

NEWS IN *brief*

Teacher among 10 hurt in BCL attack at Polytechnic Institute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least 10 students and a teacher of Cox's Bazar Polytechnic Institute were injured in an attack by a group of institute-unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists yesterday.

BCL men also ransacked the college principal's office in protest against the transfer of eight of their fellow activists to other polytechnic institutes.

Police and local said BCL men led-by Imtiazul Islam, joint secretary of BCL institute-unit, swooped on their teacher Jahangir Alam at about 11:30am.

When teachers and students came to Jahangir's aid, they also beat them up, they said.

On information, police rushed to the spot at about 12 noon and brought the situation under control.

'Ensure safe water to check cholera'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday called upon the government to stop cholera disease research on the country's people by International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B).

There is no need for vaccine rather pure water and clean environment are enough to prevent the spread of cholera. The health ministry should emphasise on ensuring pure water and clean environment, they said.

Members of Swastha Andolon said this at its meeting on Cholera Vaccine Programme at the health ministry in the city, says a press release.

They alleged that ICDDR, B is patronising the health minister and secretary to market the vaccine commercially in Bangladesh.

Domestic help dies after fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage domestic help died after falling from the staircase railing when she was entertaining her master's children by riding the railings at a multi-storied building in the city's Shantinagar last night.

The body of ill-fated Kohinur Akhter, 14, domestic help of Fazli Elahi's residence in the area was taken to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for autopsy.

Housewife Sayeeda Sultana said Kohinur was entertaining her two minor children by riding the railing around 7:30pm.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Physician Akhteruzza man Shammim, former student of Sir Salimullah Medical College, passed away due to a cardiac arrest on Saturday night at the age of 43.

Dr Shamim was doing his MS coursework in Ophthalmology in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

He left behind him a host of relatives and well wishers to mourn his death.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the seventh death anniversary of Asia Khatun, mother of film producer and photographer Suman Shams, says a press release.

Asia was killed in a launch accident on this day in 2004.



A woman runs with her belongings for safety as Dhaka district administration bulldozes illegal structures adjacent to Mohammadpur Beribadh road near Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial at Rayerbazar in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Tk 100cr project for Aila-hit people soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A consortium of international NGOs has initiated a Tk 100 crore project to improve food security and livelihoods of over two lakh people in Khulna and Satkhira affected by the cyclone Aila two years back.

European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) is funding the seven-month project.

Officials of these NGOs announced it at a press conference at Oxfam office in the city. This comes when the Water Development Board finally has repaired all broken embankments, except one in Khulna, and the last victims, living on the embankments since the cyclone, are returning to their homes.

Action Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief and Oxfam in partnership with CARE

and Solidarities International will implement the project titled "Emergency Food Security and Livelihood Support in the Cyclone Aila-affected region in Bangladesh".

They will create community infrastructures like ponds for drinking water, roads and canals and plinth raising, said Oxfam's Bangladesh Country Director Gareth Price-Jones.

At least 10,326 small landowners and sharecroppers will be provided with Tk 8,000 each as agricultural grants while 2,000 households mostly headed by disadvantaged women, widows and challenged will receive unconditional cash grants of Tk 5,000 each.

Around 42,250 households will be engaged in cash for training.

Solidarities International's head of mission Helen Juillard and Kaiser Rejve and Mubashar Hasan of Oxfam also spoke.

PM listens to BNP men in Canada

UNB, Dhaka

In a unique gesture Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina approached BNP activists who gathered in front of her hotel in Toronto on Saturday afternoon and listened to them.

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad told the news agency that the BNP activists gathered in front of her hotel to stage demonstration.

Seeing the BNP supporters standing in front of her hotel, the prime minister went to them, inquired about their well being and listened to what they wanted to say.

Hasina also asked her personal officers to entertain them with food at her hotel.

Hasina arrived in Canada on May 18 after attending two UN conferences in Geneva.

According to her schedule, she will leave Canada for France on May 24 and return to Dhaka on May 28.

