

# Indefinite transport strike paralyses C'nawabganj

Strike called on two Ctg routes Sunday

## STAR NATIONAL DESK

Transport owners in Chittagong yesterday called a strike on two roads on Sunday while an indefinite transport strike began in Chapainawabganj yesterday disrupting road link of the district with rest of the country.

Five transport associations yesterday called a strike on Chittagong-Rangamati and Chittagong-Khagrachhari roads to realise their 3-point Demand, reports UNB.

Chittagong-Khagrachhari Bus-Minibus Owners' Association, Chittagong-Rangamati Motor Owners' Association, Chittagong Bus-Minibus Workers' Union, Chittagong District Bus

Workers' Union and Nazirhat Transport Workers' Union at a joint press conference at Chittagong Press Club announced the decision to enforce the strike.

The demands include construction of a permanent bus terminal at a convenient place of the city for vehicles of north Chittagong and hill districts, stopping plying of vehicles without road permit in the port city and widening of the road from Oxygen crossing to Hathazari.

Manzurul Alam Manju, president of Chittagong-Khagrachhari Bus-Minibus Owners' Association, in his written statement, threatened 'tougher movement' if their demands were not met.

Our Correspondent from Chapainawabganj reports: The district bus, truck owners' association and workers' union enforced an indefinite strike yesterday to press their 7-point demand, disrupting road communications between Chapainawabganj and rest of the country.

The strike also hampered trade at Sonamasjid land port.

The demands of the two bodies include stoppage of double-decker Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) bus service on Rajshahi route, BRTC bus service on other inter-district routes and ban on shallow-engine driven human hauler like Nasimon, Karimon and Bhutbuti.

Bus services to and from Chapainawabganj came to a halt and ticket counters remained closed yesterday, causing immense suffering to the passengers. Trucks, mishuk, tempo and tank lorries were also off the streets.

During the strike hours, BRTC buses from its counter at Octroy intersection in the town managed to ply from morning to afternoon, escorted by police personnel.

Earlier, Chapainawabganj bus owners association, truck owners' body, motor sramik union, mini bus owners' association and tempo-mishuk owners' association jointly called the indefinite strike in the district to realise their demands.

Activities at Sonamasjid land port was seriously hampered since morning yesterday due to the strike. Hundreds of loaded trucks got stranded in the port areas. Passengers from both countries, especially India-bound patients from different parts of the country, suffered due to the strike, port sources said.

Businessmen feared that perishable items including fruits might be damaged because of indefinite strike.

Aminul Islam Senu, president of Chapainawabganj bus owners' association told newsmen they will enforce indefinite strike in 16 northern districts if their demands were not met within 72 hours.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sultan Abdul Hamid said, we agreed to look into their demands during a meeting on Tuesday but they enforced the strike yesterday, ignoring people's suffering and harassment.

Arrests: On a secret information, police raided a fish market in Dewanganj municipal area and arrested Sattar at about 12 noon.

Later, Sattar, as per instruction of police, called his four accomplices over cell phone to come to the local cinema hall area.

Police also recovered several weapons from the robbers.

Out Tangail Correspondent reports: Acting on a tip-off, a team of police led by additional police superintendent (circle) Mizanur Rahman raided a Tangail bound passenger bus at Gorai police check post on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Mirzapur upazila at around 10:30pm. The team arrested four highway robbers from the bus sitting in guise of passengers with several lethal weapons.

The arrested robbers were identified as Jasim, 30, of Patuakhali, Dula, 40, of Gazipur, Jamaluddin, 25, of Madaripur and Swapan, 24, of Habiganj.

In Jamalpur, police on Tuesday arrested four robbers along with a firearm, bullets and a sharp weapon from Alam's grandmother's house.

As per their confessional statements, police came to Shashabari village along with Alam and recovered a cut rifle, eight bullets and a sharp weapon from Alam's grandmother's house.

