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40-DAY JOB IN MYMENSINGH AL leaders feast on it

AMINUL ISLAM, from Mymensingh

The allegation of irregularities in a government scheme to provide job to the ultra poor in Gauripur upazila is now being investigated by a committee made up of the same persons who supervised the project.

In June, Gauripur upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) formed the probe body headed by Shahjahan Siraj, upazila agriculture officer, and AM Shahrier Taufiq, livestock officer of Gauripur, to probe the allegation of corruption in the "40-day Job Generation Programme for Vulnerable Groups".

The other members are Golam Azam, upazila secondary education officer; Rafiqul Islam, social services officer; and Lutfur Rahman, fisheries officer.

The trio supervised the project at the upazila's different unions.

The programme at a cost of Tk 3,37,63,200 started on March 1 at ten unions of the upazila and ended on April 9.

Under the project some 7,034 people were engaged in road construction and repair.

Al Faruque, a local, said nowhere at the ten unions the 40-day project employed people for more than 20 days.

Local ruling party men, who directly interfered in the project, were involved in all sorts of irregularities including stealing project fund under the very nose of the government supervisors, he added.

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The Bee-eaters on the hilly slopes at Tiger Pass, Chittagong. Bee-eaters predominantly eat flying insects and nest making holes in the hills.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

MoU with India today on coal fired power plant in Khulna

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian National Thermal Power Company (NTPC) today for cooperation in the power sector between the two countries and to set up a 1,320 megawatt coal-fired power plant in Khulna.

A competent source of the PDB told The Daily Star that a four-member Bangladesh team led by PDB Chairman Alamgir Kabir is now on a visit to Delhi to sign the deal that came as a follow up of several

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Ibrahim 'KILLING' Cops finally move to sue lawmaker Shaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of police is preparing to file an arms case against ruling party lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon.

DB police ascertained that the bullet, which caused the death of Awami League activist Ibrahim Ahmed, was not a stray one rather someone else fired it.

They yesterday arrested lawmaker Shaon's driver Kamal Hossain Kala and his personal secretary Sohel as suspected killers and summoned Shimul and Delwar for interrogation.

Kala will be produced before a Dhaka Court today and the DB will seek direc-

tives from the court to convert the unnatural death case to a murder case.

On August 13, some people left Ibrahim at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with a gunshot wound to his head.

Following the death of Ibrahim, Kala filed an unnatural death case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station.

According to the case statement, Ibrahim was sitting in the lawmaker's car parked near the parliament building. When he was handling Shaon's gun, it



Shaon

went off at one stage and killed him.

Five days after the incident, Ibrahim's younger brother Masum Ahmed filed a murder case with a Dhaka court accusing Shaon, his driver Kala and 15 others.

A DB high official, preferring anonymity, told The Daily Star that according to the post-mortem report and the information gleaned from driver Kala and several others, they became sure that someone else fired the bullet to kill Ibrahim.

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Policy soon to stop corporal punishment to children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education ministry has decided to formulate a policy guideline to stop corporal punishment in classrooms to ensure a more conducive atmosphere for the students.

The decision came at a meeting yesterday following the government's order banning physical punishment in all educational institutions in the country.

The policy would carry a detailed outline on behaviour of teachers towards students, the kind of punishment permissible, motivational tools for both teachers and students, and the role of parents and management authorities, said the ministry sources.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid chaired the meeting.

The meeting discussed outlines of the policy, which would be improved at an inter-ministerial meeting held

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China's Yunnan province Governor Qin Guangrong calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the latter's office yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

10-TRUCK ARMS HAUL Ex-BCIC chief Imam quizzed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday interrogated Major Gen (ret) Imamuzzaman Chowdhury, former chairman of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), in the 2004 case of 10 truckloads of firearms and ammunition.

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Pak players caught in fix scam

AGENCIES

World cricket was rocked as Pakistan's cricket team were embroiled in an alleged betting scam Sunday after British police arrested a man on suspicion of conspiracy to defraud bookmakers during the fourth Test against England at Lord's.

Britain's News of the World newspaper claimed it paid 150,000 pounds to a middle man Mazhar Majeed in return for details about the timing of three no-balls in the fourth Test at Lord's.

The report gave detailed Pakistan seamers Mohammad Aamer and Mohammad Asif delivering the blatant no-balls at the exact points in the match agreed with the alleged fixer, who it was also suggested by the paper, was in contact with captain Salman Butt.

The allegations of spot-fixing that broke at the close of play on Saturday completely overshadowed the final morning of the fourth Test, in which England wrapped up Pakistan's last six wickets to win by an innings and 225 runs.

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Shops in Banani playground demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakha (Rajuk) yesterday demolished around 50 makeshift shops erected at Banani playground following a report carried in this daily on August 22.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), however, has not yet freed the Chairman Bari Khelarmath (playground), in the residential area of Banani, occupied by Zaker Party to hold its programmes, alleged the locals.

Sources said a group of youths of Titumir College, in the name of Bangladesh Chhatra League, erected the shops to hold an Eid fair under the banner of Jamdani and Handicrafts Development Society, said Nurul Islam, executive engineer of Rajuk.

"They went on with the move though we repeatedly asked not to occupy the playground. They also attempted to manage recommendation from the local lawmaker but failed," he said.

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Mob beat 2 'kidnappers' to death 2 businessmen rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Local people beat two abductors to death and rescued two businessmen three hours after their abduction yesterday in Kushtia Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Somir Uddin, 30, of Sugondhipur in Mirpur upazila of Kushtia and Ratan Kumar Das, 35, of Kumaripur in Alamdanga upazila of Chuadanga district.

Assistant Police Super Chokdar Abdul Halim said police arrested the two other abductors and they were

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Ctg ship-breaker fined for ignoring workers' safety

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a ship-breaking yard at Sonaichhari under Sitakunda upazila Tk 7 lakh for ignoring workers' safety and environmental pollution.

A team led by DoE Director (Enforcement) Munir Chowdhury fined Messrs Sultana Ship-Breaking. This is the first time a ship-breaking yard was penalised.

Munir said one worker was killed and four others were injured in a fire on July 12 while cutting an oil tanker of a ship at the ship-breaking yard.

According to the certificate of the explosives department, the ship was not free from petroleum substances, which was risky for workers, he said. "The yard pollutes air of the area through burning oily substances."

"During the investigation, we found that there were no safety measures for workers at the ship-breaking yard and facilities for rescuing injured workers immediately after an incident," he said.

Meanwhile, a mobile court fined two baked vermicelli producers Tk 30,000 for producing vermicelli in an unhygienic condition.

Both the companies, however, have licence from Bangladesh

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Four factories fined for food adulteration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday in an anti-adulteration drive fined four factories in old Dhaka for producing adulterated vermicelli and fraud in marketing the product.

Rab-10 along with the members of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) raided Kamrangirchar, Lalbagh and Chawk Bazar areas from 11:30am to 4:30pm to check adulteration of the item.

Magistrate Anwar Pasha

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Prayer Timing		
August 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-18	4-28
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-22	6-32
Esha	8-00	8-30

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