

# 50 injured as villagers clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

At least 50 people, including four policemen and two journalists, were injured in a clash, which broke out between the residents of two neighbouring villages in the sadar upazila following an altercation yesterday.

Eighteen of the injured were sent to Sarail Upazila Health Complex, 12 to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital, and the rest to four private clinics.

Witnesses and police said the altercation started when a patient of Betbaria village of the sadar upazila died after being refused admission to Biswa Road Private General Hospital.

The clash involved hundreds of residents of Kuttapara village of Sarail upazila and Betbaria village. The rioters were armed with sharp and locally-made weapons.

The one-and-a-half-hour long conflict, which took place at Khatihata Biswaroad roundabout, caused a tailback of traffic as long as seven kilometres on both sides of Dhaka-Sylhet highway that divides the two villages.

The rioters allegedly snatched mobile phones and money of the passengers of the inter-district buses, which were caught in the conflict, some of the victims said.

Police fired 87 rubber bullets and 39 rounds of tear gas shells to subdue the clashing villagers, said Md Shah Alam Bakaul, assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of sadar circle of Brahmanbaria, who led a police team to the scene.

He said additional police were deployed at the roundabout. The situation remained calm now, but no arrest was made and no-one was sued yet, he added.



**Finance Minister AMA Muhith speaks at a post-budget press conference in Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. On his right is Planning Minister Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandker and on his left is Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury.**

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# CPA to remove damaged vessel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) is preparing to remove a large scrap vessel from the outer anchorage of Chittagong port as a crack developed in it five days back.

MV Wind 3, a 274-metre long scrap vessel brought for dismantling in the Shitakunda ship breaking yard, developed a crack in one side of its engine room following a collision with a sunken ship, Hang Ro Bong, on June 3 afternoon when it was attempting to anchor at the B (Bravo) anchorage of the port, said staff at Port Radio Control.

Rice-laden Hang Ro Bong capsized in the Bay in a collision with another ship on April 6 last year.

Following allegation of oil spillage from the Wind 3, a team led by the CPA Deputy Conservator Captain Najmul Alam on CPA salvage vessel Kandari-10, visited the spot around 5:30pm yesterday.

Najmul told The Daily Star that they did not found any presence of oil floating on the Bay at the outer anchorage.

He said as the Wind 3 is now staying at risk, they would remove it with CPA salvage vessels to a safer place today afternoon.

The private salvage company, Prantik, which took responsibility to salvage the sunken ship last year, could not do so yet due to rough condition of the sea, he added.

# Enlighten youths on values: Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday urged veteran academicians and intellectuals to enlighten the new generation on their values.

"I would like to request you to advise youths for bringing out a weekly publication, through which they will nurture the values of veteran academicians and intellectuals," he said.

He said that on the horrible night of March 26, 1971, Dhaka University was the first target of Pakistani army, as people connected to the university had raised voice for people and spoken the truth after being driven by values.

Dr Kamal was speaking at a grand reunion titled "Praner Mela" organised by Alokito Nogori (enlightened city), a social organisation, at a restaurant in Dhaka to celebrate three eminent personalities of Bangladesh receiving international awards.

Noted academician Professor Emeritus Dr Anisuzzaman has been awarded "Rabindranath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque", Dr Kamal Hossain "Pandit Iswarchandra Vidyasagar Gold Plaque" and Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman "Indira Gandhi Gold Plaque".

The Asiatic Society in Kolkata has honoured them with the awards for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields. The plaques were handed over on May 7.

Alokito Nogori offered its felicitations to the three personalities by giving them crests. Addressing the celebratory programme, Dr Atiur Rahman said Bangladesh Bank was working to provide facilities to the marginal people, including poor farmers, widows, elderly people and poor students.

These are challenging tasks, he said, and expressed his vow to continue giving his efforts for the improvement of the living standard of the marginal people.

Prof Anisuzzaman was not present on the occasion.

Noted academician Dr Khan Sarwar Murshid chaired the programme, while Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Prof AFM Salauddin Ahmed, Dr Sirajul Islam, Prof Ajoy Roy, Prof Rafiqul Islam, Bangladesh Krishi Bank Chairman Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled, litterateur Hasnat Abdul Hye, and Alokito Nogori Chief Executive Aminur Rahaman Rana, among others, attended it.