The arrested robbers were identified as Sirajul Islam and Kawser Hossain alias Raki, 23, son of Kamal Hossain of Sadhupara.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Pabna DB police raided Sadhupara at about 11:55 pm on Tuesday and arrested the two with 40 fake notes, each of 500 taka.

During interrogation, the arrestees confessed to police that are involved in fake currency trade for a long time. They bring fake currency from the capital and



Buses lie idle at Swarupnagar central bus terminal in Chapainawabganj town as District Bus Owners Association and Motor Workers Union called an indefinite strike yesterday.

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## Bring the killers to book

Cry Gaibandha traders while one to die for killing trader in N'ganj

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Businessmen in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha yesterday demanded arrest and capital punishment to killers of two traders while a court in Narayanganj awarded death penalty to a mugger and life to his four accomplices for killing a trader at Araihazar.

Our Correspondent in Gaibandha reports: Business community in Gobindaganj upazila yesterday demanded arrest and death penalty to the killers of two local traders.

Organised by Gobindaganj Chamber of Commerce, they formed an hour-long human chain on the Rangpur-Bogra highway to protest the killing.

At a rally, they also demanded security to the lives

of the traders in the area.

Locals said, Mostafizur Rahman, 37, a shoe trader of Rajmati market was picked up by a gang of criminals while returning home from market at 10:00 pm on October 1. Police recovered his body the next morning near Jhunjhunia bridge.

In another incident, Mokhter Hossain, 25, a cosmetics trader of Shova market was stabbed to death in his shop by one Raju Mia and his accomplices on August 8.

Local traders protested both the killings and demanded punishment to the killers but police are yet to arrest the culprits.

Our Correspondent in Narayanganj reports: A court here yesterday awarded death penalty to a mugger and life

term imprisonment to four others for murder of cloth trader Idris Ali Bhuiyan in Araihazar.

The court also fined each accused Tk 20,000, in default, to suffer one more year's rigorous imprisonment.

Among the convicts, Zahirul Haque was awarded death penalty. The others are Masum Mollah, Rafiqul Islam, Masum Bhuiyan and Nabir Hossain.

Cloth trader Idris Ali Bhuiyan was killed by the convicts in Bajdi area while he was returning with the cash collected from

Kalibari Bazar at Araihazar on March 12 night in 1999. The muggers killed him with sharp weapons and snatched Tk 31,000.

## Indigenous leader killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Unidentified assailants murdered an indigenous leader in Godagari upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Kartik Kisku, 65, of Joyda Adarpura village, was from Santal community.

Anwar Ali Tuhin, acting OC of Godagari Police Station, said Kartik might have been strangled.

Kartik's family members said he went out of their house Tuesday morning for an arbitration of a social dispute on Gogram Union Parishad premises. The arbitration ended at around 5:00pm but he did not return home, they added.

Locals found Kartik's body on the bank of a canal at Biroil village at around 11:30am yesterday and informed the police who went there, recovered the body and sent it to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.



Jhenidah deputy commissioner placing wreath on the portrait of Birshreshtha Hamidur Rahman at the memorial at Hamidnagar village in Mosheshpur upazila on the 38th anniversary of his martyrdom yesterday.

## BLAST AT SURANJIT'S MEET

# Charge-framing deferred again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday again deferred charge-framing against the accused in the case for bomb attack on Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta's public meeting in Sunamganj in 2004 as prime accused Mufti Hannan could not be produced in the court.

Judge Mohammad Mahbub Ul Islam of the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal fixed November 15 for framing charges against the accused, court sources said.

Five of the six other accused -Mufti Hannan's younger brother Mofizul Islam alias Mohibullah, Shariful Alam Bipul, Delwar Hossain Ripon, Hafiz Nayeem Ahmed and Mufti Main

Uddin-- were produced in the court. Another accused Nazir Rahman Nazu has been absconding since the incident.

