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Derailment, blockade halt trains for hours

STAR REPORT

Railway communication between Dhaka-Chittagong and Dhaka-Jamalpur remained snapped for several hours yesterday due to separate incidents of railtrack blockade and derailment.

Train services on Dhaka-Chittagong route remained suspended for one and a half hours as locals put up barricades on rail tracks near Imambari Railway Station in Kosba upazila of Brahmanbaria demanding a stop of the Dhaka-bound "Mohanagar Express" at Imambari, reports our Brahmanbaria correspondent.

Over 1,000 residents of at least 13 villages in the upazila blocked the tracks at about 10:00am.

Several passenger trains, including Dhaka-bound "Suborno Express" got stranded on both sides of the station until the blockade was

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Cold shoulder for cattle

Fresh anthrax infection reported; govt says many are panic-driven

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country remains on high anthrax alert as reports of fresh infections in different districts continue to swell amid significant fall in consumption of beef and mutton.

Three more people have been infected with anthrax in Meherpur and Lalmonirhat yesterday raising the number of confirmed infections to 523.

Among the fresh cases, two were found in Meherpur district and the other in Lalmonirhat, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) sources said.

Our correspondents from Lalmonirhat and Padma reported 13 fresh victims of anthrax in the two districts. Seven people have been infected at Gilabari village of Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat yesterday.

Upazila Livestock Officer Mamunur Rashid said a sick cow was slaughtered twelve days ago and at least 45 villagers of 10 families consumed its meat.

Pabna district health department officials confirmed six human anthrax infections, including four children, at Boropathail village of Santhia upazila. Two cows died from the infection last week, they added.

Government officials said all the cases termed anthrax are not confirmed as many people are dubbing regular infections as anthrax.

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A solitary cow in Gabtoli Cattle Market in Dhaka. Cattle are usually packed like sardines at this market but the sale dropped due to anthrax scare.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

3 outlaws killed in 'shootouts'

STAR REPORT

Three outlaws were killed in "shootouts" with law enforcers in Kushtia and Chittagong early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Mannan Mollah, 42, a regional leader of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) at Dorbeshpur village in Kushtia sadar upazila, Mohammad Ali, 32, a member of the GMF unit, and Akhtaruzzaman Khushbu, 38, from Sandwip upazila in Chittagong.

In Kushtia, Mannan and Mohammad Ali were killed in a gunfight between their cohorts and law enforcers at Dorbeshpur village.

Acting on a tip-off, a joint team of Rapid Action Battalion and Kushtia sadar police raided the village at about 2:15am, said Officer-in-Charge Asaduzzaman of Kushtia Sadar Police Station. A gang of GMF members was holding a "secret meeting" in a field at the time and hurled two bombs at the law enforcers. The law enforcers fired back and that left the two dead.

The other members of the gang, however, managed to flee the

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Govt to reactivate anti-hoarding law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to reactivate the anti-hoarding law in an effort to control prices of essential commodities that affect the larger population," said Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque has said.

"Although it's a free market economy, we think the government should have some tools to keep at a tolerable level the prices of essential commodities that affect the larger population," he told reporters emerging from a meeting at the ministry.

The issue will be finalised in consultation with the stakeholders and experts, said Razzaque, who chaired the meeting.

The first of its kind, the meeting was also attended by officials from the ministries of agriculture, food, commerce, finance, home,

intelligence agencies and representatives from rice millers.

According to the East Bengal (Food Stuff) Price Control and Anti-Hoarding Order 1953, the essential commodities include rice, wheat, refined sugar, edible oil, lentils, onion, powdered milk and baby milk.

The anti-hoarding order and Essential Commodity Act 1956 were in force even after the country's independence, but with the emergence of the free market economy concept, the government deactivated them in 1991, food ministry officials said.

Deactivation of the laws allowed importers and traders to stockpile commodities, often creating artificial crisis in the market and increasing prices beyond commoner's reach.

