

NEWS IN *brief*

**Bombs recovered from Jubo Dal leader's house**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered 28 abandoned petrol bombs from a Jubo Dal leader's house at Mir Hajir Bagh in Jatrabari of the capital yesterday.

Jatrabari Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) AKM Abul Kashem said the bombs were recovered from the house of Saidur Rahman, a local leader of the organisation.

None was arrested in this connection. The OC said the bombs have been defused.

**Edible oil factory fined**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court fined an edible oil factory Tk 1.5 lakh yesterday in Chittagong city.

The court led by Chittagong City Corporation Magistrate Joyal Abedin made the drive at the factory--JS Marketing-- in BSCIC industrial area and found that oil was being packed in an unhygienic method.

The factory was also using fake trademark of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute and there was no price tag on its products.

**OC closed for raping housewife**

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Terokhada Police Station Md Mamun-ur-Rashid was closed to Khulna district police line on Sunday for allegedly raping a housewife.

Police sources said Police Super of Khulna Tanvir Haider Chowdhury and Additional Police Super Md Imamur Rashid took the action against the OC as they found him guilty in preliminary investigation.

A relative of the housewife said the housewife went to the OC's residence and requested him not to mention her husband's name in the charge sheet of a case over clash between two groups.

At one stage, Mamun raped her.

**Seven sent to jail for giving proxy in court**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced seven people, including a woman, to one year's simple imprisonment on charges of giving proxy for the actual accused in an attempted murder case filed in December 2010.

The court also fined them Tk 1,000 in default of which they will have to suffer three months more in jail.

The convicts are Robin Miah, Mainul Islam, Mohammad Mostafa, Wahid Miah, Raja Miah, Saiful Islam and Shirin Sultana.

Second Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Zafar Md Kamruzzaman handed down the verdict after complainant of the case informed the court that they were not the real accused in the case.

The actual accused are Mohammad Babu, Mohammad Jasim, Monwar, Anwar, Rabiul, Wasim and Asma Akhter.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

People competing with each other to get on a bus at Farmgate of the capital yesterday, because there was a dearth of public transports in the city due to a rally called by the BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance.

**PM directs to check 'Highest number of journo persecution in May this year'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the communications ministry officials to check overloading of vehicles, as the malpractice has been damaging roads and bridges across the country.

Hasina issued the directive while speaking on Motor Vehicles Excess Load Control Centre Management Policy-2012 at the weekly cabinet meeting in Bangladesh Secretariat.

"The communications ministry placed the policy, which was approved after discussion," Cabinet Secretary Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan told reporters after the meeting.

He said movement of overloaded vehicles was risky and it damaged roads, ultimately raising the cost of road maintenance.

In the absence of a specific policy, he said, the existing government directives on controlling the loads of vehicles could not be implemented.

To minimise the risk and maintenance costs and ensure the full implementation of existing government directives on the issue, the cabinet approved the policy, he added.

The cabinet also discussed that there are some weight measuring bridges installed at different places of the country, but those are not being used effectively. Many of the machines are out of action because there is no policy in this regard, he said.

The approved policy spells out how a weighbridge will be installed and how it should operate.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A rights watchdog reported that in the last month 15 journalists were injured and 12 others harassed while discharging their duty.

A report of Bangladesh Manabdhikar Bastabayan Sangstha showed that out of the five months of the current year, May witnessed the highest number of incidents of journalist persecution, said a press release.

Misceants, hijackers, and terrorists killed 49 people during the month and mob beating took six lives.

According to the report, the number of such crimes increased due to the failure of implementation of prevailing laws and people's lack of confidence in judiciary.

Three people were killed in 'gunfights' with Rab and one committed suicide in police custody, said the report.

Social violence claimed 73 lives while political atrocity killed three and injured 783 people. Road accident took 168 lives during the month.

The organisation prepared the report based on articles published in different newspapers and various research papers.



(From left) Mahfuzar Rahman, acting secretary of labour and employment ministry, Andre Bogui, country office director of International Labour Organisation (ILO), and Nayomi Kannangara, director of child protection of Save the Children, Bangladesh, at a press conference jointly organised by the ministry, ILO, Unicef, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, Manusher Jonno Foundation and Save the Children in the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday marking "World Day against Child Labour", to be observed today.

PHOTO: STAR

**Govt to ban 36 types of child labour**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to impose a ban on engaging children in 36 types of jobs, which were recently detected as hazardous for children.

"We have already detected the risky jobs for children and sent a proposal to the cabinet to impose a ban on employing children in such jobs," said Mahfuzar Rahman, acting secretary of labour and employment ministry, at a press conference in the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The risky jobs include the work of crashing bricks or stones and handling sharp tools and electricity, he added.

Labour and employment ministry, International Labour Organisation, Unicef, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, Manusher Jonno Foundation, and Save the Children, Bangladesh jointly organised the conference on the eve of "World Day against Child Labour" today.

The day is being observed this year with the theme "Human rights and social justice - lets end child labour."

Mahfuzar said the government currently has no updated statistics of the children engaged in workforce.

The last National Child Labour Survey, conducted in 2002-2003, showed that the country had 32 lakh labourers aged between 5-17 years and, of them, 13 lakh were engaged in hazardous works, he said.

