

Did you know?
Almas Tower is also known as the Diamond Tower. It is a super tall skyscraper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. This building tops at 360 m (1,180 ft) in 2008, becoming the second-tallest building in Dubai, after Burj Khalifa.

The fascinating world of construction. Brought to you by:

BSRM
the ultimate steel

TURN ON DIGITAL

SAMSUNG
TURN ON TOMORROW

Experience a brand new range of Samsung Electronics & Appliances at Transcom Digital

TRANSKOM
DIGITAL

Kitchen market set up occupying footpath

Community police run the market in Uttara

HELEMUL ALAM

The community police are running an illegal kitchen market on a portion of footpath on Jasim Uddin Road in Uttara, disrupting movements of passers-by and ruining the beauty of the area.

The makeshift shops, which were evicted during the caretaker government regime more than once, were rebuilt on the footpath in sector-1 six months ago.

The footpath is along the boundary wall of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) in the area, one of whose officials says they cannot do anything against this illegal occupation since it is outside their wall.

"They were back in business initially

on rickshaw-vans after the Awami League government took office, and started to set up bamboo-made structures around six months back," said Shahidul Islam Dulal, an official of Creative Destination, a concern of Shanto Mariyam Foundation, located on the same road.

Md Isak Azad, president of Chhinnomul Khudra Bebohashi Community Police, under whose banner the market is running, acknowledged the occupation saying they are doing it to earn a living. The kitchen market is run by unit-2 of the community police, which has some 300 members, under Airport Police Station.

"We've no other income sources as we

do a voluntary job. That's why we're running the illegal market," Azad said.

Selim Khan, an executive member of the Chhinnomul Khudra Bebohashi Community Police, however, said they had applied to the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) seeking permission to run the market.

"Authorities in sector-1 don't take any steps as none of their sector live near the market," said Md Shobehar, a resident of Jasim Uddin Road, adding, the market on their walkway forces them to take the busy, main street.

Heaps of rotten vegetables, fish remains and other market wastes are deposited freely on the sidewalk that

SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

Dhaka-Sylhet rail link snapped for 14 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The train communication between Sylhet and the rest of the country was restored after 14 hours yesterday morning.

Railway sources said the disruption occurred after a Sylhet-bound train 'Joyontika' from Dhaka hit a sand-laden truck at Lashkarpur level crossing in Sylhet at about 7:00pm Thursday.

The train engine along with a coach was derailed while the truck, which was carrying some 20 people, overturned on the Dhaka-Sylhet Highway in the accident, halting traffic movements on the highway,

SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

DISPUTE OVER BUILDING WALL 3 wounded in ansar firing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least three people, including a woman, were wounded as ansar members opened fire at a mob in the city's Swamibagh yesterday.

The ansar members, working for Rupayan Real Estate Company, went into the violent action following an altercation with the local slum dwellers over construction of a wall on a disputed land near Mitali School in the area under Sutrapur Police Station.

Injured Ripon Miah, 25, received two bullets in his abdomen and back while Kulsum Begum, 50, one in her hand and her husband Abu Taher, 65, one in his abdomen, police said.

They were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), and the condition of Ripon was stated to be critical.

Witness Dolly Begum said the ansar men picked up Ripon alleging that he damaged a portion of the under-construction wall and later beat him up before shooting him. Taher and his wife Kulsum received bullets as the ansar men sprayed bullets at

SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

BEATEN BY BDR Rashidul's body found in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police yesterday recovered the body of Rashidul Islam from the river Dharla near Kolakhawa Ghat in Sadar upazila of Lalmonirhat.

The body bore several marks of injury, Mohammad Sobhan, sub-inspector of Sadar thana, said.

Rashidul was beaten to death allegedly by Bangladesh Rifles personnel near Mogholhat border area of the upazila Tuesday night.

The BDR men later threw away the body into the river, victim's family members claimed.

Police with the help of

SEE PAGE 15 COL 3



The kitchen market set up by community police in Uttara takes two-thirds of the pavement.

PHOTO: STAR

FEUD OVER COMMISSION AL men force workers to stop dev work

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Sujanagar upazila unit Awami League activists stopped development work of four projects under Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) yesterday due to a feud over "negotiation money."

AL men led by unit president Abul Kashem and secretary Abdul Wahab forced workers to stop the road and bridge construction works conducted by contractors from the district headquarters, sources said.

The contractors, who get contracts for any development work, usually pay the "negotiation money" to the other contractors who take part in a bidding.

Since the contractors from Pabna did not pay the money this time, Sujanagar AL leaders who back local contractors declared that no Pabna contractors would be allowed in the upazila.

"Pabna contractors take 'negotiation money' from us when we carry out any development work there, but they don't give when it's their time to pay money," AL leader Abdul Wahab told The Daily Star. "Whenever we want our percentage they attack us."

Sujanagar AL leaders alleged that a few contractors of Sujanagar were assaulted in the district headquarters by some AL men recently.

