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RESULT SCAM REPORT Bhorer Kagoj reporter gets life threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

Unidentified callers yesterday gave a life threat to a staff reporter of Bengali daily The Bhorer Kagoj for reports on tampering the marks certificate of LLB examinations held under Chittagong University.

On three telephone calls to The Bhorer Kagoj Chittagong office, unidentified callers threatened Samareh Baidya, senior staff reporter of the daily, of abduction and murder.

Samareh got the threats following two of his reports on alleged marks certificate tampering by

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Fight on for control over Karwan Bazar

Local BNP leaders join the race with mafiosi

SHARIFUL ISLAM with SHAHEEN MOLLAH

A fierce campaign is on to gain control over Karwan Bazar, one of the city's largest business hubs that the mafiosi consider a lucrative source of earning crores in extortion money.

Traders at the market said some local leaders of ruling BNP's front organisations, who once had close

ties with notorious criminal Pichchi Hannan, are trying to stage a comeback to supremacy here. Hannan was killed on August 6 in a 'crossfire' during an operation of elite anti-crime Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

Under the scheme, a platform of businessmen titled 'Karwan Bazar Federal Bebohayi Samity' was formed on September 9, with Jubo Dal Assistant Religious Affairs Secretary Nabi Solaiman as its

president and Khan Mohammad Sahabuddin, a businessman, as general secretary.

Businessmen alleged Nabi was awarded the influential post as BNP high-ups including the local law-maker took an interest and had an active hand in formation of the samity's 101-member executive committee, which many businessmen did not accept.

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Condition of Shahriar, 5 others critical

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condition of journalist-writer Shahriar Kabir and five leaders of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, who were injured in a road accident in Saidpur Thursday, was reported to be critical till yesterday.

Shahriar Kabir, president of Nirmul Committee and Kazi Mukul, general secretary, were flown in to Dhaka yesterday and admitted to a local clinic. The same day the other three -- Apu Singh, Kazi Biplob, Sheikh Meraj Miju -- were rushed to the capital by an ambulance.

The five were undergoing treatment in Metropolitan Medical Hospital in Mohakhali.

Shahriar Kabir sustained serious injuries to the right leg and Mukul, Miju and Biplob to the face and head. Apu with head injuries was kept in the intensive care unit (ICU).

On-duty doctors in the hospital told The Daily Star that the five were under close observation. The doctors declining to elaborate on the condition said they were still examining the injured.

Journalists, writers, columnists, leaders of different socio-cultural and rights organisations and intellectuals visited the injured yesterday.

BTTB acts deaf, dumb to dead line complaints

Industry in favour of turning the board into PLC

MUSTAK HOSSAIN

Though many a subscriber of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) in the capital has remained disconnected for several weeks, and some even for months, the state-owned operator just sits on its hands.

The BTTB has taken no initiative to reconnect the dead phones or to repair the damaged network despite repeated complaints, subscribers alleged.

More than 150 BTTB telephone connections on Green Road and in Dhanmandi have been out of order for over one and a half months now, without any attempt by the operator to correct the situation, they claimed.

A large number of telephones in Mohammadia Housing Society area have also been dead for over a week

now, they added.

On the snapped lines, a BTTB official said, "There is a fault in underground cable network caused by digging for road construction."

He said, "We have asked for the City Fathers' permission to dig the roads to repair the damage."

"How long does it take to repair a cable fault?" asked Golam Abbas, an angry BTTB subscriber of Green Road.

"If there were any alternative, I would not have subscribed the BTTB's service. But I need it to use Internet," he remarked.

"One can't rely on its [BTTB's] service. In fact, there is no service at all," was the extreme judgement of another frustrated subscriber, whose phone line he said goes dead several times a month.

On the allegations of deteriorating

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Listed criminal Kala Monir held after gunfight

Pistol, 250 bullets recovered, 2 cops hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A listed criminal was caught hurt last night after a gunfight with police leading to recovery of a loaded pistol and 250 bullets at Shyampur in the city.

