

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FAIRS AT SCHOOLS



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Winners of different events at the 'English language fair' jointly organised by The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi at KD Government High School in Naogaon town pose with their teachers and delegates at the function yesterday.

Kids learn amid fun in Naogaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

Students of Naogaon Government K D High School had a day full of the fun learning English as they took part in an English Language Fair yesterday.

Under English in Schools (EIS) programme, The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi jointly organised the fair in coordination with the education ministry to encourage development of English language proficiency among secondary school students. Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner of the fair.

About 130 students, their teachers and family members took part in the fair titled "Safolyo Ashbei" (success is a must) at the school's auditorium. Shaded Mahmood,

Naogaon area manager of Robi, inaugurated the programme as chief guest at around 1:15pm.

Following screening of Lion King, a globally renowned movie, the students participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test,



one word question and quick questions---all based on the movie. Selected students also took part in extempore speech on different topics and role-play.

English teachers Tariq Hasan, Abdul Jabbar and

Rezaun Nobil of Government K D High School were the judges. The area manager of Robi distributed prizes among the winners of the activities at end of the programme.

The three year EIS programme, initiated two years ago to promote the learning of English in secondary schools, covers seven lakh students in a thousand schools, including 317 government and 683 non-government ones, across the country.

Three complimentary copies of The Daily Star, with a special page of English lessons prepared by the Centre for Languages of Brac University and coordinated by the education ministry, are given to each of thousand schools five days a week under the EIS initiative.

Follow-up

4 bombs go off as BNP enforces hartal in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole (Jessore)

Four bombs went off at a market in Sarsha upazila yesterday during the day-long hartal enforced in the district by local BNP, protesting the killing of Jhikorgachha upazila unit president in Gazipur.

No damage or casualty was reported in the blasts at Navaron Bazar around 1:30pm, Sarsha upazila BNP president Khairuzzaman Madhu said. Police could not say who exploded the bombs.

However, a BNP man was injured when the activists allegedly of ruling Awami League swooped on the protesters with sticks at about 12:30pm at Syamlagachhi in the upazila.

Laltu Hossain was admitted to Navaron Hospital with serious head injury.

"Some activists of Awami League attacked our supporters when they were holding a peaceful proces-

sion in the area," said Madhu.

Witnesses said, the pickets also vandalised a truck in Benapole.

Jessore BNP called the dawn-to-dusk hartal protesting the killing of Nazmul Islam, 42, finance secretary of district BNP and president of Jhikorgachha upazila BNP. He was found dead near Salna Bridge in Gazipur on Thursday night, a day after he was abducted by unknown criminals.

No long distance buses entered or left the district since 6:00am. Most vehicles - except for a few motorbikes and rickshaws -- were off the streets during the hartal.

All the shops, business establishments and educational institutions remained closed on the day.

Nazmul was laid to rest at his family graveyard in Jhikorgachha Friday evening where BNP leaders including its central committee member Torikul Islam were present.

10 hurt as AL, BNP men lock in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 10 people including three policemen were injured in a clash between the activists of AL and BNP at Samirmunshir Hat under Senbagh upazila on Thursday night.

The injured are Si Abul Kashem, his assistant Sumon Barua and constable Salauddin, BNP activists Md Selim, Md Solaiman, Nizam Uddin, Md Ali and AL activists Sahabuddin, Md Omar Faruk and Babar Ali.

Salauddin and Babar Ali were admitted to Senbagh upazila health complex.

Police arrested BNP activists Mahmudur Rahman Raju, Abdul Azim Mintu and Ibrahim, during the incident.

Sajedur Rahman, officer in-charge of Senbagh police station, said both BNP and AL activists decided to hold Victory Day meetings on western side of the Samirmunshir Hat on Friday.

On Thursday, at around 11:00pm, both the groups gathered on the spot to set up their stages. At this, the AL activists all of a sudden started vandalising the motorbikes of BNP men near the site.

On hearing the news,

Outlaw hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A 'regional leader' of a faction of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) was hacked to death at Hadal Beel in Faridpur upazila early yesterday.

The deceased, Motaleb Hossain alias Choita, 35, was one of the most wanted criminals on police list. He was accused in several cases, said police.

Md Abdul Hamid, officer in-charge of Faridpur police station, said on information, they recovered Motaleb's body from the water body yesterday morning at about 11:30am.

The body was sent to Pabna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Motaleb might have been killed by rivals at midnight and the body was dumped there, the OC added.

POST-POLL VIOLENCE AFTER 6 MONTHS

1 killed, 25 hurt as rival groups clash in Narail

50 houses, 25 shops vandalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

One person was killed and 25 others were injured in a fierce clash between two rival groups at Mirzapur village in Narail Sadar upazila on Friday evening.

The deceased is Omar Faruq, 40, son of Afzal Sheikh of the village. At least 50 houses and 25 shops at Mirzapur Bazar were ransacked while 50 cattle looted during the clash that continued for two hours from 6:00pm.

Locals said a rivalry between Bisali union parishad (UP) chairman Emarul Gazi, also hails from Mirzapur village, and Anis Sheikh, son of late Sheikh Kobad of the village, surfaced over the election in the union held in June this year. Emarul Gazi won the election, defeating his rival candidate Anis Sheikh.

Friday's clash ensued after a supporter of Gazi beat up a man of Anis and ransacked his shop at Mirzapur Bazar at around 5:00pm.

Hearing the news, Anis' men equipped with lethal weapons attacked the houses of their

rivals, prompting them to retaliate. At least 25 people from both sides were injured in the clash.

Critically injured Omar Faruq, a supporter of Anis Sheikh, succumbed to his injuries on way to Khulna Medical College and Hospital.

On information, police from Narail Sadar Police station reached the spot at around 8:00pm, dispersed the clashing group and took control of the village.

Fifteen of the injured were first admitted to Noapara health complex and then shifted to Khulna Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

They are Lalu Kazi, Niamul Sheikh, Alamgir, Sumon, Sohan Sheikh, Ali, Hosain Sheikh, Anju Sheikh, Mohabbat Sheikh, Samim Sheikh,

Parvez Sheikh, Dulal Sheikh, Amir Sheikh, Nazim Molla and Samirul Gazi.

No case in connection with incident was lodged with the police station concerned as of 5:00pm yesterday.



POLLS RELATED SAVAGERY! These houses along with 50 others at Mirzapur village in Bisali union parishad (UP) under Narail Sadar upazila lie badly damaged in Friday's bloody clash between Emarul Gazi, incumbent chairman of Bisali union parishad (UP) under Narail Sadar upazila, and his rival Anis Sheikh, also a defeated candidate in the same UP polls held last June.



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PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Rupashi canal in Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj district gets dangerously polluted, threatening fish and other aquatic creatures in the water body and also the nearby agricultural lands, as release of factory waste and chemicals into it goes unabated in absence of any action by the authorities concerned. The photo was taken a few days ago.

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