Bombs were hurled on the dais of the meeting held at Derai upazila headquarters on June 21, 2004, killing Awami League activist Abdul Wahid on the spot and injuring 45 others.

Suranjit escaped unhurt as he along with some other leaders got down from the dais just a minute before the attack.

Charge-sheet in the case was submitted to Judicial Magistrate's Court, Sunamganj, on December 14, 2008. The case was later transferred to the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal through a gazette notification of the home ministry.

## 13 robbers held in 3 districts

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Thirteen robbers were arrested in three districts on Tuesday.

Of them, four were arrested in Mirzapur upazila in Tangail, four in Dewanganj upazila of Jamalpur and five others in Daudkandi upazila of Comilla.

Later, Sattar, as per instruction of police, called his four accomplices over cell phone to come to the local cinema hall area.

When they came to the spot, plainclothes policemen arrested three of them at about 2pm while another managed to flee.

As per their confessional statements, police came to Shashabari village along with Alam and recovered a cut rifle, eight bullets and a sharp weapon from Alam's grandmother's house.

The arrested robbers were identified as Sirajul Islam and Kawser Hossain alias Raki, 23, son of Kamal Hossain of Sadhupara.

In Tangail, police on Tuesday arrested four robbers along with a firearm, bullets and a sharp weapon in connection with a number of robberies committed in Dewanganj upazila.

The arrestees are Abdus Sattar of Bhelmari village, Alam of Shashabari in the upazila, Nurul Islam Nuru, 25, of Naldanga village in Sarishabari upazila and Al

## 4 held with fake notes in Pabna, Barguna

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Police on Tuesday seized fake notes worth Tk 32 thousand and arrested four people, two in Pabna and two others in Barguna district.

Detective Branch (DB) of Police on Tuesday arrested two alleged fake note traders and recovered from them fake currencies worth 22 thousand taka at Sadhupara in Pabna municipality area, reports our correspondent.

The arrestees are Md Al Amin alias Himmel, 22, son of Sirajul Islam and Kawser Hossain alias Raki, 23, son of Kamal Hossain of Sadhupara.

The Rab members raided the area at about 1:00 am and arrested Kabir Hossain alias Kabir, 30, and Zahir Hossain, 32, with 20 notes of Tk 500 denomination.

Akram Hossain, deputy assistant director (DAD) of Rab-8 told The Daily Star that the arrested persons were handed over to police following filing of a case with Pathorghata police station on Tuesday afternoon.

