

Teenage boy beaten to death in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A 13-year-old boy was allegedly beaten to death in Halishahar area in the port city Thursday night.

The deceased was identified as Md Bakir, son of rickshaw puller Dulu Mia.

Jahangir Alam, Sub-inspector of Halishahar Police Station, said police discovered Bakir's body in a roadside drain in B-block area of Halishahar around 10.30pm.

The victim's body bears signs of beatings, said Jahangir.

Eight people were detained for interrogation, he said but declined to disclose their names for the sake of investigation.

A case was filed in this connection.



A raging fire engulfs this bus after a group of unidentified people carried out a sudden arson attack on it near Kean Bridge in Station Road area in Sylhet city at around 8:30pm yesterday.

ILIAS ALI 'MISSING'
It's conspiracy to bring another 1/11

Says Quamrul

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam yesterday said nobody will be able to protect the war criminals despite the opposition BNP's "deep plot" against the government.

"BNP organising secretary (Sylhet division) M Ilias Ali's disappearance is part of their conspiracy... the opposition party is involved in the conspiracy to oust the elected government and bring another 1/11 in the country," he said at a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Biswa Kabitakantha Parishad organised the discussion to press for accelerating the ongoing trial of war criminals.

Chaired by Parishad president Jahangir Alam, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Awami League leaders Satish Chandra Roy and Shah Alam Murad, poet Kazi Rosy, organising secretary of Krishak League MA Karim and Jatiya Ganotantrik League president MA Aziz.

Speaking as the chief guest, Quamrul Islam said the war crimes trail is continuing against those who were involved in crimes against humanity during the country's liberation war in 1971 and the trial will be completed within this year.

"The war crimes trial is being held in fair and transparent manner maintaining international standard," he added.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the eleventh death anniversary of Surendra Nath Halder.

Chandra of Chaitanya Nath Halder, court correspondent of The Daily Star.

On the occasion, recitation from the Geeta, Kirtan, discussion and a prayer session will be held at his village home at Nayakandi Bajitpur in Rajoir upazila in Madaripur district, said a press release.

Man shot dead 2 bodies recovered in Ctg

METRO DESK

A man was shot dead and two people, including a woman, were found dead in Chittagong yesterday.

Our Ctg correspondent reports: A gang of armed robbers, during a robbery, shot Abdul Monaf, 48, at Banpukur Bazar of Chunati in Lohagara upazila.

Lohagara police said the gang broke open the doors of the shops at the Bazar at around 1:30am and shot Monaf, leaving him dead when he reached the spot hearing noise.

In another incident, police recovered the body, wearing trouser and T-shirt, of an unidentified youth, aged around 30, from a water reservoir of an under-construction building at Agrabad in the port city yesterday.

Double-Mooring police said a gang of miscreants might kill him four or five days ago and they left him in the reservoir.

Yet another incident, police recovered the body of Phul Banu, 50, wife of Abu Khan, of Barisal, from Achargona in Bhujpur at around 1:00am.

Bhujpur police said she had been missing since April 5 after coming to Chittagong.

Unloading disrupted for 12 hrs at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Unloading activities at jetty-8 of Chittagong Port was suspended for 12 hours from 8:00am yesterday as the authorities stopped a worker, who was using another worker's identity card.

Fellow workers stopped to unload cargo demanding that he be allowed to work, said Syed Farhad Uddin Ahmed, secretary of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA).

The dock workers resumed work at 8:00pm, he said.

Quader detects anomalies at Feni station

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Communications and Railway Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday blasted the authorities at Feni Rail Station for mismanagement and irregularities.

In a sudden visit around 9:30pm, the minister also ordered stand release of an estate department staff since the latter was not present at work. He also found the weighing machine at the goods booking office to be dysfunctional.

Feni Mayor Nizam Uddin Hazari and senior railway officials of Chittagong zone accompanied Quader, who took the additional charge of the railway ministry on Wednesday after Suranjit Sengupta resigned amid criticism over a Tk 70 lakh cash haul scandal.