All of them highly praised the award winners for their talents and extended greetings to them.

# Worker dies in accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died after an iron pillar fell on him while he was removing a scaffolding of a newly constructed bridge in the capital's Kunipara of Tejgaon area yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Ripon, 27, hailing from Panchpara village of Pirojpur Sadar upazila.

He had been working on the bridge under a project titled "Integrated Development of Hatirjheel Area Including Begun Bari Khal", jointly implemented by Bangladesh Army and LGED.

According to victim's co-workers, without any safety gear Ripon was loosening the scaffolding of the bridge when a supporting pipe suddenly became dislodged and fell on him crushing him.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he was declared dead.

# Child marriage foiled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A child marriage arranged with exorbitant expenses for a Union Parishad (UP) chairman's son was foiled by a mobile court at Khoksa upazila town in Kushtia yesterday.

Khoksa UP Chairman Ayub Ali Biswas's son Tanvir Ahmed Biswas was to get married to Iva Parvin Isma, daughter of Amirul Islam of the town, in a ceremony scheduled yesterday, said police.

Iva, 15, is a class-VIII student of Khoksa Pilot High School.

Khoksa Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sohel Hasan, however, challenged the wedding and asked the families of both the

bride and the bridegroom to provide verification that Iva was of eligible age to get married.

After the families failed to verify the age, a mobile court led by the UNO stopped the marriage.

Ayub spent nearly a crore taka on the wedding ceremony and rented a helicopter from Dhaka to bring his to be daughter-in-law home, said police.

About 10,000 people, including government officials, politicians and businessmen, were invited to the wedding, police added.

The families, later, submitted an application to the UNO seeking permission to



Posters demanding the arrest of the murderers of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi and a stop to assaults on journalists laid out by Sacheton Blogger and Sacheton Nagorik in front of the National Museum in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

# Four Hizb-ut-Tahrir men arrested in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four members of banned Islamist outfit Hizb-ut-Tahrir Bangladesh, and recovered a number of jihadi books, leaflets, and CD's from their possession in several drives in the capital on Thursday night and early yesterday.

The arrestees were Md Imtiaz Hasan, 52, living at Jigatola of Hajaribag, Ariful Kabir, 32, of Nilkhet, Ariful Islam, 23, of Mohammadpur and Kodor Jamil Khandoker of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area.

Rayhan Uddin Khan, an operation officer at Rab-2, said a team of the Rab conducted a drive around 9:30pm on Thursday after receiving information about a secret meeting of the Islamist outfit members at a tea stall near Samarita Hospital in the city's Panthapath area.

The Rab arrested the outfit members from the spot, while some of the members managed to leave behind the scene sensing presence of the Rab team.

Later, the Rab conducted several drives at houses of the arrestees in the city's differ-

ent areas, and recovered some 25 copies of jihadi books, 24 copies of magazines containing articles on militancy, huge number of leaflets and CD's from the houses.

The Rab official said that during a primary investigation Imtiaz, one of the arrestees, claimed himself a citizen of United States. Imtiaz went to USA for higher studies in 1982. After returning back to Bangladesh in 2004, he took a job in a bank, and also got involved with the outfit.

Meanwhile, Ariful Karim was also arrested earlier for his alleged link with the group, but he got involved again in the activities of the banned outfit after getting bail. Ariful Islam graduated from Chittagong University and Kodor from Jagannath University.

"We are verifying the information; they [the arrestees] provided during the interrogation," the Rab official Rayhan said adding, "A case under Anti Terrorism Act was filed with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station in this connection."

The arrestees will be placed before court today (Saturday).

# 7 get double life terms for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A Natore court on Thursday afternoon sentenced seven persons to double life term imprisonment in a double murder case of 1993.

The convicts are Shahidul Islam alias Mukta, Abdul Karim, Moksed, Moxhles, Bakul, Mozaffar, and Khoka of Chorlakkhikol village under the district.

Natore Additional District and Sessions Judge Md Zahidul Islam pronounced the verdict.

Nine others were acquitted, as charges against them were not proved.

On October 9, 1993, in a dispute over collecting water, two brothers, Helal and Halim were seriously injured.

They were taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where they died.

Victims' father Abdul Hamid Molla on October 13 filed a case with Natore Police Station against 16 persons.

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