

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH  
Nazrul Islam at his litchi orchard at Aotapara in Ishwardi upazila that sees good yield of the juicy summer fruit this season.

## AL activist murdered

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Awami League (AL) activist Apu Mastan, 18, was killed by miscreants at his village Moheshpur in Sadar upazila Monday night. Apu's brother Parvez filed a murder case with Sadar police station yesterday accusing 21 persons. Apu was son of Hanif Mastan of Moheshpur village and worked at a garments factory at Narayanganj. Police recovered the body with marks of injuries from a pond.

## 2 children drown in pond

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two children in two villages drowned in pond yesterday. Three-year-old Siyam, son of BNP leader Muhammad Swapnon Miah drowned at Sapna Lichu Bagan in the municipality area and four-year girl Hasina, daughter of Kader Miah drowned at village Genduguri of Patgram upazila. Both the victims were playing near pond.

## JP man held with hemp

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A Jatiya Party (JP) leader at Kulaghat village of Sadar upazila was held with five kilogram of hemp at Lalmonirhat railway station on Monday night. Nuruzzaman, 42, son of late Taher Miah is the joint secretary of Kulaghat ward Jatiya Party, police said. Government railway police (GRP) recovered the hemp from his possession while waiting for a Bogra-bound train, police said.

## Vishnu statue recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A 16-kg Vishnu statue was found in the district at the time of digging a pond of Abdur Rashid Khan at Silimpur village under Tongibari upazila yesterday. The partially damaged statue was seized by Tongibari police, duty officer ASI Lal Mahmud said.

## 20 hurt in AL-BNP clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

At least 20 people were injured in a clash between the activists of ruling Awami League (AL) and BNP at Atigram village in Mirpur upazila on Monday night. The clash erupted over establishing supremacy in the area, sources said. According to police, nephew of AL leader Altaf Ali beat up Saidul Islam, son of BNP leader and former chairman of Chatian Union Parishad (UP) Jamal Uddin at Chatian bazar in the afternoon. As the news spread, two rival groups locked in a fight for an hour leaving at least 20 activists of both groups injured.

## Extortionists blast bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Criminals Monday night blasted two bombs near the house of a businessman at village Amla in Mirpur upazila. Earlier, extortionists demanded Tk 1 lakh from Rezaul Karim and asked him to pay the amount by Wednesday evening. Criminals blasted the bombs likely as a reminder to Rezaul, locals said.

