

Severe crisis of non-judicial stamps in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Severe crisis of non-judicial stamps has created serious problem for the candidates ahead of the upcoming parliamentary elections.

Non-judicial stamps are required for the affidavit of a candidate while submitting nomination papers for both Parliamentary and upazila elections.

The affidavit, which is a must for every candidate, should contain information about his/her eligibility, profession, sources of poll expenses and matters relating to bank loan and deposit, if any, and also of property.

The candidate must also mention in the affidavit if he had participated in any previous national elections and could fulfill the pledges made to the voters.

Many candidates could not buy non-judicial stamps from Khulna District Registrar's office in the last few days.

Later, they went to the treasury office and vendors to face similar situation.

Khulna District Treasury Officer Hussain Shawkat admitted to severe crisis of non-judicial stamps as the demand has gone higher than supply. He also admitted that a group of vendors are creating artificial crisis taking advantage of the scarcity.

Sale of non-judicial stamps at a price higher than the govt fixed one is a punishable offence and licence of the alleged vendor will be cancelled if caught, he said.

According to Khulna Treasury Office, only 20,000 non-judicial stamps of Tk 100 denomination were supplied for Khulna district last month against the demand for 3 lakh.



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Navy ships remain open for visitors at Sadarghat Terminal in Dhaka yesterday on the occasion of Armed Forces Day.

Land grabbers assault five journos in Munshiganj

UNB, Munshiganj

A group of land grabbers assaulted five journalists at Sreenagar upazila yesterday as they tried to prevent the gang from occupying a plot of land allocated for the upazila Press Club.

Sources said the district administration has allocated 1,350 square feet of land for the press club recently. But some land grabbers, led by Dulal, Didar and Abed Ali, damaged the fence around the site and a sign at noon.

They also assaulted press club President Nazrul Islam, general secretary and correspondent of Baishakhi Television Zakir Hussain Sumon, Manab Zamin correspondent Arif, Destiny correspondent Adir Rajbangshi and Inqilab correspondent Shafiqur Rahman when they tried to resist the land grabbers.

The gang also snatched a camera and a tape recorder from Nazrul Islam.

On receiving information, the police rushed to the spot but could not arrest anybody.

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Police rescue four girls from trafficker

UNB, Habiganj

The police rescued four adolescent girls at Nayapara bus stand in Madhabpur upazila after they were brought by a human trafficker on Thursday.

The girls are Shefali, 12, daughter of Rustam Ali; Manjila Begum, 12, daughter of Jaru Mia; Suma Akhter, 12, daughter of Majid Mia; and Alea Begum, 12, daughter of Wahid Mia of Kulikunda village in Brahmanbaria district.

The police said Jhumu,

daughter of Abu Mollah of the same village, brought the four girls by a three-wheeler tempo to Nayapara bus stand on Dhaka-Sylhet highway promising them good jobs.

But their movement aroused suspicions in the minds of local people who started interrogating them. Sensing danger, Jhumu managed to escape.

On receiving information, the police rescued the victims. A case was filed in this connection.



PHOTO: ISPR

Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed lays the foundation stone of the main building of 'Sena Shahayak School' for handicapped children of armed forces personnel at Dhamalcoat, Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

One killed in clash over land dispute in Natore

UNB, Natore

A man was killed and seven others were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers over land dispute at Boria village in Singra upazila yesterday.

The dead was identified as Mozammel Haque. The police said Abul Hossain and Ashraf Hossain of the village had longstanding

enmity over the ownership of a piece of land.

The clash between the two rival groups erupted after Mozammel went to the disputed land to sow seeds in the morning. Mozammel died on the spot.

Three of the injured were rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

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