Quader expressed his frustration stepping into several offices at the station and seeing the

surrounding environment. The phone wire at the assistant station master's room was found disconnected.

He was also not given any answer to who was given lease of the huge railway pond. Within Monday, the minister asked officials to provide list of the railway's property and who were residing at the quarters.

Passengers at the station complained to the minister that there had been no improvement in the intercity trains' schedule. Even in his presence, Chittagong-bound Mohanagar Godhuly reached the station an hour beyond schedule.

Quader told journalists the station officials had received information of his arrival beforehand and tried to showcase the station to be neat and clean. "But they are fresh only in their outlook, while their inside is dark [dirty]. This must be evaded," Quader said.

The Daily Star - রবি ENGLISH FAIR
Students sharpen English language skills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A daylong English Language Fair was held in six schools of Bogra, Netrakona and Satkhira districts yesterday.

The Daily Star and Robi jointly organised the fair to improve the proficiency of secondary school students in English.

Our Bogra correspondent reports: Some 300 aspiring students of Dhunat NU Pilot High School under Dhunat upazila of the district took part in the fair held in the school.

The school's Headmaster Md Moshir Rahman inaugurated the programme.

The fair began with the screening of a movie, The Lion King. Afterwards, quizzes and competitions on vocabulary, moral lessons, extempore speech and role playing and writing picture descriptions were held based on the movie.

Later, prizes were distributed among the winners.

The school's teachers, Md Afsar Ali, Md Kamrul Hasan and Shangkar Kumar Ghose, assistant teachers, Nur Mohammed and Sanker Kumar, and Assistant Headmaster Tofiz Uddin were present at the programme.

Our correspondent from Netrakona

reports: Around 900 students of Durgapur MKCM Government Pilot High School, Durgapur Government Girls' High School and PC Nol Memorial High School under Durgapur upazila of the district took part in the fair.

The girls' school Headmistress Suraiya Gulshan Ara Begum inaugurated the fair at the school auditorium.

The movie was also screened here, based on which the students took part in the quizzes and competitions.

After distributing the prizes among the quiz and competition winners, Suraiya expressed hope that The Daily Star and Robi will continue organising such programmes to encourage students in learning English.

Our correspondent from Satkhira reports: Around 150 students of Shaheed A Ahmed Government Girls' High School and Shaheed Kamel Model High School in Tala upazila of the district took part in the fair.

The girls' school Headmistress Maya Rani Nath inaugurated the fair at the school's auditorium.

The movie was screened here, based



on which the students took part in the quizzes and competitions.

Maya and English language teachers of the schools, Ratan Biswas and Tapos Kumar Halder, distributed the prizes among the winners of the quizzes and competitions.

Praising The Daily Star and Robi for holding the fair, Maya said, "Such programmes will help youngsters enrich their English language skills."

She hoped that The Daily Star and Robi would continue organising such programmes.

Under English in Schools programme, the fair is also being coordinated by the education ministry while Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner.



Bangladesh Sammilito Peshajibi Parishad forms a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday protesting the 'disappearance' of BNP Organising Secretary (Sylhet Division) M Ilias Ali.

PHOTO: STAR

Woman killed while settling clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An elderly woman was killed after receiving head injuries during a clash she tried to stop between villagers over collecting drinking water in Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat yesterday.

The victim was identified as Dilzan Bibi 60, of Swaroshwatipur village in the upazila.

According to locals, the poverty stricken people of the village collects water for their daily needs from a single tube-well installed by local government.

However, yesterday afternoon villagers were arguing over collecting water from the tube-well. Soon it evolved into a clash with bamboo and other wooden sticks, they said.

When Dilzan came forward to settle the clash, she received head injuries and fell unconscious.

She died on the way to the upazila health complex.

Ali Reza, sub-inspector of Akkelpur Police Station, confirmed the incident and said a case was filed in this connection.



Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique leads a cycle procession, organised by Dhaka Foundation marking the Bangla New Year, from Nazirabazar Girls' High School in the capital yesterday.

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