

Jaintapur border situation normal

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The situation on Jaintapur border started returning to normalcy yesterday with the villagers of Dibir haor, Ghilatail, Fulbari and Assampara, who fled their houses during the BDR-BSF gunfight on Sunday, coming back home.

haor border.
Later, BSF men also talked to BDR men and inhabitants on the frontier villages and asked them to face things with courage.
The situation on the Jaintapur border became tense with the firing between BDR and BSF and Indian Khasia tribesmen on Sunday afternoon.

School for whom, cops or students?

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna
The students of Baniakhali High School in Dumuria upazila are forced to attend classes under the open sky while police have been using three big classrooms of the institution for six years to run a police camp.



Police camp, left, has been set up in classrooms at Baniakhali High School in Dumuria while students, right, attend classes under open sky.

Sources said the three classrooms have a capacity to accommodate over 200 students. Due to shortage of classrooms, students are to sit on the corridor and school compound for doing classes.

Operation Spider Web with a view to improve law and order situation. They set up the police camp on a condition that they would withdraw the camp after improvement of law and order situation although members of the school managing committee did not agree with such condition, said the headmaster.



Children take out a colourful procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of "Sajib Children's Festival".

4-day children's festival begins in city today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A four-day children's festival titled "Sajib Children's Festival" begins at the city's Kalabagan playground today.
Artist Hashem Khan will inaugurate the festival while filmmaker Morshedul Islam will be present at the inaugural ceremony as a special guest.

Call to increase taxes on tobacco products by 25pc

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a workshop yesterday called on the government to increase taxes on tobacco products by 25 percent to control their use for the development of public health.

(WHO), economist and researcher Dr Zulfikar Ali, Dr Syed Mahfuzul Haque, Dr Golam Mohammad Munir, also spoke at the function.
Saifuddin Ahmed, executive director of WBB Trust, presided over the programme.

Help govt fight climate change challenges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a discussion yesterday emphasised the importance of involving civil society as well as common people along with the government to fight the climate change challenges.

International Development Research Centre (IDRC), International Centre for Climate Change and Development and Independent University, Bangladesh.
The programme titled 'Emerging climate change issues: Gaps in research, policy and practices' was organised on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of IDRC.

NON-FORMAL PRIMARY EDUCATION SYSTEM 'Multigrade learning most effective'

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Multigrade learning system is the most effective initiative in non-formal primary education (NFPE), speakers said at a seminar yesterday.
The system brings out of school and disadvantaged children to the mainstream and helps accelerate the 'Education for All' programme of the government, they said.

diversity and multifariousness. The system plays an effective role in relatively remote and backward areas, they added.
The speakers further said the multi-grade approach is such a learning system where learners of various classes are engaged in study at the same class. In many remote areas of Bangladesh, advancement of education progresses through mutigrade approach.

RAJU MURDER Two arrested in Bagmara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Two people were arrested in Bagmara upazila yesterday in connection with the murder of Raju Ahmed, son of a jeweller, in Rajshahi city on Monday night.

Construction of market on Karnaphuli bank protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Forum for Planned Chittagong (FPC), an organisation of volunteers, formed a human chain at Fishershat Ring Road yesterday protesting the move for constructing unplanned market along the Karnaphuli riverbank.

Construction of market on Karnaphuli bank protested

The court sent the arrestees to jail and fixed March 18 for hearing on the remand prayer, said Sub-Inspector Hafizur Rahman, also the investigation officer of the case.
Raju, 18, was stabbed to death by a gang near Rajshahi New Market police outpost on Monday night. His father Eshar Ali lodged a murder case with Boalia Police Station against 14 people yesterday morning.

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They also suggested forming an organisational structure comprising CCC, Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) and Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) to ensure planned urbanisation.
The speakers also demanded preserving shorelines and recovery of land along the riverbank, parking space and ghats for vehicles and water-transport and steps to make the city attractive for tourists.



Director General of Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) Dr Kamal Uddin, 3rd from left, speaks at a workshop on jute at IDB Bhaban in the city yesterday.



First chief of army staff KM Shafiqullah and Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President Nasir Uddin Yusuf were present at a programme titled 'Shabash Bangladesh' in the city yesterday.

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