

Meat seller knifed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A meat seller was stabbed to death by a fellow seller at Hasan Nagar Bhai Bhai market in Kamrangir Char yesterday.

Abdul Mannan Sheikh, 45, was stabbed by Nurul Alam Potol during an altercation that ensued after Alam demanded Tk 40 from him at his shop, police said.

As Mannan refused to pay, Alam picked up a quarrel and hit him in his neck and chest with a knife at about 11.30am.

Critically injured Mannan was

rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared him dead, hospital sources said. The body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed with Kamrangir Char police, but Alam went into hiding after the incident.

Train service restored

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Train services on Mymensingh, Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat, Rajshahi and Khulna lines were restored yesterday morning after repair of the small railway bridge damaged by mob after the killing of Ahsan Ullah Master MP on Friday.

A railway press release said the automatic signal system at Tongi station damaged by the fire could not be restored. Manual signal system was introduced to meet the emergency.

The railway authorities regretted the inconveniences caused to travelling people by the unavoidable suspension of train services.

IRAQ PRISON ABUSE

Open trial of US, British soldiers demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The War Crimes Fact Finding Committee (WCFFC) on Saturday demanded open trial of US and British soldiers under international law for their involvement in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners.

In a statement, the WCFFC also demanded independent investigation to find out the nature of torture on Iraqi prisoners to uphold the human rights.

"The US and the British governments have instigated their soldiers to torture the Iraqi prisoners in violation of the Geneva Convention," said the statement.

The WCFFC said all Iraqi prisoners including 4,400 inmates of Abu Ghraib prison must get access to ICRC and other human rights watch.

"The whole world is upset to see the wanton torture and horrendous crime committed by the US and the British soldiers in Iraq," the statement added.

Desa lineman dies in rooftop fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A lineman of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (Desa) died after falling from the rooftop of a Desa building at Satmasjid Road in Mohamma-dpur on Saturday.

The victim Muhibullah, 40, was rushed to Bangladesh Medical College Hospital where he died at around 8:30am.

No-one could say why he went to the rooftop of the four-storey building and how he fell.

His relatives said he was mentally upset as his mother died a week ago.

Children Festival ends today

The concluding ceremony of a three-day Children Festival, organised by Gonoshasthaya Kendra, will be held today, says a press release.

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk will distribute prizes among the winners at 4.00pm at Savar Gonoshasthaya Kendra.

The festival was inaugurated by State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Prof M Rezaul Karim on May 8.

Students of 47 gonopathshalas (primary schools) from across the country took part in different events including song, dance, recitation, quiz and drama during the festival.