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6 polluting brick kilns fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DOE) yesterday, fined six brick kilns at South Keraniganj on the capital's outskirts, a total of Tk 18 lakh for polluting the air and altering characteristics of flood plains.

An enforcement team of DoE led by its Director Mohammad Munir Chowdhury fined the owners of Nobin Bricks, Nirman Bricks, MMB Bricks, Sonartori Bricks, Mollah Bricks and National Bricks Company, said a press release.

They have been operating for the past six years without DoE certificates, licences by deputy commissioner or approval of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI).

Each kiln produces around 2.5 crore units of bricks per annum.

This require at least

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WHO CARES FOR THEM?

Even though the flight is in the wee hours of Friday, this migrant workers trio from Sirajganj reached Shahjalal International Airport Tuesday night to avert being stuck somewhere in the hartal. So much aspiration, desire and hope are banked on their trip to Singapore that they could not afford to miss the flight. They chose a space on the pavement in the car park of the airport and took turns in sleeping and watching over their luggage. This photo was taken at 5:00am yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Hit by hartal

Patients, commuters suffer most

RAKIB AHAMMED

Citizens of the capital had to undergo a huge suffering yesterday, the first day of 48-hour hartal enforced by main opposition BNP and its allies.

Commuters, especially the working people and students of universities and colleges, patients and people belonging to the low-income tier struggled to reach their destinations as the city streets remained devoid of vehicles due to fear of violent picketing.

Many people arrived in offices on foot while others on rickshaws and stray human hauliers. They suffered the same on their way back home.

Passengers of aircrafts that landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport suffered the most as they could not manage transportation for their destinations. Wearing look of insecurity and anxiety, many of them were seen standing in front of the airport with their luggage waiting for something to

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Thieves snap oil supply line

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A huge amount of unrefined oil spilled in a large area of paddy fields at Lakshmanaband of Golapganj upazila yesterday due to suspected swiping of oil from a leaked condensate pipeline.

The authorities of

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Cops nab 'Shibir men' with AK-47

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) yesterday in separate drives arrested three Shibir cadres from Chittagong and Brahmanbaria, and recovered five firearms including an AK-47 rifle from them.

The arrestees, identified as Nurunnabi alias Maxon, 28, Sarwar alias Babla, 24, and Manik alias Gittu Manik, 24, however, said they are not Shibir cadres.

They all hail from Chittagong and have several cases filed against them with different police stations of the port city, said police sources.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of CMP led by Assistant

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8 dead, 35 missing as launch capsizes

OUR CORRESPONDENTS, Narayanganj, Munshiganj

At least eight people died while some 35 others went missing after a launch sank in the Shitalakkhya yesterday evening near Char Muktapur, between Narayanganj and Munshiganj.

Locals and witnesses said MV Madinar Alo from Matlab in Chandpur was heading towards Narayanganj and it sank around 7:00pm after colliding with oil tanker OT Shitalakkhya.

Of the deceased, seven were identified

as Saiful Alam Patowari, 35, upazila assistant education officer; Ripa, 18, of Lalpur village in Gagaria; Sabuj Mia, 40, and his son Shakil, 11, of Kandi village in Matlab; Monwara, 45, of Kalipura village of Matlab; Bulbul of Matlab; and Durbati Rani Barman, 28, of Abdullahpur village of Munshiganj.

Monwara Begum died after being admitted to Munshiganj Sadar Hospital.

Rakibul Hasan, who managed to swim ashore, said, "The number of passengers

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RIVER DRIVE Dredger seized, owner fined

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

To the relief of students and teachers of a primary school and residents in the city's Basila, a team of the Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday shut down an extremely noisy dredging platform adjacent to the school.

The DoE team also confiscated the dredger and fined its owner Abdul Hai Tk 50,000.

For the last two years, Hai, who identified himself as a leader of the Krishak League, peasants' wing of the ruling party, operated the machine in the river Buriganga from morning till late evening every day, defying pleas from parents, teachers and residents.

Hai's business, which is hardly a few feet away from Basila Government Primary School, not only disturbed

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Govt staff falls into sea, goes missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An assistant inspector of the Department of Explosives went missing yesterday after he fell into the Bay while boarding a scrap ship at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port.

The victim was identified as AHM Nuruzzaman, 38, of Barguna.

According to the

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Ignoring police resistance, Rajshahi city BNP chief Mizanur Rahman Minu pickets alone during hartal yesterday at Shaheb Bazar in the divisional city.

Eyes of 7 pirates gouged out

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A mob gouged out eyes of seven pirates at Char Kukrimukri in Bhola district yesterday.

The pirates were initially identified as Sohrab Hossain, 31, Ruhul Amin, 40, Abdur Rahman, 35, Nur Nabi, 35, Abdur Mannan, 44, Shahid, 29, and Lokman.

Md Saifuddin, assistant police superintendent of Bhola, said they sent the injured to Char Fashion upazila health complex under police custody.

Police and locals said a pirate gang last Wednesday abducted fishermen Babul, Ali Abbas Majhi and Harun Mridha along with their fishing boats from Diamonura and Dakatia

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বিয়ে পরবর্তী অনুষ্ঠান

এশা ও তানভীর-এর বিবাহ পরবর্তী কনে পক্ষের অনুষ্ঠান ৬ জুলাই ২০১১ (বুধবার) অনিবার্য কারণ বশতঃ স্থগিত করা হয়েছে। পূর্ব নির্ধারিত ছেলে পক্ষের অনুষ্ঠান ৯ জুলাই ২০১১ (শনিবার) যথাসময়ে যথাস্থানে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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PM holds out digital hope

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday emphasised on developing the information technology and imparting training to the youth community to handle the unemployment problem through outsourcing.

She vowed to root out corruption, militancy and all types of terrorism through incorporating modern digital technolo-

gies in the administration while inaugurating a three-day Digital Innovation Fair 2011 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novo Theatre.

Hasina said the government will introduce video conferencing system at offices of the Deputy Commissioners, Divisional Commissioners, Cabinet Division and the Prime Minister to ensure transparency

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PRAYER TIMING July 7

Azan	4-10	4-45
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Sources: Islamic Foundation

IN REMEMBRANCE

With fond memories we remember to-day, Thursday, 7th July 2011 Late Begum Fazilatun Nessa on her 7th death anniversary.

We feel her absence in every step of the way. Relatives, friends and well wishers are kindly requested to remember her in their prayers.

On the occasion of her 7th Death Anniversary Qur'an Khatam, Prayer and Feeding the destitutes have been organized.

Abeda & Najmul Huq, Roushan & Golam Kibria, Monisha & Mahmudul Huq, & Grand Children.