The development projects were construction of upazila election office at a cost of Tk 17.5

SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Standard Chartered **saadiq** Islamic Financial Services

Iftar & Sehri timing for Dhaka & neighbouring areas

Today's Iftar 6:30 pm

Ending time for tomorrow's sehri 4:13 am

Prayer Timing August 21

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-13	4-23
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-30	6-40
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Masjid Council
a trustworthy organization strives to poverty eradication and rehabilitation of the abandoned children utilizing Zakah, Sadakah & other donations.

Phone: 8954305; 01711854816; 01819227671; 01711593139

www.masjidcouncilbd.org

Bank Account: MSA 10262; IBBL, Uttara Branch, Dhaka

Cop Manjurul an inspiration for others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police constable Manjurul Islam was responsible throughout his professional life, even on the day he was killed while on duty at a checkpoint at Motijheel yesterday.

Wiping tears, Manjurul's wife Salma Akter said, "Our one and a half years old daughter Marzana was trying to tie her father's hands with hers to stop him from going out on the day and he [Manjurul] said he will come in the morning".

Choked with tears, she let the words out, "He could not meet his daughter in the morning". Witnesses said Manjurul was intercepting vehicles and frisking passengers even in the rain that night.

"Suddenly Manjurul shouted out that he [a passenger of an auto-rickshaw] carries a gun," Jamaluddin, a security guard of Pubali Filling Station, adjacent to the checkpoint, told The Daily Star.

He said the criminal shot him [Manjurul] in the chest but Manjurul did not let him go. Soon after the incident two of his colleagues came to his rescue and the criminal fired a bullet leaving another policeman injured.

Police then shot the criminal dead. Sabbir Hossain, one of Manjurul's batch mates, said Manjurul had shown signs of bravery during the training period. Meanwhile, police yesterday afternoon filed a murder case

SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

INTERNAL CONFLICTS BNP struggles to form 11 district units

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Main opposition BNP struggles to form some district units because of conflicts among local leaders, who have influence over the party's high command.

The party asked its six joint secretaries general to resolve disputes among local leaders and form committees in 15 districts by this month.

BNP plans to organise a long march after Eid as part of its anti-government programmes following formation of the committees. Party

Chairperson Khaleda Zia will lead the programme to protest the deals signed recently between Bangladesh and India.

A number of party leaders responsible for settling intra-party conflicts have blamed some central leaders for the deadlock saying they want to see their loyal supporters in the committee.

BNP central body will announce committees if local leaders fail to reach a consensus on formation of their units.

Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, BNP senior

SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think the Election Commission should have the power to scrap parliamentary membership for concealing or giving false information in affidavits submitted to it before parliamentary polls?

Yes (86.2%)
 No (9.3%)
 No Comments (4.5%)

Total votes: 269

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with opposition leader Khaleda Zia that the government has failed to run the country and should quit?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Message from the Teachers

THE RED BRICK SCHOOL
To strive & to seek

THE RED BRICK SCHOOL

The Red Brick School congratulates their 'O' and 'A' Level students for their excellent results in June 2010.

A fond farewell to all our departing students especially those who are going to study abroad.

Lubna Choudhury
Chairperson

Claudia Baker
Head of School

Plot 13, Road 1A, Sector 14, Uttara, Dhaka-1230 Tel : 8956801-3 Website : www.theredbrickschool.org

A publication of The Daily Star

Star FASHION
EID 2010

Star FASHION
EID 2010

A COMPREHENSIVE ALBUM GUIDE TO YOUR CHOICE

Evolve in your imagination with inspiring designer look

Celebrate Eid in Style

NOW ON SALE

Available at the following places in Dhaka:

Dhanmondi: Gyankosh, Road # 4, Ph. # 862-3251 & Sobhanbag Madrasa Market Ph # 811-2441
Newspaper Stall: Road # 3 (Mirpur Road) Ph. # 861-8230
KalaBagan: News Corner Ph.# 01819-154848
Shah bag: Biponi Bitan (news paper) Ph.# 01712-000568
Pathak Samabesh, Aziz Super Market Ph.# 01713-034440
Choto Bela, Aziz Super Market Ph # 01722-281501
Baily Road: Sagor Publishers, Ph # 935-8944 # 01716-544444
Motijheel: Hotel Pubani

(book shop) Ph # 935-2229 Ext. 160
Amir & Son's, Purana Paltan Ph.# 01711-137851
Gulshan: Nandan Mega Shop Ph # 986-2637 & 885-0049
DCC Market Ph.# 01911-345497
Metropolitan Shopping Plaza # 01711-520059
Banani: Newspaper stall (Banani Bazar Bus Stand) Ph.# 01749-282330
Aranya Crafts Ltd. Banani Ph.# 988-2542
Karwan Bazar: Kiosk, Sonargaon Hotel Ph.# 811-1641 Ext.4938

The Daily Star Office Ph.# 812-4944, 812-4955, 812-4966

Outside Dhaka-Please ask your local Newspaper Agents/Hawkers