of Natore have been wearing black badges from yesterday (Wednesday) and will hoist black flags atop their business establishments and houses from November 22.

They chalked out the programme to protest an order to stop activities of their organisation -- Terrorism and Extortion Resistance Action Committee (TERAC) for one month. The decision was taken at the district law and order meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC's) conference room here on November 15.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Minister for Land Ruhul Kuddus Talukdar. The meeting observed that the activities of TERAC contradicts the constitution as congregation of five or more people with sticks is prohibited.

After its floating in 2000, TERAC stopped extortion and other criminal activities from the town to a great

extent.

As part of their protest programme, the traders formed a big human chain and observed a 15-minute strike on Monday. TERAC president Abdus Salam told this correspondent that businessmen gathered with sticks when fellow businessmen raised alarm after being attacked by extortions.

Earlier, TERAC distributed goat among the needy, organised blood donation programmes at every village in Natore.

Businessmen of other districts also formed similar organisation at their districts to get rid of extortions.

Rajshahi Protection Movement Council, Rajshahi Businessmen's Alliance Council and various socio-cultural organisations of Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj expressed their solidarity with TERAC.

40,500 VGF cards
for Satkhira

BSS, Satkhira

The government has sanctioned 40,500 cards under Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme here.

Sources at the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office said 500 cards have been sanctioned for each of 78 unions under seven upazilas and 1,500 cards for Satkhira Pourasabha and 500 cards for Kalaroa Pourasabha.

The union parishad and pourasabha chairmen have been directed to prepare lists on a priority basis to ensure food assistance for distressed people from the current

month.

A total of 4,050 metric tons (MTs) of rice have been allotted for distribution among the distressed people. Each cardholder will get 10 kg of rice for one month.

The rice will be distributed among the distressed people ahead of the Eid.

The rice will be distributed against 5,500 cards in Assasuni Upazila, 7,000 in Sadar, 600 each in Tala, Kalaroa, Kaliganj and Shymnagar, 2,500 cards in Debhata, 1,000 cards in Satkhira Pourasabha and 500 cards in Kalaroa Pourasabha.

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14-year RI for
Phensidyl trader
in Meherpur

BSS, Meherpur

One person was sentenced to 14 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) by a special tribunal court here for pursuing illegal Phensidyl business on Saturday.

Session Judge, Meherpur M Jalal Uddin also fined the convict Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer an additional RI for six months.

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