



A large number of locals block railway at Manikkhali station yesterday protesting inclusion of Katiadi upazila with proposed Bhairab district.

Protest on in Katiadi

A CORRESPONDENT,
Kishoreganj

Thousands of people yesterday put up barricades on rail tracks at Manikkhali station under Katiadi upazila protesting inclusion of the upazila in the proposed Bhairab district. People from different villages of the upazila gathered at the rail station in the

morning and put up barricades on tracks, disrupting train services. Dhaka-bound inter-city Egarosindur Express and a Mymensingh-bound local train remained stranded at the station for around three hours, causing sufferings to the passengers. Local AL leader Burhan Uddin Khan, CPB leader Syed

Nazrul Islam and BNP leader Mustafizur Rahman also joined the agitation and addressed a protest rally at the station. Besides, the students of Gurudayal Government College in Kishoreganj yesterday took out a procession in the town protesting the move to make Bhairab a separate district.

Police deployed for safety of Madhabkunda tourists

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Moulvibazar

A police team has been deployed for safety and peaceful stay of the tourists coming to enjoy the scenic beauty of Madhabkunda Eco Park in Baralekha upazila under Moulvibazar district.

For this purpose, eight police personnel have already started their work under 'tourism support police programme' in the park area from Thursday.

Earlier on Tuesday, Baralekha Police Station Officer-in-Charge Amal Kumar Dhar arranged a view exchange meeting at the local dak bungalow as preparation to launch the programme at Madhabkunda Eco Park.

The police team will perform duty in park area to provide necessary help to the tourists, maintain law and order and ensure proper car parking in the area. OC Amal Kumar Dhar told the reporters.

They will also look after the overall situation so that tourists can pass their time in the park peacefully, he said.

Two motorbikes have been allocated as aid to their duty.

2 Rasu aides remanded

A CORRESPONDENT,
Chandpur

Two accomplices of self-confessed serial killer Rasu Khan have been placed on a four-day remand.

Police produced Rusu's three accomplices—Manik, 32, Basir Ullah, 40, and Manik's wife Sufia, 28, in Chandpur Judicial Magistrate's Court Friday night, seeking seven days' remand for them.

The magistrate granted four days' remand for Manik and Basir and sent Sufia to jail hajat under Section 154.

Police raided three spots in Tongi area under Gazipur district early Thursday and arrested the three.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ranjit Kumar Palit of Faridganj Police Station said Manik and Basir were shown arrested in connection with the killing of an unidentified woman at Sobhanpur under Faridganj upazila on September 1, 2007.

20,000 hectares uncultivated in Sirajganj for poor rain

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON,
Sirajganj

About 20,000 hectares of farmland in nine upazilas of Sirajganj including the greater Chalan Beel area have remained uncultivated this year because of poor rainfall.

Sources at the District Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said around 58,000 hectares of land were fixed for aman paddy cultivation this sea-

son but the farmers could not prepare their land for cultivation due to unfavourable weather.

They said crisis of aman seedlings is also a major cause of hampering paddy cultivation in the district.

The AED office and farmers sources said most of the farmers in the district failed to produce seedlings on their land because of drought.

"If we could buy water from pumps, we could cultivate our lands. As we could

not do it, our land has remained uncultivated," said Korban Ali, a farmer of Chalan Beel region in Tarash upazila.

Korban further said he is now thinking of cultivating mustard on his four bighas of land, which remained uncultivated.

Kusha Mandal, another farmer of Alokdiar village, said his eight bighas of land remained uncultivated, as he could not prepare that land for inadequate rainfall. The

uncultivated land has now become pastureland, he said.

While visiting different areas including the greater Chalan Beel in the last few days, it was found that hectares of uncultivated wetland turned into pastureland this season.

Rejaul Karim, deputy director of AED, told The Daily Star that they are now encouraging farmers in cultivating winter crops including mustard and vegetables to overcome their losses.

Rivals declare new convener of Magura BNP 'unwanted'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Magura

Intra-party feud in BNP Magura district unit has deepened as rival party men have declared new convener Kabir Murad "unwanted".

The declaration came from a meeting of the district unit at its office in the town yesterday with joint convener advocate Mokaddes Hossain in the

chair.

The meeting began at 11:00am and continued until 4:00pm where leaders from four upazilas and different union units and its front organisations, including Jubo Dal and Chattri Dal, were present.

Speakers at the meeting accused Kabir Murad of forming upazila and union committees in exchange for

money and demanded his immediate removal from the post of district convener.

Former joint convener of district BNP Nazmuddin Ahmed, former general secretary Ali Ahmed Biswas, president of Magura Pourasava unit Faruk Ahmed Babul, general secretary of the same unit Khan Hasan Imam Suja, Mohammadpur upazila BNP joint convener Sayed Ali

Karim, joint convener of the same unit Akhteruzzaman, former convener of Sreepur upazila BNP Kamaluddin master, joint convener of the same unit Badrul Alam, Khalilur Rahman and Golam Mustafa addressed the meeting.

Sreepur BNP leader Kamaluddin in his speech alleged that Kabir Murad took Tk 40,000 from him to include him in the new convening committee. "We do not want such a corrupt leader who is engaged in collecting money from the BNP activists promising posts in the committees," he said.

Khan Hasan Imam Suja accused Kabir Murad of taking money from some leaders in the name of running organisational activities.

Several other leaders alleged that Kabir Murad made 'pocket committees' at upazila and union levels where he included his relatives and followers.

