



Gulshan Club President Engr Faizul Islam Selim distributed new clothes to orphans at Shishu Polli in Gazipur Club. Gulshan Club also organised Iftar party and dinner for more than 800 orphans on September 28.

Training of police for UN missions ends

UNB, Dhaka

The British High Commission, in conjunction with the Bangladesh Police, completed a four-week programme aimed at improving the selection and pre-deployment training of Bangladesh police for UN missions overseas.

The programme that began on August 31 focused on the "Training of Trainers". The training was designed in two phases and sought to enhance the awareness of the range and nature of issues likely to be encountered by police officers deploying on UN missions.

A release of the British HC yesterday

day said 35 participants attended one or other of the two phases that covered subjects such as UN policing standards, human rights, cultural issues, stress management, gender equality, sexual abuse and exploitation, VIP protection, driving and tactical skills.

Acting British High Commissioner Duncan Norman said "We recognise the important role and commitment shown by Bangladesh in providing police officers for UN missions overseas, often in some of the toughest conditions in the world. We are delighted that we have been able to offer our support through this training."

MOVE TO LEASE OUT OFFSHORE BLOCKS

Police action condemned

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday slated the police attack on the programme organised by the National Committee for Protection of Oil-Gas-Mineral Resources and Power-Port in the city to protest the government initiative for leasing out nine offshore blocks to foreign companies.

In a press release, leaders of Gonosanghati Andolon said without any provocation, the police attacked the scheduled programme of the committee.

As per their programme leaders and activists of the Committee started their march from Muktangan to lay a siege to the power and energy ministry and submit a memorandum to the chief adviser.

But the demonstrators could not reach the ministry due to police interception.

Gonosanghati leaders said though the main task of the caretaker government is to hold a free, fair and neutral election it is carrying out many anti-people activities.

The movement to save the resource of people cannot be resisted through repression, they observed.

Revolutionary Workers' Party of Bangladesh also protested the police attack on the programme of the Committee.

In a statement its President Khandakar Ali Abbas and General Secretary Saiful Islam Haq said the intention of handing over national resources to foreign companies would not be successful through such repression.

Meanwhile, the Committee has reiterated their demand for stopping the process of leasing out offshore blocks.

A press release issued yesterday said following police attack a number of leaders and activists of the committee including Syed Abul Maksud were injured.

The Committee leaders also demanded removal of Dr Tamim, special assistant of the chief adviser, accusing him of being involved in the conspiracy of handing over national resources to multinational companies.



Actress Shireen Bokul, left, and fashion designer Jemy Sayeed display a dress on the opening day of a three-day fashion festival organised by Sky-High Institute of Design at Drik Gallery at Dhanmondi in the city recently.

Ansar, security guards clash in Ctg: 15 injured

CU CORRESPONDENT

About 15 people, including five Ansar men, were injured in a clash between them and the security guards of Foy's Lake Amusement Park in the port city in the early hours of yesterday.

After the clash, the Ansar men opened fire and torched three shops at the colony adjacent to the park where some of the security guards lived in rented houses, sparking panic among the people of the area, local people alleged.

The injured Ansar men were identified as Pradip Kumar Das, Saiful Islam, Samiul Islam, Mashiur Rahman and Khalilur Rahman while the injured security guards were Abul Kashem, Mohammad Harun, Tajul Islam, Nur Nabi and Mannan.

Local residents autorickshaw driver Abul Kashem, Mantaz Begum, Harun and Sujun were also injured during the clash.

Sources said the clash ensued centring a trilling matter among two Ansar men and security guards deployed inside the amusement park. Witnesses said Ansar men Samiul and Zia locked into an altercation with the security guards Kamal Hossain and Abul Hossain when the Ansar men tried to go to their camp before completing their duty at 5:00am.

At one stage, the Ansar men started beating the guards and informed the matter to their camp inside the Park.

Hearing the news, Ansar men from the camp rushed to the spot and swooped on the security guards and the clash ensued. They also opened blank fire to disperse the guards.

The guards took position at the nearby Akbar Colony for cover, but the Ansar men beat the inhabitants of the colony indiscriminately and torched three shops there, alleged locals.

Later, police and members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Six of the injured were sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) while the rest received first aid.

Concerned Concord Entertainment Company Limited Executive Director Major (Retd) Mojaffar Ahmed said that they were trying to settle the matter.

