



People of Shalbari, an Indian enclave inside Panchagarh district, prepare to put off lights in the evening for the rest of the night as thousands of enclave people observed the 'nishprodiip raat japor' (spending night without lighting lamps) programme during the last two days demanding early exchange of enclaves as per the deal signed between Bangladesh and India.

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ARREST OF ALLEGED RINGLEADER OF DRUG CARTEL

Trade at Hili port disrupted again as Indians enforce strike

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Trade at Hili land port in Dinajpur district remained suspended for seven hours yesterday as locals of Hili thana in Dakkhin Dinajpur under Paschimanga enforced a strike protesting arrest of an Indian 'ringleader of drug cartel' by Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on Wednesday. On Saturday, locals and Indian National Congress leaders of Hili thana unit in Dakkhin Dinajpur under Paschimanga at a meeting decided to enforce an indefinite strike to press for release of Md Atiar Rahman, the arrestee. The protesters blocked different roads inside Indian territory as part of their programme since morning. The cross-border trade at Hili land port resumed at around 12:40pm (Bangladesh time) as Hili police took action and arrested a few activists for their alleged incitation to the agitation, sources said. A large number of policemen were

deployed in the area. Earlier on Thursday, the protesters blocked trade at Hili land port for an hour. The people of border areas in Indian territory burst into protest as BGB members of Joypurhat-3 Battalion arrested Md Atiar Rahman, 45, son of Hazrat Mondal of Purba Abtoir Hili village in Paschimanga, from Satkania village of Hakimpur upazila in Dinajpur on Wednesday noon. The same day, BGB filed a case with Joypurhat police station against Atiar on charge of intrusion and drug trade in Bangladesh territory, said sources of BGB and Joypurhat police station. Sanjit Dutta Bappi, vice president of Hili thana unit of Indian National Congress, said police arrested several of their leaders but they would continue demonstration demanding unconditional release of Atiar Rahman. According to the records of Hili land port immigration offices in Dinajpur of

Bangladesh and Dakkhin Dinajpur of Pashchimbanga, Atiar Rahman entered Bangladesh on August 31 with Indian passport (No E721304, issue date August 1, 2011) and his visa (No Z17337/11) for Bangladesh issued on August 29 has 60-day validity. According to the entry report at Hili land port immigration, he was to visit Monirul Islam, C/O Nasir Uddin of Daudpur village in Nawabganj upazila of Dinajpur. When contacted, Col Shawkat Alam, sector commander of BGB in Dinajpur, said, "Atiar is a godfather of smugglers and runs several gangs in Bangladesh territory. BGB members detected some errors in this passport." On the other hand, PK Mondal, OC (Immigration) at Hili in Dakkhin Dinajpur, told this correspondent over phone, "Atiar's passport and visa are valid. If a travelling Indian national commits any crime in Bangladesh that is another thing."

Criminals kill two youths in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two people were murdered in Jibonnagar and Damurhuda upazilas of Chuadanga yesterday. Police said one Sumon called Rubel Hossain, 24, son of Abdul Khaleq of Kalabari village in Damurhuda upazila, out of his house at night and murdered him. On information, police recovered the body in the morning from nearby Gopalpur and sent it to hospital for autopsy. Sumon, who identified himself as the regional leader of Purbo Banglar Communist Party, over a phone call to a local newspaper office same night admitted the killing, saying that Rubel was killed for acting as informer of Rab and police. Officer in-Charge (OC) of Damurhuda PS Munshi Asaduzzaman, however, said Rubel was not their informer. In another incident, Alamgir Hossain, 25, son of Jamat Ali Mondol of Utholi village in Jibonnagar upazila, was murdered by criminals. Informed by locals, police recovered the body yesterday noon from the spot and sent it to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. The reason behind the killing could not be known. Police said they have launched drives to arrest the killers.

Pirates loot trawlers, kidnap 50 fishermen in Bagerhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Pirates looted around 50 trawlers and abducted at least one fisherman from each trawler in Fairway area under Narkelbaria char of East Sundarbans in Sharankhola upazila of the district on Saturday night. According to the trawler owners, a gang of 25-30 pirates led by infamous Al-Amin, brother of ringleader of Motalib Bahini swooped on the fishing

trawlers and looted fishing nets, fuel and about 100 maunds of hilsa from the fishermen. At least 20 fishermen were injured during the attack. The looted goods were worth Tk 30 lakh, said some fishermen. The pirates also abducted at least 50 fishermen along with several trawlers. The pirates told the released fishermen that they will demand Tk 20,000 ransom from the family of each

fisherman. All the kidnapped fishermen hailed from different villages of Khulna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Bhola, Barisal and Barguna districts. Saidur Rahman, commander of Coast Guard west zone said they have heard about the incident and trying to have the details of the matter. Coast Guard members are conducting drive in the coastal areas to nab the pirates and rescue the abducted fishermen, he said.



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