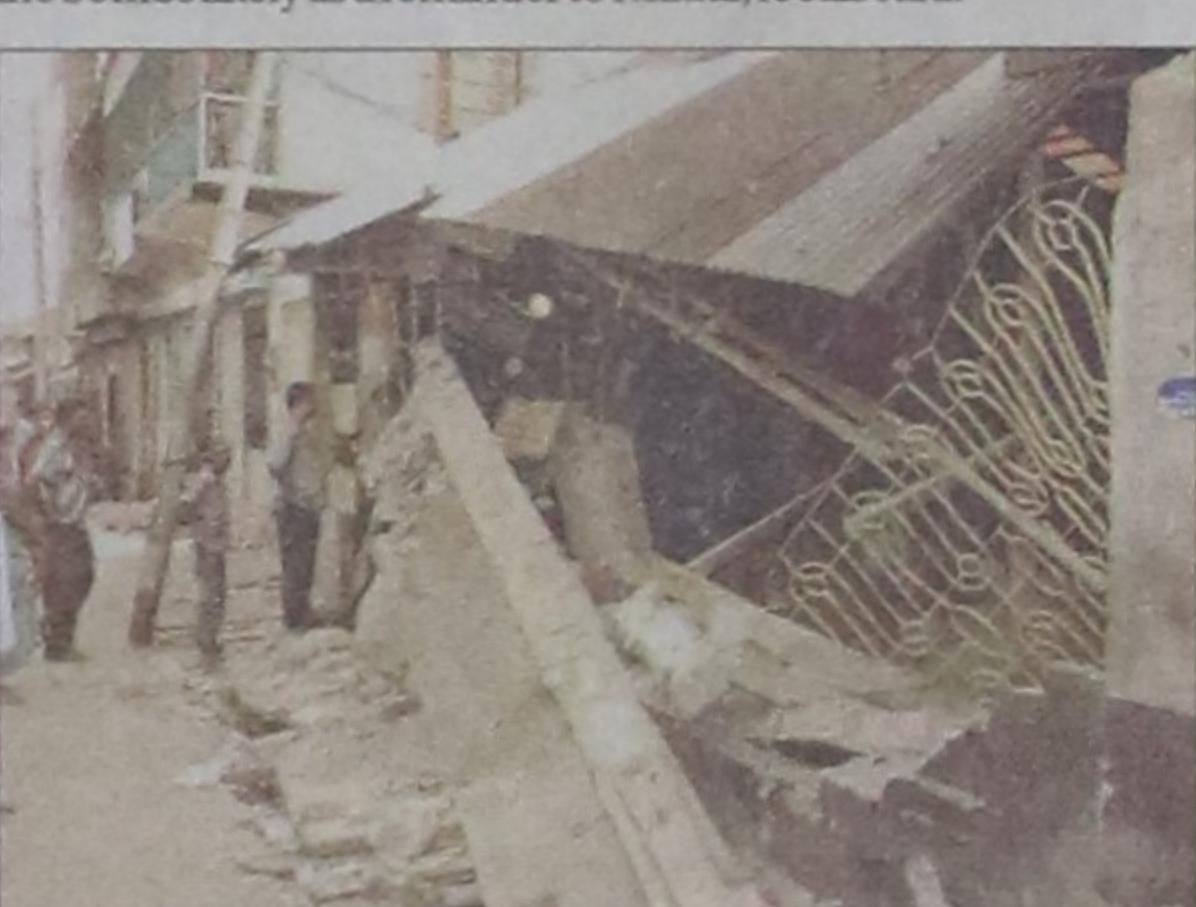


PHOTO: STAR  
Without any legal notice, Barisal City Corporation (BCC) yesterday dismantled 7 shops, including this one owned by the family of martyred freedom fighter Abdul Latif Khan, at Fariapatti.

## 3,000 bag fertiliser seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rab-5 yesterday recovered at least 3,000 bags of Indian fertiliser from Kalai upazila of Joypurhat district in a raid at Punut village. The fertiliser was being transported to Bogra from Hili. Rab also seized the truck carrying the fertiliser.

## Arms, bullets recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Kotwali police yesterday recovered two firearms and 27 bullets from a water body in Sree Angayan area of the town. The items include an SBL foreign gun, one shooter gun, 10 shotgun bullets and 17 Chinese rifle bullets.

## Shop owners stage protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

A section of medicine shop owners in the town yesterday kept their shutters down and laid a siege to the office of the Civil Surgeon (CS) demanding removal of a drugs store set up on Magura Sadar Hospital premises. Earlier, they held a protest meeting and submitted a memorandum to the CS in this regard. During the hour-long siege the protesters also

## Sramik Dal leader killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jahangir Kabir, 48, a local leader of Sramik Dal and general secretary of Khulna city unit of PDB workers' union, was stabbed to death yesterday at Banagati under Sonadanga police station. Sources said, the murder was a sequel to a dispute over theft of a cell phone owned by the victim. Police said, Kabir was severely stabbed in his neck and chest. He died on way to hospital. The killer, however, managed to flee.

## BID TO MINIMISE BORO LOSS IN N-DISTS *Farmers use family men to save labour cost*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Farmers in many northern districts are using family labour for harvesting paddy to save the cost for day labourers as the production cost has already exceeded the market price in this season.

Farmers said they have to incur loss of Tk 100 to Tk 150 a maund (40kg) as paddy is selling for only Tk 400 to Tk 450 whereas the average production cost stands at Tk 550.

Under the government's current paddy and rice procurement drive, the price of a kg of Boro paddy has been fixed at Tk 14. Accordingly, a farmer is supposed to get around Tk 560 for one maund of paddy.

But the government's drive seems to work little as the drive is going on at a snail's pace.

Taking the advantage of the situation, the middlemen are buying paddy at very low prices.

To save Tk 600 to Tk 700 as harvesting cost

per bigha, especially small and medium farmers are now cutting, carrying and threshing paddy with family labour. Even women members of a farmer's family including his wife, daughters and daughters-in-law are going to paddy field for the purpose.

Many farmers are now hiring woman day labourers for lower pay.

Meanwhile, like other mango-prone areas, the day labourers of Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat districts are now going to distant areas to work in the Boro harvesting season for higher pay.

Day labourers are often seen waiting at rail stations or bus stands with small bundles on their heads to go to distant districts for Boro harvesting.

Pay for daily labour is higher in different southern and eastern districts, said several day labourers of Parulia and Kakinal villages in Lalmonirhat district. "I can bring Tk 5,000 for the family if I work in those places for 15 days," said Rabiul, a young day labourer.



PHOTO: STAR  
Women and children members of a farmer family join in harvesting Boro paddy at a village in Nilphamari yesterday as employing labourers would only add to their already high production cost.

## Rajshahi bus strike disrupts road links

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi bus owners and workers went on an indefinite strike yesterday to press for their 10-point demand, disrupting road communications between Rajshahi and rest of the country.

The demands include security of bus drivers and workers on roads, shifting of BRTC bus

cepted two BRTC buses at Talaimari point as the buses were trying to enter the city.

Escorted by Rab personnel, a few BRTC buses managed to ply from the city outskirts.

