



This road at South Jatra Barri in the city has been in a dilapidated state for long, causing suffering to passengers as well as pedestrians.

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AUG 17 SERIES BOMB BLASTS Judgement in 2 cases to be pronounced September 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Judgment in two cases related with August 17 series bomb blasts in Sylhet will now be pronounced by the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal on September 9.

Tribunal Judge Diproman Sarker deferred the date on August 27.

These cases were filed in connection with the blasts at the Collectorate building and Ambarkhana point areas.

The blast near the SA record room left 2 injured while none was hurt in the other incident.

During the quizzing upon their arrest, both the accused, Abul Haq and Mobish Khan, who are members of the outlawed JMB, admitted their complicity with the incidents and gave confessional statements before a Class-I magistrate.

They said while serving as teachers at Sengram Dakhil Madrasa of Jaintapur, they got involved with the JMB activities.

REPORT ON ENTRY OF OUTLAW CADRES KMP on high alert

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) have been put on high alert following intelligence reports about the entry of the cadres of underground organisations who are moving in different guises in the city.

Special security measures have been taken setting up check posts at all important places and intersections.

Each of the check posts has been manned by ten policemen headed by a Sub-Inspector to carry out searches in buses, trucks, minibuses, autorickshaws and private cars.

Similar steps have been taken to guard river routes and search watercrafts playing on different routes from Khulna to the Sundarbans.

Acting police commissioner Roushan Ara said combing operations would continue for indefinite period as extra-cautionary measures to prevent any possible destructive activities.

Acting DIG of police Md Asaduzzaman Mian said all police stations under 10 districts in Khulna range have been put on red alert after Saturday night's three bomb blast incidents in Jessore town.

The acting DIG said special oper-

ations are going on to nab listed criminals who include cadres linked with political parties and underground organisations.

"We are giving stress on the arrest of armed cadres and bombers," said both the police officials.

Apart from measures taken by the KMP and Khulna range police, Rapid Action Battalion backed by the army has intensified its activities to nab the extremists and Islamist militants.

According to the information of different intelligence agencies, the extremists and Islamist militants are moving in the city in the guise of rickshawpuller, hawkers, fruit vendor, bus helper and day labourer.

Meanwhile, detective police arrested two extremists from Shalua bazar under Dumuria upazila of the district on Monday.

They were identified as Alamgir Sheikh, 24, and Aminul Islam, 20, hailing from Aronghata under Daulatpur Police Station of the city.

Police seized a shutter gun from their possession.

Police also recovered an abandoned revolver loaded with five bullets from Bakabazar in Paikachha upazila of the district on Monday.

Roundtable on maternal, child health

A roundtable on 'Maternal health, child health and neonatal health' organised by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University was held in the city on Sunday, says a press release.

National Professor MR Khan, Prof Mohammad Shahidulla, Prof Nazmun Nahar, Prof MA Mannan, Prof Abdul Bayes Bhuiyan, Prof Sultana Jahan, Dr Abdul Mannan and Dr Khaled Noor took part in the roundtable presided over by Prof Md Tahir, vice-chancellor of the university.

Besides, Goodwill Ambassador of Save The Children-USA Dr William H Frist along with his team members attended the roundtable as guests. Dr SM Rafiqul Islam of World Health Organisation and Dr Shams I. Arefin of ICDDR,B were also present.

They discussed the present status of Bangladesh in terms of maternal and neonatal health.

They also hoped that concerted efforts of the government, professional bodies, development partners and other organisations would help reach the target of 4 and 5 of the Millennium Development Goals.

Shariah Board team of Islami banks meets president

UNB, Dhaka

A five-member delegation of Central Shariah Board of Islami banks called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The delegation members, led by Chairman of the Shariah Board and Khatib of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque Maulana Obaidul Haque, apprised the President of the board's activities.

They told the president that now 15 banks are offering Islamic banking, guided by the Shariah Board.

The president assured them of all possible cooperation.

Former vice chancellor of Islamic University Prof Dr M Mustafizur Rahman, former secretary Shah Abdul Hannan, chairman of Dhaka Bank M Azizul Haq and member of the Shariah Board M Mukhlesur Rahman were among the delegation members.

Earthquake hits country

BSS, Dhaka

An earthquake occurred at 09:03:38am yesterday.

The magnitude of the earthquake was 3.9 on the Richter Scale and its epicentre was about 132.3 km from Rangpur Seismic Observatory, said a Met office press release.

NBR seeks bank statement of Teknaf UP chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) asked all commercial banks to provide bank statements of Teknaf Union Parishad Chairman Md Zafar Ahmed and 13 members of his family.

