



Conscious citizens take out a flag procession from the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to press home the demand for immediate trial of war criminals.

50 hurt in clash at Habiganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Around 50 people, including seven women, were injured in a clash at Alampur village in Baniachang, Habiganj, yesterday.

Of them, 29 were admitted to Habiganj sadar hospital and two were later shifted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital.

The clash erupted when Jewel Miah, a student, sought more time to pay back Tk 1000 he borrowed from a money-lender Abdul Hannan six months ago at the rate of Tk 100 as interest per month.

But Hannan declined to extend time and gave him a good beating.

As the news spread, Jewel's family members and others rushed to the spot to rescue him, but they were too attacked by Hannan's men with sticks and spears.

The clash continued for about an hour. Later, the police brought the situation under control.

Barisal river port dev project to begin soon

UNB, Barisal

A Tk 18 crore project will start soon for the development the Barisal river port removing uncertainty over the implementation of the port development project after procrastination of over a century since 1964.

According to the latest decision of the ECNEC, the project was finally approved on October 14, this year.

A tender of Tk 3 crore for construction of a modern terminal building at the port will be floated in the next month, official sources said.

The project will start after laying foundation by the shipping minister in the next month and will be ended on June 30, 2011 by changing the total scenario of the port including the standard of the service and modernisation of the facilities, said Zulhasuddin Ahmed, project director and superintendent engineer of Barisal BIWTA.

More than 150 years old Barisal River Port was the headquarters of IGN and RSN companies in British period. Pakistan River Steamer Services (PRS) handed over it to the then EPWTA in 1958.

However, the development project was taken in 1964 for the five major river ports of the eastern region of Pakistan including Dhaka, Barisal, Chandpur, Khulna and Narayanjanj.

But the project was not implemented in Barisal due to unknown reason and only a tinshed structure was built in 1980.

During the past four-party alliance government, a project for construction of a modern river terminal and jetties in Barisal river port involving Tk 9.5 crore was taken in 2003.

A revised project of about Tk 20 crore was prepared and placed before the Water Resources Ministry in 2006 and sent to the Planning Commission in August 2007.

The project was ordered to be revised again and later approved by the Planning Commission in July 2008 for two-year tenure at a cost of Tk 17.6 crore.

However, procrastination was created in implementation of the project after emergence of shoals in front of the old port areas, port officials said.

Then it was finally approved by ECNEC on October 14, this year under the revised Annual Development Project.

Woman killed over extramarital affair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The police recovered the charred body of a female employee of a biscuit factory yesterday noon as it was floating in a pond in Sopura BISCIC area on outskirts of the city.

Police identified the deceased to be Mosammat Mahima, 30, an employee of Granary Bakery who had been missing since Wednesday.

Her blindfolded body was burnt while her hands were tied up with ropes, police said adding that unknown assailants killed her and then burnt her body before dumping into the pond.

Police picked up the victim's 60-year-old husband Asgar Ali, a rickshawpuller by profession, and seven employees of the biscuit factory Shamin, Hashi, Khushi, Jewel, Jewel-2, Abdul Hai and Asadul for quizzing.

Police said the victim had an extramarital affair with a married man who was also having relation with another female employee of the factory.

Other female employees informed that man's wife about his affair with Mahima making her angry, which might have led to the killing, police suspect.

Brick kiln worker electrocuted

UNB, Comilla

A brick kiln worker was electrocuted and another injured at Chakbazar in Chouddagram upazila on Thursday night.

The dead was identified as Mobarak Hossain, 26, son of Shamsar Ali at Ponra village in the upazila.

Witnesses said Mobarak came into contact with a live electric cable while working at Russell Brick Field. His co-worker Nannu Mia was also injured when he tried to rescue Mobarak.

Mobarak died on way to hospital and Nannu was admitted to local health complex.



Gulshan Ladies Community Club celebrated its 25th anniversary on the club premises in the city recently. From left are Rokia Afzal Rahman, former adviser to the caretaker government, Khaleda Masud, president of the club, and Iftekharul Alam, former Rotary district governor.

KATHIN CHIBAR DAN CONCLUDES, Pali College to be set up at Rajban Bihar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Danuttam Kathin Chibar Dan, the biggest religious festival of the Buddhist community, concluded at Rangamati Rajban Bihar amid prayer and donation of chibar (cloths) to monks yesterday.

Sadhana Nanda Mohasthabir alias Bana Bhante, chief and most venerable monk in the Rajban Bihar, delivered a sermon from the Tripitak at the programme. He told the devotees to avoid all bad things including

divide and rule policy. As Nirvana is the happiest place for a Buddhist, Bana Bhante urged all to follow the rules of Tripitak to reach there.

Chakma Raja Devasish Roy, Industries Minister Dilip Barua, State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukder, Thailand's Ambassador to Bangladesh Chalermphol Tanchit and Thai prime minister's Adviser Supatra Masdit and Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council Nikhil Kumar Chakma attended the function.

Dipankar Talukder said a Pali College will be established inside the Rajban Bihar at a cost of Tk 3 crore.

The Thai delegates donated nine Buddha statues and chibars at the programme.

Thousands of Buddhist from three hill districts Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari thronged the compound of Rajban Bihar to attend the festival.



Lawmaker Meher Afroze Chumki speaks at the inaugural session of a training workshop on 'Domestic Workers' Rights' at Caritas Training Centre in the city yesterday. On her left are Afroja Parvin, executive director of Nari Unnayan Shakti, and Nasima Akter, consultant of ILO. NUS organised the workshop for journalists in association with ILO.

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