Indian spare parts seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

BDR seized Indian spare parts worth Tk 30 lakh from five boats in the bordering river Sonai near Keragachi village in Kularoa

upazila yesterday.

BDR Jewans raided the boats

of the smugglers while crossing the Sonai river.

The smugglers, however. managed to escape from the spot, BDR and police sources

A case was filed in this regard.



Quran Learners Award

Bangladesh Quran Learners' Society will award its Quran Learners' Society Award 2004. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time:

Seminar

The Forum of Engineers and Architects organises a seminar on Ramadan and Takwa: Bangladesh Perspective'. Venue: Auditorium of the Institution of Engineers, Ramna. Time: 2.30pm.

Peace rally

World Peace Organisation will hold a peace rally under the banner titled 'Stop Genocide in Iraq and Palestine'. Venue: Muktangon. Time: 10.00am.

Painting exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a solo painting exhibition and video installation titled 'Power' by Khalid Mahmood Mithu will be held. Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House-21, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 31 from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily.

Film show

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled ' Pinocchio' by Aoberto Benichi. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 3.00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Federal Sangskritik Parishad will hold a discussion on the performance of the alliance government. Venue: Grand Azad Hotel, Purana Paltan. Time:

AGM

The 17th medical conference and annual general meeting of Bangladesh Medical Association will be held with President lajuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre. Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time:

Road safety rally

'We Demand Safe Road' organises a rally to mark the National Road Safety Day with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: 70, Kakrail. Time:

BAPA rally

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will hold a rally to protest the price hike of essentials and use of toxic substances in foods. Venue: Shahbagh. Time: 10.30am.

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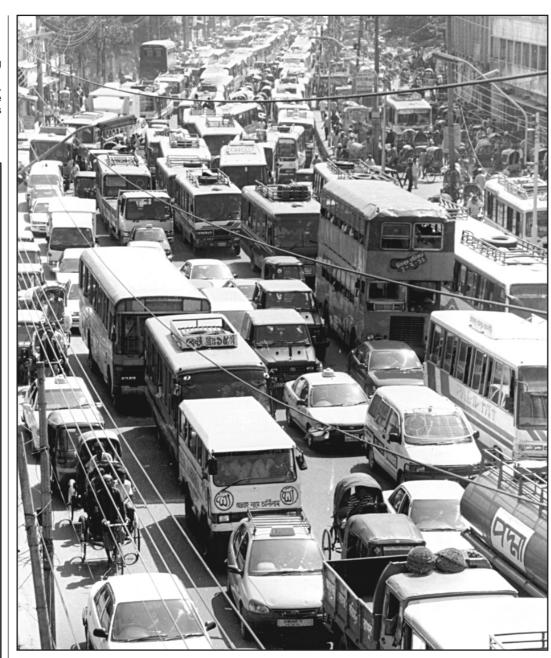
Gonoforum will be held. Venue: Hotel Eden Complex, Arambagh. Time: 3.00pm.

Blood donation

Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: Ram Krishna Mission, R K Road. Time: 3.30pm to 8.00pm.

Rituparno Ghosh retrospective

Bangladesh Federation of Film



Traffic jam on the road stretching from Joykali Mondir to Sayedabad is a common phenomenon due to boarding of passengers by buses from several points.

Prof Suhrab joins State University

Prof Dr Md Suhrab Ali has joined the State University of Bangladesh as Dean of the School of Health Sciences, says a press release.

He was a former professor of biochemistry at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and a member of Bangladesh Public Service Commission.

PRICE HIKE OF ESSENTIALS

Resignation of govt demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) on Wednesday called on the BNP-Jamaat-led coalition to resign immediately for its failure in combating the abnormal price hike of essentials.

Addressing a rally at

Bangabandhu Avenue in the city, the JSD leaders said the government

has no right to cling to power any more as it could not ensure food and security of the people. "Rain and floods are not the main reasons for price spiral, rather the ruling party-backed unscrupulous whole sellers and extortionists had

contributed to the present abnormal price hike of essentials," said Syed Jafar Sajjad, general secretary of "The alliance government has

placed their own people in every sector of the economy and they control the markets to realise their own interest," he alleged. The general secretary said it is very unfortunate that the poor peo-

ple cannot afford to buy even rice

and chilli as their prices have gone beyond their means. JSD President Hasanul Haque Inu called upon the people to unite to oust the present failed government and form a new one to free the

countrymen from misrule. JSD leaders Moinuddin Khan Badal, Sharif Nurul Ambia and

Advocate Habibur Rahman Showkat also addressed the rally. Later, a procession was brought

out that paraded the area

Preserve plants. buds of fruits, vegetables

BSS, Dhaka

Agriculture Minister M K Anwar yesterday urged the scientists and concerned men to take up a coordination of plants and buds of all fruits and

vegetables. He said this while reviewing the progress of implementation of different projects undertaken by the ministry for overall development of agriculture sector, an official handout said.

State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Secretary of Ministry A S M Abdul Halim and all heads of different departments under the ministry and high officials concerned were present at the meeting.

The meeting was told that Rice, Jute and Agriculture Research Institutes have their own banks where germplasms were preserved. A step is needed to ensure the preservation of those germplasms for centuries.

PM's donation for treatment of a school student

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has donated Tk one lakh for treatment of a meritorious student of Comilla Zila School suffering from blood cancer.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Musharraf Hossain, on behalf of Khaleda Zia, handed over the cheque to the sister and maternal uncle of Aftabul Alam Elman, student of class X, on Wednesday.

Elman has long been suffering from blood cancer. He will go to India on October 26 for better treat-

President, PM greet Pope

UNB, Dhaka

President lajuddin Ahmed has greeted Pope John Paul-II on the anniversary of his coronation. In a message of felicitation, the president

expressed his confidence that the bonds of friendship and mutual cooperation that exist between Bangladesh and the Holy See wouldfurtherdevelopinthecomingyears.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in a separate message also felicitated the Pope on the occasion of the Inauguration Anniversary of hisPontificatethatfallstoday(Friday)

"I take this opportunity to express my sincere hope that the close and friendly relations that already exist between Bangladesh and the Holy See will be further strengthened in the years to come, "she said.

Both President lajuddin and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia wished Pope John Paul Ilgoodhealth, happiness and long life, and for the continued peace and prosperity of the Holy See.

One chopped to death in Netrakona

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Assailants killed Siddik Mia of village Uluati under the Sadar upazila of Netrakona early in the morning yesterday.

Police said, after taking his Sehri, Siddik Mia was going to the nearby mosque for Fazr prayers. On the way, the killers chopped him to death with sharp weapons.

Elder brother of the dead and headmaster of Netrakona High School, Saidur Rahman, filed a murder case with the Netrakona Police Station (PS) accusing nine persons including Ali Osman and Islam Uddin of the same village.

Police arrested Ali Osman.

Officer-in-charge of Netrakona PS Aktaruzzaman said that the killing was a sequel to a land dis-

1,321 more held

Police arrested 1,321 people, including a listed criminal, on various charges during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yester-



No change in temperature likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country till 6.00pm Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country

during the period, Met Office said. Highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

at Cox's Bazar and lowest 19.6 degree Celsius at Srimangol

The sun sets in the capital at 5:26pm tomorrow and rises at 6.00am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Temperature Humidity in percentage Morning Evening Dhaka 32.3 22.6 Chittagong 34.0 68 67 72 80 71 81 Rajshahi 31.8 80 Khulna 23.0 --92 Barisal 33.0 22.5 33.5 22.0 Cox's Bazar 34.6