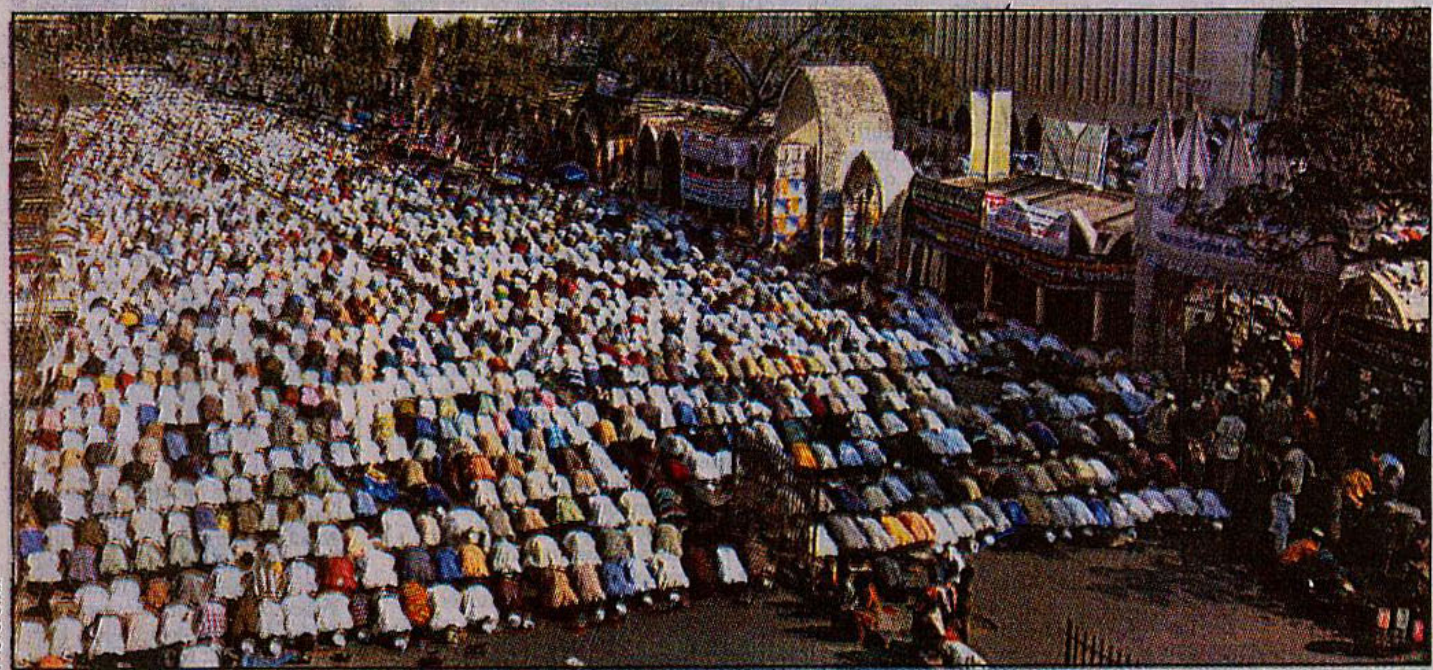
Police said two constables -- Mahbub and Humayun -- of Shyampur Police Station sustained bullet injuries during the operation.

Monir Hossain alias Kala Monir, 32, placed third on its list of top local criminals by Shyampur police, has 14 cases against him including six for murders, one for carrying illegal arms and most of the rest for extortion. Shyampur police said he is a professional killer who kept himself armed all the time.

"Five of our policemen led by an SI (Sub-Inspector) went on patrol to Jurain Pukurpar area at 7:30pm and found Monir with seven/eight others gathered there," SI Akbar Hossain, duty officer at the police station, told The Daily Star.

"As the policemen neared them,

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Thousands of devotees join Jumatul Wida, the last Juma prayers of Ramadan, at Baitul Mokarram National Mosque yesterday. Many had to say their prayers on the adjacent streets as the mosque could not accommodate all.

Powerful quakes hit Indonesia: 17 dead

AFP, Jakarta

A succession of powerful earthquakes rocked eastern Indonesia yesterday, killing at least 17 people, injuring more than 100 others and destroying hundreds of homes, police said.

The quake, which was felt in the nearby country of East Timor, struck Alor island, 1,000 km east of the resort island of Bali, and left hospitals struggling to cope with the wounded.

Local meteorologists put the magnitude of the quake, which struck at 4:26 am Jakarta time (21:26 GMT Thursday) at 6.0 on the Richter scale, while the Observatory of Earth Sciences in Strasbourg recorded the tremor at 7.3.

Similar-sized quakes can cause massive destruction and high casu-

alty figures but in impoverished and rural areas such as Alor, low-levels of urbanisation mean tolls are lower.

As of 0830 GMT, a total of 16 people across the island had been killed by the quake which was followed by three powerful aftershocks, Alor deputy police chief Hasan Kiko told AFP.

He said the tremors damaged more than 640 buildings, many of them homes, across the island.

"So far, we have received reports of 17 people killed in the earthquake from five police precincts. People here are still wary because we can still feel more aftershocks," he said.

Earlier, another policeman said that at least 100 people were hospitalised with serious and minor injuries and many people had left their dwellings to huddle in open fields.

SCRAMBLE FOR ZAKAT 2 killed, 50 hurt in stampede

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Two elderly women were killed and 50 people were injured in a stampede during distribution of Zakat saree from the house of Basundhara Group Vice-chairman Mahbub Morshed Hasan Runu on the Girls School Road in the town yesterday.

One of the dead was identified as Jamela Begum, 50, wife of Mohiuddin of Uchutia village, police said. The other woman aged about 40 could not be identified.

The seriously injured persons have been admitted to Manikganj Sadar Hospital. They are Nasimon, 60 and Rahela, 65 of Golora Charkhanda village; Manikjan, 60; Moynal, 14, son of Kajim Uddin of Garpara village; Sujon, 10, son of

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DU student, 8 others killed in road accidents

UNB, Dhaka

Nine people, including a Dhaka University (DU) student, were killed and 18 others injured in road accidents in Feni, Laxmipur and Jhenidah yesterday.

In Feni, Dhar Ali, 40, Abdul Gazi, 50, and an unidentified man were killed and ten others injured in an accident on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Fatehpur rail crossing when a Kurigram-bound truck from Chittagong skidded off the road and fell into a ditch at about 7:00pm.

Four of the injured were admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital, while others given first aid.

In another accident on Feni-Chhagalnaiya road at noon, Golam

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Sehri-Iftar				
Ramadan	Nov	Sehri	Iftar	
29	13		5-17	
30	14	4-50	5-17	

Prayer Timing November 13		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-17	5-25
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

There's flood, calamity, disaster...



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