During 2007-08, when there was a food

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UNGA SPEECH Hasina to highlight climate, MDGs

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will highlight Bangladesh's achievements in the Millennium Development Goals, the impacts of climate change and the Least Developed Countries concerns in her speech at the UN General Assembly on September 27.

Hasina will leave for New York on September 18 to lead the Bangladesh delegation at the 65th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

The premier is set to speak in Bangla again in the session next week following the footsteps of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said.

The UN acknowledged Bangla as one of its official languages several years ago but Bangabandhu had addressed the UNGA in Bangla back in 1974 after the world forum recognised Bangladesh as an independent nation after the 1971 Liberation War.

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Mutiny trial to complete in 6 months

Says BDR chief

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The ongoing trial of the BDR mutiny across the country will be completed within next three to six months, Major General Rafiqul Islam, the BDR director general, has said.

"Once the trial of mutineers are completed, BDR will get back its previous image," he said in Dinajpur yesterday, adding, it is important that the force restores the image to discharge its duties with the spirit it maintained before the mutiny.

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PHOTO: STAR

The brimming Padma gives locals the opportunity to trap fish on the chars. The photo was taken from Madhya Char of Rajshahi.

Criminals kill community policeman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals killed a community policeman at Sutrapur in the capital early yesterday.

The deceased Abdul Barek, 45, lived at Kagajitola near the Sweeper Colony.

Police and locals are suspecting drug peddlers and local goons for the killing.

Sub-inspector Forman Ali of Sutrapur Police Station told The Daily Star that following a tip off given by Barek, police recovered 100 small packets (puria) of cannabis raiding the colony on Wednesday evening. A few hours later, police recovered his corpse from a by-lane of the colony.

The body bore several head injuries. Police recovered a number of bloodstained bricks from near the body, which, they think, might have been used for the killing, he added.

Deceased's sister, Fatema, said being a source to the police Barek might have infuriated the local criminals and peddlers for the killing.

The Sutrapur Sweeper Colony has many drug selling points and feud between rival drug peddlers often worsens law and order of the area, said the locals to The Daily Star.

Till yesterday morning police arrested six people

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3 lakh marooned in 11 flood-hit districts

20,000 hectares of cropland go under water

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Floods have left around 3 lakh people marooned in different districts of the country and submerged over 20,000 hectares of farmland.

According to a primary assessment by the Department of Agriculture Extension, Aman paddy and seasonal vegetables in 11 flood-hit districts went under water.

But the authorities claimed that crops would not be damaged because of the inundation.

Anil Chandra Sarker, deputy director (monitoring) of the department, yesterday said, "Flood water does not always cause damage to crops. The damage depends on how long the crops are under water".

Agriculture Secretary CQS Mustak told The

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**OnlinePoll** ✓

Do you think BNP-led opposition has any issue that justifies street agitations now?

Yes (54.7%)  
 No (45.0%)  
 No Comments (0.3%)

**Total votes: 4012**

**TODAY'S POLL**

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4 leaders indicted for Cambodian genocide

AP, Phnom Penh

Cambodia's UN-backed genocide tribunal yesterday formally indicted the four top surviving leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime blamed for 1.7 million deaths in the 1970s, paving the way for the panel's long-awaited second trial next year.

The frail, elderly defendants, who have been in detention since 2007, deny any guilt for their roles in the radical communist rule during which about a quarter of Cambodia's population was either executed or died due to starvation or overwork.

The trial, due to start by mid-2011, will bring to the stand Nuon Chea, 84, the group's ideologist; former head of state Khieu Samphan, 79; former Foreign Minister Ieng Sary, and his wife Ieng Thirith, ex-minister for social affairs, both in their 80s.

Each faces four charges: crimes against humanity, genocide, war crimes and a combined charge of murder, torture and religious persecution, co-investigating Judge You Bunleng told a news conference. They will be tried together.

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**Prayer Timing**

September 17

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-35	5-10
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-09	6-12
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

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