They mentioned the name of Murad's brother-in-law Sayed Mokaddes Hossain whom he made the convener of Sadar upazila BNP.

When contacted, Kabir Murad refuted the allegations. He said a vested quarter in the party with the help of local ruling party men held the meeting to tarnish his image.



Aggrieved leaders of Magura district BNP hold a meeting in the town yesterday, from where they declared party's new district committee convener Kabir Murad 'unwanted'.

A different day at Gobindapur

Thousands from Bangladesh, India greet each other across the barbed wire

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT,
Thakurgaon

It was a different scene at Gobindapur village under Haripur upazila in Thakurgaon district as thousands of Bangla speaking people from both sides of the border gathered to meet their near and dear ones on the occasion of Pathar Kali Mela Friday.

Standing on both sides of the barbed wire near border pillar No 346 adjoining Kochal and Chapchar, people of neighbouring Bangladesh and India exchanged greetings, good wishes and heartily talked with their near and dear ones.

Pathar Kali Mela is held at the village on the bank of Kulic River on the first Friday after the Kali Puja since the British period, said Nagendra Kumer Pal, president of mela committee.

People from different districts of the two countries, who came here to meet their relatives, were seen exchanging various things including biscuits, chanchur, pens, clothes and towels.

Seeing near and dear ones after a long time, many could not check their tears.

Many people from different districts of the two countries came here to meet their relatives.

After partition of the country in 1947, meeting among relatives living on two sides of the border became hard, especially for those who cannot manage the expenditure for visiting relatives in the other country, said several people who came here to meet their relatives on Friday.

This day gives them the rare opportunity, they said. "I met with my nephew Salek of Thaldangi village under Haripur upazila in Thakurgaon after 11 years," said Serajul Islam, 30, of Paharpur village under Paschim Dinajpur district in West Bengal in India.

Deben, 60, came from Makorhat village of Murshidabad in West Bengal to meet his sister Shefali, 52, an inhabitant of Gaibandha district. Mohan, 35, Azizul, 32, and Atosh, 28, from Dinajpur, Polash Boshak from Panchagarh came to meet with their relatives.

"Due to partition of the country, many people's relatives live on two sides of the border. The authorities should create opportunity for their meeting," said Jitendranath, a teacher of Islamabad in India.

"Upon request from the people, we unofficially allow them to meet with their relatives," said a company commander of Indian Border Security Force.

"On the occasion of the yearly fair, people from both sides of the border come here to meet with their relatives. The large gathering is held amid peace and discipline," Commanding Officer of 2 Rifles Battalion Lt Col Mamunur Rashid said.

2 Shibir men held in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Bogra

Police yesterday arrested two activists of Islamic Chhatra Shibir at Sariakandi upazila headquarters under Bogra district for their alleged involvement in anti-government activities.

The arrestees are Sadekul Islam Swapon, 25, former president of Shibir Sariakandi unit and Mohammed Ripon Mia, general secretary of the upazila (north) unit.

According to the police, the two were arrested at the bazar at upazila headquarters at around 4:00pm while distributing the photocopies of an anti-government report published in the Naya Diganta on October 18.

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A.	Vest Cotton Officer Size-L & XL Qty-15,000 Nos.	25-10-2009	10-11-2009	11-11-2009	Local	62600/P-6

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per IT selling rate (non-refundable) during office hour between 0800 hour to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and will be opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of tenderers (if present).

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Invitation for Tenders (Works)

Tender Notice No: 01/2009-2010

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned works as per terms & conditions stated below.

Package No.	Name of works	Tender security (Tk)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk)
Govt. Primary School Re-Construction & Renovation Project (GPSRRP-2nd Phase)				
GPSRRP/WD1.1926	Re-Construction (Including Furniture) of Kushiara Bagzan GPS (Type-A)	47,000/00	270 days	750/00
GPSRRP/WD1.1927	Re-Construction (Including Furniture) of Ruppur GPS (Type-A)	47,000/00	270 days	750/00
Registered Non-govt. Primary School Development Project (RNGPS-3rd Phase)				
RNGPS/WD7.2	Re-Construction of Pukurpur Regd Non-govt. Primary School (Type-D)	30,000/00	270 days	750/00
RNGPS/WD7.3	Re-Construction of Varendra Regd Non-govt. Primary School (Type-D)	30,000/00	270 days	750/00
Primary Education Development Programme-II (PEDP-II)				
PEDP-II/PBN/BER/W2.1374	Construction of attached toilet with Teachers Room of Mohishakola & Kushiara Bagzan GPS	3,800/00	180 days	150/00

- Source of funds : ADB, IDA, DFID, EU, NORAD, Netherlands, Canada, SIDA and GOB/Registered Non-Govt. Primary School Development Project (Phase-II) [GOB].
- Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting : Date: 09/11/2009, Time: 11:00am and Place: Office of the undersigned.
- Last date, time and places of selling tender documents : Date: 15/11/2009, Time: 5:00pm and Places: (a) Office of the undersigned (b) The Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Pabna. (c) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Upazila: Santhia, District: Pabna.
- Last date, time and places of receiving tender : Date: 16/11/2009, Time: 01:00pm and Places: (a) Office of the Undersigned (b) The Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Pabna. (c) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Upazila: Santhia, District: Pabna.
- Date, time and place of opening of tender : Date: 16/11/2009, Time: 02:00pm and Place: Office of the undersigned, Upazila: Bera, District: Pabna.
- Tender shall be valid for a period of 120 days after tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above. Interested tenderers may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in Cash/Treasury Chalan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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