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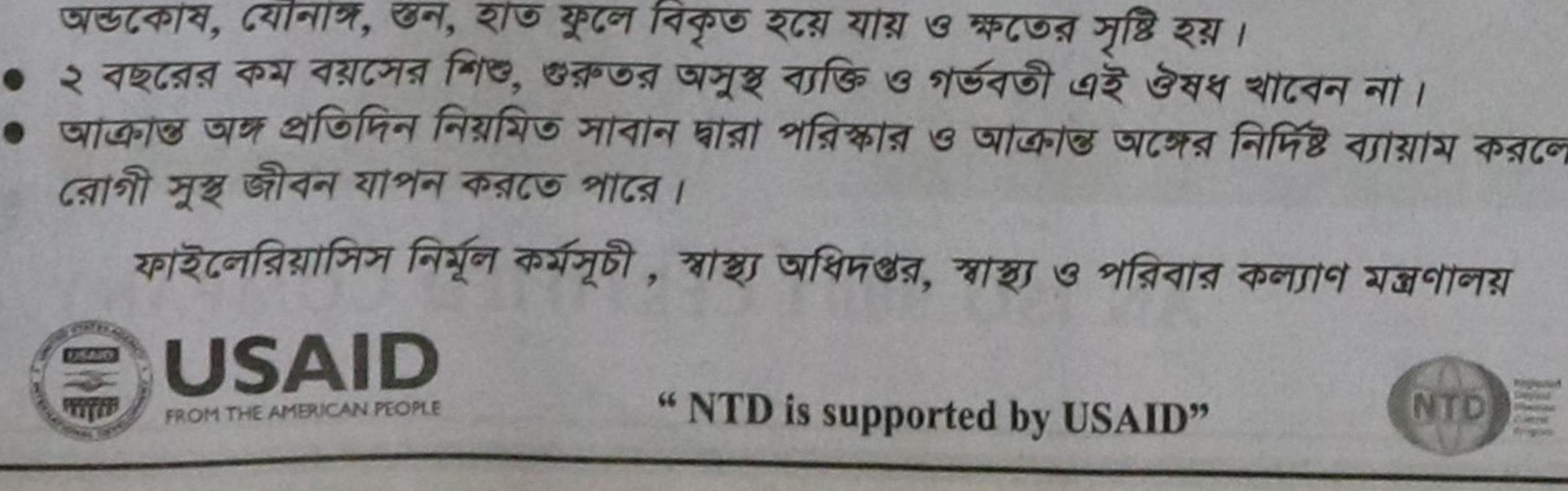
