

PABNA DIARRHOEA 173 more patients hospitalised as experts look for cause of epidemic

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A four-member specialised team from ICDDR'B yesterday started work to find out the nature and cause of diarrhoea epidemic in Pabna district while 173 new patients were admitted to Pabna General Hospital and Pabna Sadar upazila Health Complex in last 24 hours.

The number of treatment seeker diarrhoea patients is on the rise, health officials said.

The ICDDR'B team headed by Dr Sarwar Mahbub, medical officer of the Department of Epidemiology, has collected samples from different spots of the district town, health officials said.

"The specialised team accompanying district health department officials and municipality officials has visited different spots of the town and collected water, foods, patients' stool, urine

and other samples," said Dr Dipak Kumar, deputy civil surgeon of Pabna.

The team will conduct laboratory tests for identifying the cause of sudden diarrhoea epidemic, he said.

The specialised team also comprises ICDDR'B Resource Investigation Officer Dr Apurba Chakrabarti and technologists Nurul Islam and Fazlur Rahman.

Earlier on Tuesday, another four-member specialised team headed by acting director of Rajshahi division health department Dr Md Ruhul Amin visited Pabna.

Meanwhile, 173 new patients were affected with diarrhoea in last 24 hours in the district.

Of them, 90 patients were admitted to Pabna General Hospital while 42 others took treatment from Pabna Sadar upazila Health Complex, health officials said.



Barisal district Awami League General Secretary Abul Hasnat Abdullah, also former chief whip in parliament, enters Barisal city with a large motorcade while elephants are used to accord him a grand reception yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

2 housewives killed allegedly by husbands

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Two women were brutally killed allegedly by their husbands in Meherpur and Kushtha on Monday night.

In Meherpur, Zakir stabbed his wife Ismat Ara to death at Collegepara in the town at about 11:30pm.

According to police, Zakir wanted to sell his father-in-law's property. But his wife Ismat Ara disagreed. On the night, they engaged in an altercation and at one stage, Zakir hit Ismat with a sharp weapon.

Critically injured, she was rushed to Meherpur General Hospital where doctors declared her dead at about 2:30 am. Police arrested Zakir and his two relatives from his house in the morning.

In Kushtha, a drug addict man beat his wife, dead, in Puro area of Bheramara upazila.

Police said, Liton physically tortured Swapna at about 10:30pm when she protested his drug intake every night.

On the night, Liton returned home fully drunk. Critically injured Swapna was taken to Bheramara Upazila Health Complex where she died at about 12:30am.

Separate cases were filed with concerned police stations.

GRENADE ATTACK ON EX-BRITISH HC Deposition of PWs deferred as prime accused absent

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A Sylhet court yesterday deferred deposition of prosecution witnesses (PWs) in the case filed under Explosive Substances Act in connection with the grenade attack on former British High Commissioner Anwar Chowdhury and others to November 16, as none but one of the accused could be produced in the court.

Police could not produce prime accused Mufti Abdul Hannan, his brother and three others in the court as they were in the capital in connection with some other cases.

As one out of the six accused Delwar Hossain Ripon was produced in the court, acting Additional District and Sessions Judge IV Belayet Ullah fixed November 16 for recording the deposition of PWs.

Three people were killed and 51 others, including the former British high commissioner, injured in the grenade attack on the premises of Hajrat Shahjalal's shrine after Juma prayers on May 21, 2004.

The then officer-in-charge of Sylhet Kotwali Police Station Abu Al Khair Matabbar filed two cases after the blast that took place at the house of physician-cum-

witnesses, court source said.

Another court here yesterday fixed November 26 for framing charges against the accused in the sensational bomb blast case of 2001.

The incident took place hours before the public meeting of Sheikh Hasina in the city on September 26, 2001.

As police produced only two of the six accused before the court, the judge fixed the fresh date for charge-framing, court sources informed.

