



Overnight storm and tidal surge beached Patuakhali-bound launch MV Achol-6 with some 2,000 people aboard on Bisharchar, a newly surfaced islet in the Meghna, on Dhaka-Patuakhali route in Bakerganj around 3:00am yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

PHOTO: SOHRAD HOSSAIN

Pry teacher sued for rape attempt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A primary school teacher in Sailkupa upazila has been absconding since June 14 after he attempted to rape a class III student during school hours the same day.

The incident came to light Thursday night when relatives of the 11-year-old girl filed a case against Ramjan Ali Mollah with Sailkupa Police Station.

Police said Ramjan, an assistant teacher of Bahadurpur Non-government Primary School, ordered the girl to bring a glass of water in the library room about 2:00pm on June 14.

As she entered the library room, Ramjan violated her and fled the scene while the girl started screaming.

Sailkupa Officer-in-charge Sagor Mia said police are trying to arrest the teacher.

UP info centres solving social problems

BSS, Dhaka

Many people in rural areas, where Facebook and Twitter are still less familiar, have found the Union Information Service Centers (UISCs) more convenient and effective online platform for precise reasons, specially for getting solutions to various types of social problems.

Entrepreneurs of different information centres are regularly sharing and exchanging information with local administrations through online blogs to offer public necessary solutions to many social problems like polygamy, dowry and unemployment.

During a recent visit to different information centres in Narayanganj district, the news agency correspondent found people standing there in queues to get information on various services, including agriculture, education and health. Some people were waiting to collect different government's forms downloaded for them by the UISCs operators. Many also came to get results of different public examinations.

Some information centres in Narayanganj were also used as effective media for recruiting necessary staff for the district administration to carry out different

ent duties during the past population census.

National Project Director of the Access to Information (A2I) Programme of the Prime Minister Office Nazrul Islam Khan now 4,500 people out of the 9,000 entrepreneurs of the UISCs are regularly writing for the blogs, offering public necessary information and solutions to many issues.

Narayanganj Deputy Commissioner Md Shamsur Rahman said the centres are playing important role in solving social problems when various types of services are also generating more income for the operators of the UISCs.

Consultant of the A2I Programme of the Prime Minister Office Manik Mahmud said online blogs of the UISCs are designed to make it effective for solving different problem of rural people.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on November 11, 2010 launched the information centres at 4501 unions with auspicious aims of establishing an information super highway, providing people easy access to basic services and information about agriculture, health, education, legal aid, human rights and employment.

Youth hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Criminals hacked a youth to death at Chakhatiani village in Sadar upazila on Thursday night.

The deceased is identified as Md Raj Hossain, 20, a hosiery factory worker, son of Md Abdur Razzak, of village Char Sadhupara in the upazila.

Police said unknown criminals chopped him mercilessly near a graveyard on his way to ChakChatiani at about 6:30pm.

He was rushed to Pabna Medical College Hospital in critical condition where doctors declared him dead.

The criminals might have killed him over past enmity, Md Enayet Uddin, officer-in-charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station, told The Daily Star.

A case was filed with the police station in this connection.

Mayor Manjur wants 2,000cr to prevent waterlogging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong city Mayor Manjur Alam yesterday urged the government to allocate Tk 2,000 crore for Drainage Master Plan to permanently solve waterlogging in the port city.

The mayor said Chittagong city people faced less waterlogging this year compared with previous years, as some short-term projects have been implemented to this effect.

He was talking to the journalists following a milad mahfil, arranged to mark one year of his taking office as mayor, at the mazar (shrine) of Hazrat Shah Amanat yesterday.

Manjur Alam, who won the mayoral election held June 17 last year, claimed to have delivered his electoral pledges by implementing most of the short-term projects.

He hoped that the rest of the pledges including mid-term and long-term projects would be implemented through discussion with the government.

Manjur also expressed his gratitude to the people of the port city for electing him and thanked the BNP chairperson for helping him win.

Rewrite war history listening to people

Speakers urge historians at int'l seminar

RU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an international seminar here yesterday said historians should go to people's door to obtain the true history of the country's liberation war.

"History does not always carry the truth, as it is written on only powerful people", said Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddiqi.

"If people are not in history, the leader of the history would not be found", he said while addressing the seminar as the chief guest. "We have to go to people to collect true history of the liberation war."

The minister also cautioned that some evil people along with the defeated forces made ill attempt to distort the history of the liberation war of 1971.

Rajshahi city Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton stressed the need to convey the war's true history to young generation. History should not keep limited in books and papers, he said.

The two-day seminar titled "Practice of liberation war history and achievement of Bangladesh" was held at RU Senate Bhaban. The university's Institute of Bangladesh

Studies (IBS) organised the seminar as part of RU's year-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the War of Liberation.

Prof Abu Muhammad Delwar Hossain, general secretary of Bangladesh History Society, said over 3,000 books, written on the freedom war so far, are mostly characterised by "reproduction" and "repetition".

IBS Director Prof Mahbubur Rahman, Prof Hasan Azizul Haque and History Professor Dr Rabin Pal of Visva-Bharati University, among others, addressed the seminar.

Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddiqi, Prof Dr Syed Anwar Hussain, and Bangla Academy Director General Shamsuzzaman Khan presented papers at the first session of the seminar.

The second session of the seminar was held at IBS conference centre. The second-day seminar will be held at the same venue today (Saturday).

Academicians, researchers, and fellows from different universities at home and abroad and other personalities will present 72 papers in 16 sessions at the two-day seminar.



Sudden tidal surge caused half a kilometre slide of Morelganj Sannyasi Sarak, a concrete road, in Bagerhat in the early hours of yesterday.

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নদী রক্ষার আহবান

অবৈধ দখলদার এবং বিষাক্ত বর্জ্যে ঢাকার চারিদিকের বুড়িগঙ্গা, শীতলক্ষ্যা, তুরাগ ও বালু নদী মৃত প্রায়।
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