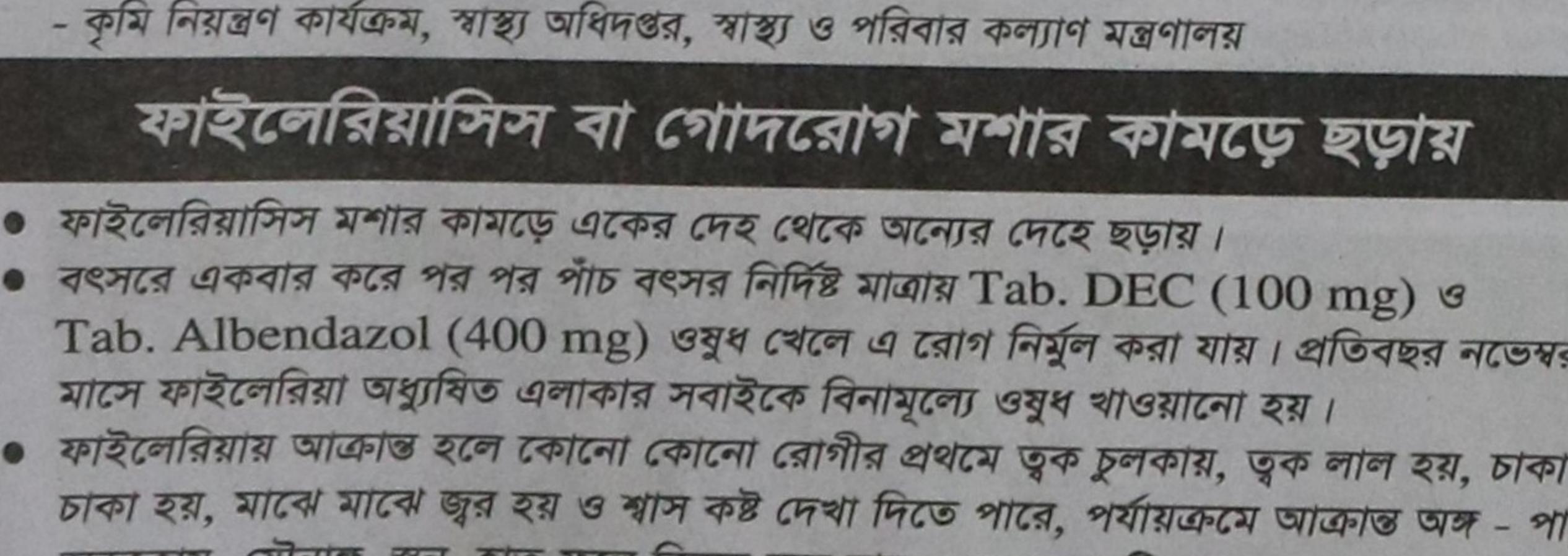
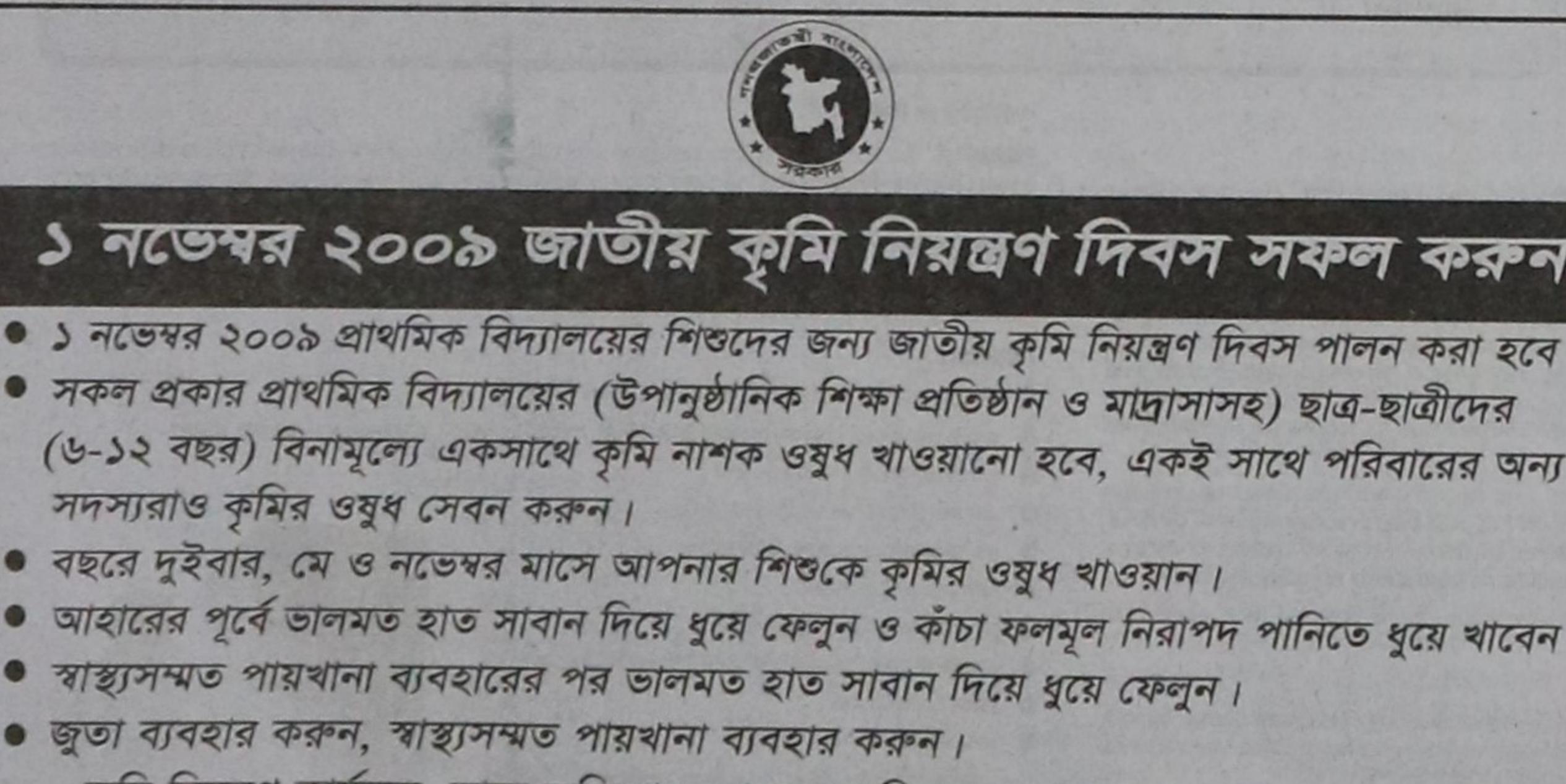
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