The accused are Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, Masum Ahmed Shakil, Sheikh Shahjahan, Abu Obaida, Maulana Abu Sayeed and Dr Arif Ahmed Momtaj Rifa.

Mufti Hannan and Maulana Abu Sayeed have been made accused in the supplementary charge sheet.

Abu Obaida was arrested in Sonagazi upazila under Feni district on Monday. Police on Tuesday produced him in a Feni court that sent him to jail.

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ACC case: Two PDB engrs sent to jail

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Two engineers of the Power Development Board (PDB) have been sent to jail in connection with a case filed by the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC).

Earlier, on Tuesday afternoon, former PDB executive engineer Abdul Matin Bhuiyan (now under suspension), sub-assistant engineer Abdul Kalam Azad and store keeper Abdul Mannan Chowdhury of the PDB's Distribution Division-III, Sylhet appeared before Divisional Special Judge Golam Hossain.

The judge rejected the bail prayers of the engineers in the case filed on charge of selling a transformer worth Tk 10 lakh. They were later sent to the jail hajat. The other accused, Abdul Mannan, however, was granted bail by the High Court earlier.

ACC assistant director RK Majumder filed the case with Sylhet Kotwali police station on February 10 this year. The ACC official in the case alleged that the PDB officials took a transformer from a workshop in Tongi in the name of placing it in Sylhet city suburb's Kamalbazar area. But they sold it to some other people.

UPDF damages vehicles during road blockade

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Activists of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) damaged 10 vehicles at separate places in Khagrachhari district during a day-long road blockade programme enforced by the anti-peace treaty organisation yesterday protesting attack on their leaders at a bazar in Laxmichhari upazila on October 9.

They put up barricades at different intersections at Panchhari, Dighinala and Khagrachhari Sadar upazila headquarters in the district at around 9:30am and vandalised four trucks, two passenger buses, one ambulance and three motorbikes.

The UPDF activists set fire to a covered van, damaged eight rickshaws, beat up rickshaw pullers and passenger

gers during the blockade in Khejur Bagan and Rubber bagun areas and at Dighinala bus stand.

Khagrachhari Collegiate School and other educational institutions at the district headquarters remained closed during the programme.

Sporadic clashes between the law-enforcers and the UPDF activists took place in different areas of the district. Additional police and army personnel were deployed at the district headquarters and at some other places.

UPDF leaders alleged that the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Bangalee Chhatra Parishad (BCP) jointly launched the attack on the indigenous people including the UPDF leaders at Laxmichhari Bazar at around 7:00pm on October 9, leaving six injured.

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Hilsa catching stops today for 10 days

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Hilsa catching has been banned in 7,000 square kilometers of water areas in coastal belt and rivers for 10 days from today so that mother hilsa from sea can release eggs smoothly in coastal waters during this peak breeding period.

The areas where the restriction imposed by the government will be in force include Uttar Tazumuddin to Paschim Syed Awlia under Bhola district, Latachapali of Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district, Shaherkhali to Haitkandi under Chittagong district and Uttar Kutubdia to Gondamara under Cox's Bazar district.

Bankim Chandra Biswas, assistant director of divisional fisheries department, said October 15 to October 24 is breeding season of hilsa. Mother hilsa in large numbers from sea come to the coastal waters during this period to release eggs.

The department of fisheries organised the press conference on the eve of a 10-day drive to preserve the hilsa breeding places.

He said fisheries depart-

ment, local administration, navy and coastguards will execute the official order issued recently, banning hilsa catching.

Fishermen here said hilsa will be available in the sea if mother hilsa can release eggs smoothly in coastal waters during the peak period.

The fisherman along with nets and trawlers have started returning to their respective areas due to the restriction.

BSS adds: Secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and livestock Shariful Alam while addressing a press conference in Dhaka yesterday said hilsa production stood around 2.88 lakh tonnes in 2008-09 fiscal year.

"The production has to be raised to 3 lakh tonnes in 2009-10 fiscal year to meet the growing demand for protein in the country," he said.

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