

Talks today to start bus service between Dahagram, mainland

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Officials of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Indian Security Force (BSF) will hold a meeting at Tin Bigha Corridor today to discuss introduction of passenger bus service between Dahagram-Angorpota enclave and the mainland.

Commanding Officer (CO) of 31 BGB Battalion Lieutenant Colonel Aslam Hossain yesterday told this correspondent that some enclave issues including introduction of bus service would come up for discussion at today's sector commander level meeting.

"We have already exchanged views with BSF officials on the issue. I hope the people of Dahagram-Angorpota enclave will soon get bus service facility to travel to and from the mainland through Tin Bigha Corridor," the BGB official said.

The enclave people go to the mainland, 14 kilometres off the enclave, in auto-rickshaw or rickshaw-van.

They need bus service for safe journey. "We want regular bus service between the enclave and the mainland to reduce transport cost as we have to pay Tk 30 to 40 each for only 14-

kmkilometre journey," said a resident.

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) launched its two buses for enclave people in March this year. But the

service came to halt after seven days as Indian Border Security Force (BSF) imposed restriction on running the buses through Tin Bigha Corridor, showing national security reasons.



PHOTO: STAR

A three-wheeler carries passengers from Dahagram-Angorpota enclave to the mainland through Tin Bigha corridor. Bus service between the enclave and the mainland is likely to be introduced very soon.

Mahbub Hossain, 45, a resident of Bongrebari village in the enclave, said "We have no other alternative but to depend on auto-rickshaw and rickshaw van to communicate with Patgram upazila headquarters. If bus service is introduced, we can go to the mainland at a minimum transport cost", he added.

Reza Islam, 50, headmaster of Dahagram Primary School, said they have been demanding regular bus service between the enclave and Patgram upazila headquarters for long. Bus service will ensure safe journey of the enclave people and help them join their workplaces in the mainland in time, the headmaster added.

Patgram Upazila Parishad Chairman Ruhul Amin Babul said the restriction on running bus through Tin Bigha Corridor will go after talks between BGB and BSF. He hopes that the enclave people will get bus service facility in a couple of days.



PHOTO: STAR

Two geckos were freed while, inset, four poachers were fined by a mobile court in Khagrachhari district town yesterday.



Gecko poachers fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

A mobile court fined four poachers in the town yesterday for smuggling gecko, locally known as *takkhak*.

The convicts were identified as Fazar Ali, 26, son of Alal Khan, Md Hatam, 27, son of Sirazul Islam, Md Mozammel, 38, son of Siraj Uddin and Mojammel Mia, 30, son of Md Anwar of Rashik Nagar area and Dighinala upazila of the district.

Officer In-charge of Khagrachhari Sadar police station Abul Kalam said, acting on a tip-off, police arrested the poachers with

two geckos from Shanti bus counter area of the district town around 08:30pm of Saturday while going to Chittagong for selling those.

Yesterday morning the arrestees were produced before a mobile court led by executive magistrate Zakir Hossain. He fined each of them Tk 1000 after undertakings and freed the geckos in an orchard near Khagrachhari deputy commissioner's office, the OC added.

Poacher Fazar Ali told this correspondent that they caught the geckos from different areas of Rashik

Nagar on Saturday morning with an aim to sell those in Chittagong.

Gecko poaching has become a common source of income in the area for different classes of people including day labourers, rickshaw-pullers, shopkeepers and others.

A poacher can earn Tk 2-3 lakh by selling a 300gm gecko, locals said.

Contacted, assistant superintendent of police (Khagrachhari Sadar Circle) Al Asad Mohammad Mahfuzul Islam said, police have launched a drive to stop the illegal act in the district.

Tornado destroys 20 houses, 100 trees

Ten injured in Pabna village

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Tornado destroyed at least 20 dwelling houses and over 100 trees in Jotkolshi village in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Victims said the tornado hit the village for just 2-3 minutes around 2:00am razing the houses and trees to ground.

The storm made Abdul Kuddus, Siddikur Rahman, Abul Hossain, Siddik Pramanik, Intazul Islam, Md Hafizul Islam, Sanwar Hossain and others of the

village homeless.

Talking to this correspondent, Abdul Kuddus said, although the storm lasted just two to three minutes, it destroyed our houses, trees and crops and everything.

"We are now homeless and we do not know whether we will get any help from the government," he added.

"Villagers were asleep when the storm hit the village leaving a trail of destruction," said Sultan Hossain, of Jotkolshi village. He said he was

injured while trying to hurriedly leave his house. Like him at least 10 others were injured during the storm, he added.

Most of the tornado-hit villagers are now living under the open sky. They need immediate help from relevant quarters for rehabilitation.

Pabna Sadar upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Salma Khatun said although she came to know about the storm but she is yet to get any report from the local union parishad chairman.



PHOTO: STAR

A man tries to retrieve his household items after a tornado razed the house to ground at Jot-Kolshi village in Pabna early yesterday.