The CIC sent letters to the banks on August 22 seeking account and transaction details in order to check their income tax files.

The 13 family members are Zafar's wife Hamida Begum, sons Dedar, Shajahan, Russell, Ilyas and Salahuddin, daughters Urme, Sofia, Ameena Khatun and Mostak, and brothers Shamsul Alam, Kabir Ahmed and Hatal.

Only 1 out of 1.6 lakh diarrhoea patients dies: Health adviser

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Health Adviser Major General (Retd) Dr ASM Matur Rahman yesterday said though 1.6 lakh people were suffering from diarrhoea, only one person has so far died which is a rare event in the history of the world.

This was possible due to coordinated efforts of the government and people, he added.

The adviser made the remark while inaugurating a medical service centre for flood-affected people of Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) area at the Child and Maternal Health Institute in Narayanganj.

He said the government is aware that people of DND areas are not getting basic human facilities like water, electricity and medical services.

The government is discussing ways and means to find out a permanent solution to waterlogging problems of the DND areas.

"We will soon resolve the prob-

lem," he added.

Later, the health adviser distributed oral saline, water purifying tablets and ointment for skin diseases among the patients.

Around 10000 medicine packets were distributed during the visit.

Director General of Health Directorate Dr Md Shahjahan Biswas, Deputy Commissioner Faizul Kabir and Police Superintendent Sibgaath Ullah were present on the occasion.

BOU activities postponed

Bangladesh Open University (BOU) has postponed all its examinations, admissions, course registrations and tutorial classes due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Fresh dates and time of the above will be announced later.

GRENADE ATTACK ON UK ENVOY

Two more PWs give depositions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two more prosecution witnesses in a case filed in connection with the grenade attack on British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury gave depositions at the Speedy Trial Tribunal in Sylhet yesterday.

The recording of statements of prosecution witnesses (PWs) began on August 26.

The grenade attack took place at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) in Sylhet after Juma prayers on May 21 in 2004, killing three people and injuring 70 others.

Shahidul Islam, 26, a tailor, and Salam Miah, 12, a schoolboy, who were wounded in the grenade attack, gave their depositions yesterday. With them, a total of seven witnesses, out of 57, gave their statements in the court.

The judge fixed September 6 as the next date for recording more PWs, court sources said.

The chargesheeted accused in the case are Harkat ul Jihad chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, his brother Mofizur Rahman and Huji operatives Delwar Hossain Ripon and Sharif Shahidul Alam alias Bipul.



PHOTO: ISPR

Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed inaugurates Bangladesh Footwear and Leather Products Ltd, a joint venture of Bangladesh Army-run Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory and Hong Kong-based organisation Trade Mutual, at BMTF in Joydevpur yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry President Mir Nasir Hossain speaks at a press briefing at the FBCCI Bhaban yesterday.

Concord's new addition in tourism sector at the port city Chittagong

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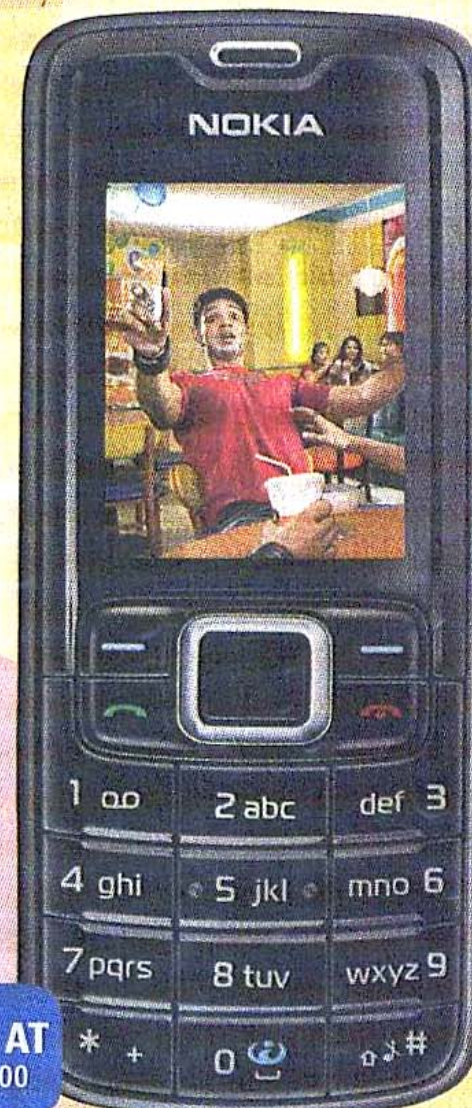
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