"After the incident, we have withdrawn all the Ansar men from the camp inside the park and replaced them with security forces from private organisation," Mojaffar said, adding that they would form a probe body to investigate into the incident.

However, District Ansar Adjutant MM Labur Rahman said that the security guards along with the locals attacked the Ansar men that prompted them to open fire.

"We would investigate into the matter and action would be taken against the Ansar men if their involvement is found," he added.

A total of 50 Ansar men and 82 security guards worked for maintaining security inside the park.



The Sri Lankan Women's Association, Dhaka (Seva Vanitha Unit) hands over bedding and mosquito nets to Brigadier General (Retd) Dr Sayed Fazle Rahim, director of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital, at Mirpur in the city yesterday for the hospital on the occasion of Eid. The association president Rajes Krishnamoorthy and other members were present on the occasion.

Removal of PSC chairman demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

The unsuccessful candidates of the 27th BCS examinations yesterday submitted a memorandum to the education adviser to realise their six-point demand including immediate removal of PSC Chairman Dr Saadat Hussain.

A three-member team comprising Mahfuzur Rahman Sarker, Sohel Rana and Jahangir Alam on behalf of unsuccessful candidates submitted the memorandum to Education Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman at his office.

At a press conference on Saturday they placed a six-point demand, which included cancellation of new results and appointment of innocent candidates who were succeeded in the previously published results and a judicial investigation into the scandal created in publishing the results.

To press home their demands, candidates will observe a token hunger strike at the Central Shaheed Minar on the Eid day.



Prof Ali Naki passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Darul Ihsan University Vice-Chancellor Prof Syed Ali Naki passed away at Square Hospital in the city on Sunday at the age of 67, says a press release.

Prof Naki, also chairman of Darul Ihsan Trust, was brother of national professor Syed Ali Ahsan and Dr Syed Ali Ashraf.

He will be buried at a graveyard adjacent to Balibadra-Sripur bus stand in Savar after namaz-e-janaza on the Darul Ihsan University campus after Asr prayers today. His first janaza will be held at Baitul Aman Jame Masjid at Adabor in the city after Zohr prayers today.

His qulqhwani will be held at his residence at 588 Baitul Aman Housing Society, Road No-11, at Adabor in Shyamoli on October 3.

He left behind his wife, a daughter and a son to mourn his death.

Awal promoted to Rear Admiral

METRO DESK

Commodore ASMA Awal, ndc, psc, BN was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam adorned him with the badges of rank of Rear Admiral in the presence of senior naval officers at Naval Headquarters yesterday.

It may be mentioned that the government has upgraded the rank of Principal Staff Officer of Bangladesh Navy from Commodore to the rank of Rear Admiral.



Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (personnel) Commodore M Farid Habib adorn Commodore ASMA Awal with the badge of Rear Admiral Rank at Naval Headquarters in the city yesterday.

Old Faujians' convention soon

METRO DESK

The Old Faujians Association, the organisation of old cadets of Faujdardhat Cadet College, will hold a convention shortly, says a press release.

This was decided and announced at an iftar party attended by over 220 Old Faujians held on September 24 at the Raowa Club.

The members said since the central governing body of the association has ceased to exist as per constitution of the body, an adhoc committee was formed to hold the convention and elect new office bearers.

4 killed, 28 injured in road accidents

METRO DESK

Four people were killed and 28 others injured in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Gaibandha and Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Staff correspondent in Chittagong reports: An Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ) leader and an IOJ supporter were killed in a road accident when a truck and CNG-run autorickshaw collided head-on yesterday.

Khalilur Rahman, 55, president of Banskhalia Upazila IOJ, a component of BNP-led four-party alliance, was returning home along with the unidentified IOJ supporter in the autorickshaw from the port city, police said.

Police recovered the bodies and

sent them to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) for autopsy.

Our correspondent in Gaibandha adds: A man was killed and three others injured in a road accident at Boali on Rangpur-Bogra highway yesterday.

Police said one Fazul Bari, 55, was killed when a speeding Bogra-bound bus dashed the bicycle he was riding on from behind.

The killer bus while fleeing hit a rickshaw van, injuring three passengers on board.

Police could not identify the killer bus.

UNB adds: A man was killed and 25 people were injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch at Gogod at Sarail upazila in Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Police said the Sylhet-bound bus from Dhaka fell into the ditch just before Ifar time, killing an unidentified man on the spot.

The injured were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital. The condition of seven was stated to be critical.

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