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

স্বপ্নিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে,

১। বিদেশ হইতে সিডিউলভুক্ত অথবা সিডিউল বহির্ভূত MBBS/BDS অথবা সমমানের ডিগ্রিপ্রাপ্তগণ কাউন্সিলে রেজিস্ট্রেশনের জন্য কাউন্সিলের নির্ধারিত নিয়মে আবেদন করিলে তাহাদের আবেদন গ্রহণ করা হইবে। প্রতি বৎসর এপ্রিলের শেষ সপ্তাহে এবং নভেম্বরের শেষ সপ্তাহে কাউন্সিলের নির্ধারিত পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করিয়া উত্তীর্ণ হইলে ইন্টারশিপ সম্পন্ন করার জন্য তাহারা প্রাথমিকভাবে নিবন্ধিত হইবেন।

২। বাংলাদেশী কোন ছাত্র-ছাত্রী বিদেশে চিকিৎসা/দন্ত চিকিৎসা বিষয়ে স্নাতক ডিগ্রি অর্জনের জন্য অধ্যয়ন করিতে চাহিলে বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল হইতে তাহাকে আবশ্যিকভাবে Eligibility Certificate গ্রহণ করিতে হইবে এবং ডিগ্রি অর্জনের পর রেজিস্ট্রেশনের জন্য কাউন্সিলের আবেদন করার সময় উক্ত Eligibility Certificate জমা দিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় রেজিস্ট্রেশনের জন্য তাহাদের আবেদন গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। শিকাবর্ষ ২০১১-২০১২ইং হইতে ইহা কার্যকর হইবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, বাংলাদেশের মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কলেজসমূহে ভর্তির জন্য প্রতি বৎসর স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর হইতে ভর্তির যে নীতিমালা নির্ধারণ করা হয়, অত্র কাউন্সিল হইতে Eligibility Certificate গ্রহণের জন্য উক্ত নীতিমালা প্রযোজ্য হইবে।

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All for a memory card

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A young man, beaten unconscious over a trivial matter, regained his sense after 36 hours at Patgram upazila health complex in Lalmonirhat district yesterday morning.

The victim, Firoz Miah, 27, son of Azizul Islam of Khanpara village in Patgram upazila, said three people beat him mercilessly following a brawl over a mobile memory card on Friday night.

"I begged to them to spare my life, but they continued torturing me, saying that they would kill me," Firoz told family members and police.

Thinking him dead, the culprits threw Firoz Miah, with his hands and feet tied, into a paddy field at Khanpara village, police said.

Finding him unconscious at around 10:30pm on Friday night, locals admitted him to Patgram upazila health complex. "After regaining consciousness, Firoz told police that he purchased a second hand 3GB mobile memory card for Tk 200 from a neighbour three days ago. Another local wanted the memory card for a few minutes but Firoz declined. The trivial matter led to the tragic incident after a few hours," Patgram police station OC Murshidul Karim said.

Temple vandalised as rival groups clash for control: 4 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Clashes over control of a temple committee at Borua village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila on Saturday night and Sunday morning left four people injured and the temple vandalised.

The clashes occurred as a sequel to feud between Khitin Chandro Roy, chief of the committee of Sree Sree Visnu temple at Borua village, and his opponent Surjo Chandro Roy, Lalmonirhat Sadar police station officer in charge Jamir Uddin quoted locals as saying.

A group of 20/25 villagers led by Surjo Chandro Roy attacked Khitin Chandro Roy and his supporters when they were having a discussion in the temple at around 9:00pm on Saturday, locals said. Four people were injured

as the two groups engaged in a clash. Two doors and veranda of the temple were vandalised during the incident. The two groups again locked in a clash in the temple at around 9.30am yesterday.

Khitin Chandro Roy said, "I am president of the temple committee and have been running the temple for the last five years but Surjo Chandro Roy and his supporters are trying to take its control forcibly. They attacked us when we were at a discussion in the temple."

Surjo Chandro Roy, on the other hand, said, "Khitin Chandro Roy misappropriated funds of the temple. His committee did not do any development work in last five years. As I and other villagers protested it, Khitin and his supporters attacked us in the temple."

Four abducted in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari,

Four men were abducted allegedly by a group of criminals from two remote villages of Lakshmichhari upazila in Khagrachhari district yesterday.

The victims were identified as Kanak Baran Chakma, 30, Arun Bikash Chakma of Shuknachhari village and Kali Mohan Chakma, 55, Bindu Kumar Chakma, 40, of Barmachhari village. About 15-20 men first

abducted Kanak and Arun from Shuknachhari village, and then raided Barmachhari village to pick up the rest two, police said quoting villagers.

On information, joint forces of the police and army raided the areas to find out the abductees, said Kamrul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Laksmichhari police station.

According to the locals, the four might have been abducted over local political feud or for ransom, the OC added.



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