

Grisly murders on the Bay

Pirates bludgeon 14 fishermen and dump them in trawler's ice chamber to death

ABDUL MONAYEM KHAN, Cox's Bazar

Pirates killed 14 fishermen aboard a fishing boat in the Bay Wednesday night before looting fish worth Tk 1.5 lakh and equipment.

Cox's Bazar Sadar police retrieved the bodies from an ice chamber on FB Kawsar yesterday morning, 10 days after the boat had sailed in the sea.

A police team led by Fakrul Islam,

officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, on information rushed to Nazirar Tek in Bakkhali river, 1.5 km west of Cox's Bazar beach, and

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2 toll-takers lynched, girl raped in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two extortionists were lynched while a seven-year-old child was raped in separate incidents in Kushtia Wednesday.

Of the slain, Sobdul alias Tigar, 35, hailed from Fakirabad village and Somser alias Semai Fakir, 22,

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Escalating food price accelerates inflation

Price hike in global markets may worsen the situation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prevailing steep inflation due mainly to skyrocketing food price, coupled with a surge in oil and food prices in international markets, now poses an additional risk of import-

led inflation in the country, warned Asian Development Bank (ADB) yesterday.

The food price index, which holds a 58.8 percent weight in the overall price index, has picked up 7

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Dhaka asks Delhi for flag meeting

BDR foils 2 more BSF push-in attempts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday pressed India for an immediate flag meeting between their frontier forces to quickly thrash out a solution to the recent push-in of Bangla-speaking Indian nationals across the over-2,250-kilometre border with the Indian state of West Bengal.

The foreign ministry wrote yes-

terday to the Indian Ministry of External Affairs stating that the problem should be resolved through flag meetings between Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) given the good neighbourly relations between the two countries. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan told reporters at his Secretariat office yesterday.

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AL storms out of JS advisory body meet

House to discuss price hike; Opposition to continue turning heat on govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition Awami League (AL) joined the 14th session of the Jatiya Sangsad that began yesterday but it staged a stormy walkout of the Business Advisory Committee (Bac) meeting in protest against the ruling party's alleged bid to gag its voice.

The Bac, which sat to fix the duration and business of the session, witnessed heated arguments between the ruling BNP and AL over speaker's ruling about holding discussion on August 21 grenade attacks in the last session.

The opposition lawmakers protested finance minister's 'objec-

tionable' remarks at the meeting on AL's demand for showing proceedings of the Bac meeting of the last session.

After the walkout by the AL, the Bac, in line with the recommendation of Leader of the House Khaleda Zia, decided to hold a general

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Two female garment workers lie wounded on the ground yesterday after some 1,000 agitating workers of a garment factory clashed with the police over payment of their three-month arrears at Bahaddarhat in Chittagong.

Garment workers clash with cops over arrears

30 injured, 75 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

At least 30 people were hurt and 75 garment workers arrested as they clashed with law enforcers, agitating for payment of their arrears of the last three months yesterday.

The injured include garment workers, pedestrians and 10 cops. Of them, six workers and four policemen were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and the rest to different private clinics, police sources said.

Police picked up 75 workers including 23 women of Lagoon Garments Ltd during the clash. Earlier, over 1,000 workers of the

garment factory took to the street in Bahaddarhat in the city at 8:00am. They staged demonstration and put up a barricade on the road in front of the factory.

The clash erupted at 8:30am as police clubbed the agitators to disperse them. The agitators also counter-attacked the law enforcers including police and Ansars, who were later reinforced by a team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

Police fired some 60 rounds of blank shots and 22 tear gas shell to bring the situation under control, sources said.

Witnesses said the surrounding

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AHSANULLAH MURDER Charges framed against Jubo Dal leader, 29 others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka tribunal yesterday framed charges against a leader of ruling BNP's youth wing and 29 others for their alleged links to the assassination of frontline opposition Awami League lawmaker Ahsanullah Master in Tongi on the fringe of the capital.

Judge Shahed Noor Uddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 framed charges in presence of Jatiyabadi Jubo Dal leader Nurul Islam Sarker and 11 others.

The 11 accused present in the dock yesterday are Rakibuddin Sarker alias Pappu, Zahangir alias Boro Zahangir, Amir, Zahangir, Mohammad Ali, Nurul Amin alias Amin, Ayub Ali, Mahabubur

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