Rajshahi Sarak Paribahan Group, Bas Owners Association, Motor Sramik Union, Truck workers Union and Tempo workers Union jointly called the strike as angry mob set a bus afire at Nawhata on May 12

following a road accident that left two people dead.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people staged a demonstration in the city last month against the private bus owners and workers blaming them for making passengers hostage on roads.

They also alleged the private bus owners are hatching conspiracy to stop BRTC buses, which provide better service for the passengers.



PHOTO: STAR  
A scene from Rajshahi central bus terminal during yesterday's strike called by transport owners and workers in Rajshahi. The strike disrupted the district's road links with rest of the country.

## Karnaphuli workers on strike for pay hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Workers' strike at different ghats of Karnaphuli River continued for the second day yesterday.

Around 3,000 workers began an indefinite strike and refrained from unloading of imported goods, mostly essential commodities, from lighter vessels anchored at 16 ghats along the Karnaphuli river on Tuesday morning demanding pay hike.

However, unloading of cargoes from 26 vessels out of 36 at the outer anchorage was done yesterday. Water Transport Co-ordination Cell (W T C C) Secretary Commodore (retd) AZ Nizam said the strike had no impact on the unloading of cargoes at the outer anchorage.

A scheduled meeting between workers and contractors to resolve the issue could not be held yesterday morning, as contractors did not participate in it, sources said.

Abdul Khaleque, general secretary of Chittagong Ghat and Godown Workers Union, said they joined the meeting and waited for the leaders of the contractors but no one came.

## Increase budget allocation

Demand physically challenged people in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The disabled people presented a 12-point demand including allocation of Tk 50 crore for providing equipment like wheel chairs, crutches, white sticks, hearing aids and artificial legs, Tk 10 crore for legal assistance to victimised disabled women, Tk 10 crore for sports and cultural activities and Tk 5 crore allocations from the SME sector for assistance to disabled entrepreneurs.

Ensuring rights and welfare of the disabled people are responsibility of the government as the constitution ensures equal rights for all citizens, they said at a press conference at the auditorium of Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) yesterday.

Assisted by Action on Disability and Development (ADD), Badhan Protibandhi Sangstha and Jatiya Trinom Protibandhi Sangstha organised the press conference at the auditorium of Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI).

In the previous 2008-09 budget, the government allocated some 0.07 percent amounting to around Tk 100 crore for development of the disabled people.

Now increased allocation is needed to fight social prejudice and injustices against the people with disabilities, speakers at the press conference said.

## বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন

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### পুনঃ জরুরী টেক্নো বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতেব্রু বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন কর্তৃত নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য বিভিন্ন সরকারী/আধারসরকারী/ ব্যায়াসায়িক প্রতিষ্ঠানে তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম শ্রেণীর টিকাদারী ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট থেকে PPR-2008 অনুযায়ী সীলনোহরণকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১।	মুক্তিগ্রাম/বিভাগ	বেসামুরিক বিমান পরিবহন ও পর্যটন মন্ত্রণালয়
২।	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন
৩।	ব্রিক্সটন এক্সিট এন্ট	বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন
৪।	ব্রিক্সটন এক্সিট কেন্ট	ব্রিজেজ নয়
৫।	ব্রিক্সটন এক্সিট জেলা	চাকা
৬।	দরপত্র আহবান	বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন এর কর্মসূচীর মন্ত্রণালয়ের উপরে ছান দেয়ার ও অভাস্তুরী রাস্তার কাপেটিং কাজ।
৭।	দরপত্র কার্যক্রম নং	পৃষ্ঠ-০৭/২০০৯
৮।	তারিখ	১১ মে ২০০৯
৯।	প্রক্রিয়ামন্তব্য মেথড	বোলা দরপত্র।
১০।	অর্থ উৎস	নিজৰ
১১।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ:	৩ জুন ২০০৯ অফিস চলাকলিন সময়।
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১৪।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা।
১৫।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	বাগকুনি, প্রধান কার্যালয়ের সম্মেলন কক্ষ।
১৬।	দরপত্র খোলার সময়	(ক) প্রতি লাইসেন্স (২০০৮) (খ) যে কোন সরকারী/আধারসরকারী/ ব্যায়াসায়িক প্রতিষ্ঠানে তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম শ্রেণীর টিকাদার। (গ) যে কোন সরকারী/আধারসরকারী/ব্যায়াসায়িক প্রতিষ্ঠানে কার্যক্রম কর্মসূচীর মন্ত্রণালয়ের উপরে ছান দেয়ার ও অভাস্তুরী রাস্তার কাপেটিং কাজ। (ঘ) PPR এর অন্যান্য শর্তবদী প্রযোজ্য হবে।
১৭।	কাজের বিবরণ	বাংলাদেশ পর্যটন করপোরেশন এর কর্মসূচীর মন্ত্রণালয়ের উপরে ছান দেয়ার ও অভাস্তুরী রাস্তার কাপেটিং কাজ।</