

Heroin worth Tk 1cr seized in Jhenidah

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Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) members recovered 880 grams of heroin worth around Tk one crore from a passenger bus at Jhenaidah bus stand yesterday afternoon.

However, BDR failed to identify the peddler.

Acting on a tip off, BDR searched the Kushtia-bound bus and recovered the heroin in a bag from the bunker of the bus, Lt Col Mir Motahar Hasan of Chuadanga BDR said.

President goes to Bandarban today

UNB, Bandarban

President Iajuddin Ahmed will arrive here today on a daylong visit to the backwoods of the hill district, officials said.

He will distribute relief materials among the distressed people during the tour.

The President will fly in a helicopter to the newly established Nilgiri tourist resort in the panoramic hill range.

He will be accompanied by his wife Professor Anwara Begum and other family members.

"High military officials are also accompanying the President," one official said.



A mobile court led by Metropolitan Magistrate Rokon Ud-Doula seized huge fake toner cartridges from seven shops at IDB Bhaban in the city yesterday.

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420 juveniles still languish in jails

Speakers tell Munshiganj seminar

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Around 420 accused juveniles are still languishing in various jails in the country.

Speakers said this at a daylong seminar organised by the Retired Police Welfare Society at the deputy commissioner's office in Munshiganj yesterday.

Former defence secretary Salauddin Ahmed PSP presented the keynote paper at the seminar while Deputy Commissioner Md Monir Uddin was present as the chief guest.

The speakers said there are only 200 delinquents at the three children welfare development centers although they can accommodate around 700 children.

The speakers also noted that the number of children living at the 'safe homes' is far less than those can accommodate.

The seminar was chaired by Police Super Afzal Hossain while former police super Kangsho Dhar Tarafdar, Dr Khaleda Salauddin, Additional Deputy Commissioner Molla Tariqul Islam, Additional Police Super

Mahbub Latif, Social Welfare Officer Qazi Shajahan Miah, Tajul Islam, Convener of Munshiganj Press Club Manjur Morshed and its former president Mir Nasir Uddin also spoke.

Around 40 people from various professional groups participated in the seminar that included magistrates, police, social welfare workers and journalists.

Muggers stab 3 students, snatch valuables at CU shuttle train

CU CORRESPONDENT

A gang of muggers snatched gold ornaments, seven cellular phone sets and cash leaving at least three students stabbed inside a compartment of Chittagong University (CU) shuttle train yesterday.

One of the injured students was identified as Mahabub Alam Sohel, a fourth year student of sociology department, while the identity of other two could not be known.

Sources said six muggers equipped with daggers got on the university-bound shuttle train from Amtala that left Chittagong Railway Station at 10.45am.

When the train reached near Jhautala Station, they snatched the cellular phone sets, gold ornaments and cash from the female students.

At one stage, the snatchers stabbed Sohel and others when they tried to resist them, sources said.

Mugging on the shuttle trains operating specially in the morning and evening, has become regular affairs, alleged the students.

Earlier on Monday, the muggers snatched six mobile phone sets and gold ornaments from a city-bound train at the same spot, they said.

When contacted, Officer in-Charge of GRP station Nihar Ranjan Das told The Daily Star that some miscreants are involved in mugging on the shuttle train and police are trying to trace them out.

"We are not able to deploy cops in all the compartments since we lack sufficient manpower," he defended.

RUPSHA BUS STAND

KCC ignores adviser's directive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna City Corporation (KCC) is yet to shift Rupsha bus stand from Rupsha ferryghat area to Sonadanga bus terminal despite a directive by LGRD Adviser Mohammad Anwarul Iqbal.

The adviser asked the city mayor to take necessary steps to shift Rupsha bus stand immediately to get rid of traffic jam. But adviser's directive has not been carried out yet.

The KMP Commissioner Nazmul Haque told The Daily Star that authorities of KCC have yet to provide necessary logistic supports to carry out shifting work.

He said Rupsha bus stand would be replaced by an auto-rickshaw stand.

The LGRD adviser in a view exchange meeting on April 4 at Khulna Nagar Bhaban said shifting of the bus stand from Rupsha ferryghat is necessary to stop collection of unauthorised tolls from vehicles.

It is alleged that a section of transport owners are lobbying with the city mayor for not relocating Rupsha bus stand.