EXTRA CHARGE FOR OVERSEAS JOBS Law for punishment soon: Minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will enact a law with a provision of punishment to both the recruiting agencies and overseas jobseekers for exchanging extra charges in the recruitment process of foreign jobs, said Expatriates' Welfare Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural of the website of Expatriates' Welfare Bank, whose major functions are to lend money to the overseas jobseekers so they don't need to sell their properties or borrow at high interest rates. The website is www.pkb.gov.bd

JURAIN TRIPLE MURDER Rita's husband, three others charged

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against four people, including the husband for the death of Farzana Kabir Rita and her two children in Jurain last year.

Apart from Rashedul Kabir, the three other accused are his second wife Razia Sultana Smriti, brother-in-law Delwar Hossain Patwari and driver Al Amin.

Judge Md Moazzammel Hossain of Special Judge's Court-3 discharged Rashedul's parents Shafiqul Kabir and Noor Banu, sisters Kabita and Shukhon Kabir saying charges brought against them were not proved.

The court asked the complainant, Mazeda Begum, Farzana's mother, to appear before it on July 31 to give her statement.

Earlier that day, Rashedul and three other accused pleaded their innocence and demanded justice before the court after the charges were read out to them.

Farzana, her 12-year-old son Pabon and 10-year-old daughter Payel were found dead in their Jurain residence on June 11, 2010.

Prior to their death, the children wrote on the walls about the inhuman behaviour of their father, grandparents and aunts which drove them to commit suicide.

Farzana's mother Mazeda Begum filed a murder case with Kadamtoli Police Station accusing eight including Rashed for committing the gruesome killings.

Inspector Sheikh Mahbubur Rahman of Detective Branch of police, also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet against the accused on August 11, 2010.

HC asks for not to sell expired drugs

But bidder receives those from DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government and Dhaka Medical College and Hospital authorities not to sell its expired medicines through auction or through any other means.

It passed the order in response to a writ petition filed after The Daily Star published a report on May 20 under the headline "Expired drugs on auction!"

The report said the burn unit of DMCH is going to hand over the expired drugs to the bidder, as they were auctioned rather than be destroyed, raising the risk of their re-entry to the market.

An HC bench in its rule asked the government to explain within two weeks why it should not be directed to take necessary steps to stop selling, using and circulating the expired drugs.

The bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore came up with the order and rule after hearing the petition filed by two Supreme Court lawyers.

Barrister Mahbub Shafique and Advocate KM Fazlul Alam jointly filed the petition as a public interest litigation yesterday seeking directives on the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to stop selling, using, auctioning and circulating expired drugs.

The petitioners themselves moved the petition before the bench, saying that expired drugs might be used for treatment of the people and their life will be jeopardised.

They prayed to the court not to allow the DMCH authorities to sell the expired drugs through auction.

Secretary to the ministries of health and home affairs, director generals of directorates of health and drug administration and director of DMCH have been made respondents to the rule.

Meanwhile, the authorities concerned yesterday handed over huge amount of intact drug bottles made of glass and plastic, empty oral saline packets along with some old furniture to a selected bidder as per its tender provision, DMCH sources said.



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Rain likely
UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions in 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:38pm today and rises at 5:13am tomorrow.
Country's highest temperature 35.6 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 20.4 degrees Celsius at Feni.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.3	22.0	77	94
Chittagong	28.8	21.5	81	94
Rajshahi	35.6	21.6	91	75
Rangpur	30.7	24.0	84	76
Khulna	34.4	22.4	84	69
Barisal	33.2	22.8	81	83

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DHAKA TODAY

Seminar
Brac University will organise a seminar; Venue: the university auditorium; Time: 9:00am.

Discussion
Bangladesh Sangskritik Academy will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar
Stamford University of Bangladesh will organise a seminar; Venue: the university premises; Time: 4:00pm.

Human chain
Dhaka Zila Four Stroke Autorickshaw (CNG) Drivers' Association will hold a

human chain; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Research presentation
Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum will organise a research finding presentation; Venue: Dhaka Reporters' Unity; Time: 3:00pm.

Rally
Manobik will hold a rally; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Rally
Nongor will organise a rally; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises; Time: 4:30pm.

Human chain
Charukola Paribar will hold a human

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