Another round of National Child Labour Survey will be conducted soon, he added.

He also said work is underway for establishing a permanent Child Labour Unit in the ministry and preparing the final draft of the National Plan of Action with an aim to eradicate child labour by 2016.

**Train ticket scalping under scrutiny**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two people, posing as Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) personnel, bought 115 train tickets on May 31, only to sell them on the black market, railway officials said.

The two are Rezaul Haq and Arif Hossain, said Chittagong Railway Station Manager AA Shamsul Alam.

Bangladesh Railway (east) formed a three-member committee yesterday to investigate the incident and submit a report in three days.

Primary investigation by the railway found two people, using air force's name, booked 55 air-conditioned compartment tickets of Turna Nishitha for June 7 and 60 Shovon chair tickets of Mahanagar Godhuli for June 8, ostensibly for 115 BAF members' trip to Dhaka.

To buy the tickets, the duo used the name and faked the signature of Wing Commander Monirul Islam in a letter dated May 31.

On suspicion, some railway officials led by Deputy Operating Superintendent of Bangladesh Railway (east), AMM Shahnewaz, went to the station to verify the booking on the night of June 7 and also the next morning. But he found general commuters, not BAF officials in those seats.

A number of the general commuters said they had bought those tickets from the black market at a high rate.

Belal Uddin, chief operating superintendent of the railway, said BAF was unaware of any booking.

Contacted by The Daily Star, Additional Director of Inter Service Public Relations Nurul Islam said, "We don't know anything about the incident."

**Lt Col (retd) Syed Kalimuallah passes away**

METRO DESK



Lt Col (retd) Syed Kalimuallah passed away due to old age complications in the capital yesterday evening. He was 85.

He left behind his wife, son, daughter, grandchildren, and a host of relatives to mourn his death, said a press release.

Born in 1927 in Kolkata, he initially joined the Royal Indian Air Force. He was then commissioned into British Indian Army.

Kalimuallah was the first managing director of Sena Kalyan Shangsta.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Zohr prayers and he will be buried at Banani graveyard.

**Dhaka, Pretoria agree to boost relations**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and Pretoria yesterday agreed to enhance bilateral trade and discussed about signing agreements in the sectors of agriculture, avoidance of double taxation, and cooperation in education, arts, culture, and sport.

The two sides agreed to exchange delegations of government officials, business community, experts and scientists over the next couple of months.

The agreement was reached during a senior official level meeting here. Additional Foreign Secretary Mustafa Kamal led the Bangladesh side while Ambassador Anil Sooklal, deputy director general of Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, led his delegation.

The meeting decided to hold the next Senior Official's Meeting in Pretoria in 2013, said a press release. They discussed about abolition of visa for official passports.

On the first day of their four-day tour, the delegation visited a state-of-the-art pharmaceutical plant near Dhaka. Besides, during their stay in Dhaka, the delegation would pay call on the foreign minister and meet senior officials of the ministries of commerce, land, agriculture as well as the leadership of BOL, BKMEA and FBCCI.

Later, the South African delegation called on Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes at his office and briefed him about the proceedings of the meeting.

Quayes shared his view and advised them to focus attention on joint cooperation in the fields of industries and trade, human resources development, and higher education.

The foreign secretary further said that Bangladesh is in the process of opening a number of missions in the region to increase her diplomatic presence in Africa.

**Muggers stab two in capital Snatch Tk 50,000**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers snatched around Tk 50,000 and two mobile phone sets after stabbing two youths at capital's Golapbagh and Joydevpur of Gazipur district early yesterday.

The injured are Mohammad Sujan, 20, an employee at a fish wholesale market in Jatrabari, and Monir Hossain, 22, an employee of a shoe factory at Bangshal of the capital.

Both have been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

In front of Golapbagh community centre two muggers intercepted Sujan's rickshaw and took away TK 50,000 and a mobile phone set after stabbing him around 2:00 am, said Sujan.

Four muggers stabbed Monir on his chest and back and snatched his mobile phone set and Tk 300 while he was waiting for a vehicle at Joydevpur intersection around 1:00am, Monir said.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Workshop**  
The Bureau of Health Education and two other organisations will arrange a national workshop; Venue: Institute of Public Health, Mohakhali; Time: 10:00am.

**Procession**  
Population Services and Training Centre will bring out a procession; Venue: Shishu Academy-Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

**Rally**  
National Coordination Committee for Workers' Education will organise a rally; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar; Time: 9:45am.

**View exchange meet**  
Progga and two other organisations will hold a view exchange meeting; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 10:00am.

**Roundtable**  
Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh will organise a roundtable;

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Heat wave may continue**

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rashahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Mild to moderate heat wave is sweeping over Khulna division and the regions of Rajshahi and Pabna and it may continue, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The highest maximum temperature is likely to be 38-39 degree Celsius and lowest minimum temperature may be 25-26 degree Celsius.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.

Country's highest temperature 38.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 23.8 degrees at Sylhet.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	35.0	28.6
Chittagong	32.4	27.2
Rajshahi	38.8	27.8
Rangpur	32.0	24.0
Khulna	38.0	29.4
Barisal	35.2	28.2