

Stabbed trader dies in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A trader, who was stabbed by some miscreants in Saraipara area of Chittagong city on June 30, died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday noon.
The deceased Arefin Roni, 23, son of Abdul Jalil, residing in the area under Pahartali Police Station, was a trader of doors of scrapships.
Jalil said a gang of criminals stabbed Roni and snatched away Tk 85,000 while he was going from his house to pay the money to one of his debts.
"We suspect some local extortionists stabbed Roni as they had been demanding money from me and my son," Jalil told The Daily Star.
The victim's father lodged a case with the police station in this regard yesterday.
Sub-Inspector Ratneshwar Majumdar said they are investigating the matter.



Vehicular movement narrows down to only one lane on this bridge on Patenga No 9 Pool area in Chittagong city as its repair works has been ongoing for the past seven months. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Math Olympiad team leaves for Argentina tonight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A five-member Bangladesh National Mathematical Team will leave the country for Argentina tonight to compete in the 53rd International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO).
The team members are Dhananjoy Biswas of Chittagong College, Mirza Md Tanzim Sharif of Notre Dame College, Sourav Das of Dhaka College, Nur Muhammad Shafiqullah of Dhaka College, and Adib Hasan of Mymensingh Zila School.
Bangladesh is taking part in the event for the eighth time, said noted academician Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, also the president of the Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BMO), at a press conference organised by the BMO in the capital's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel yesterday.
He said the international competition has already begun at Mar del Plata in Argentina on July 4. But the formal inauguration would be held on July 9. The competition would conclude on July 16.
Bangladesh Math Olympiad Coach Dr Mahbub Majumder will lead the team while Munir Hasan, general secretary of the Olympiad, will lead as deputy team leader.
The daily Prothom Alo Joint Editor Abdul Quayyum, Dutch-Banagla Bank Deputy Managing Director Saidul Hasan, Prof AFM Khodadad Khan and Prof Kaikobad, also spoke on the occasion.

ROBI-THE DAILY STAR EIS Students test English skills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A daylong English Language Fair was held in five schools of Rangamati and Rangpur districts on Thursday.
The Daily Star and Robi jointly organised the fair to improve the proficiency of secondary school students in English.
Our Rangamati correspondent reports: Some 100 students of Lakera's Public School and Shah Bohumukhi High School in Rangamati town took part in the fair.
The English teacher of Lakera's Public School, Sayeda Farhana, inaugurated the fair as the chief guest at around 12:30pm.
The students then participated in quizzes and competitions on vocabulary, extempore speech, role playing and one word and quick questions.
Shahid Abdul Ali Academy English teacher Debabar Chakma, Shah Bohumukhi High School teacher Utpal Chakma and Lakera's Public School's teachers Imam Hossain, Liton Dev and Tusher Kanti Deb also spoke at the fair.
Our correspondent from Rangpur reports: Over 200 students of Rangpur Government Girl's High School, Rangpur Zila School and Bir Uttam Shaheed Samad High School in Rangpur district took part in the fair.
The girl's school's Headmistress Kohinur Begum inaugurated the fair at around 2:00pm.
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.
The students also entertained the audience by reciting poems, telling jokes and singing songs.
Afterwards, assistant English teacher of the girl's school, Sultana Lailun Naher, distributed the prizes among the winners.
Under English in Schools programme, the fair in also being coordinated by the education ministry while Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner.



5 die in road accidents

METRO DESK
Five people were killed and 13 others injured in road accidents in Chittagong, Sirajganj, Natore, Gaibandha and Jamalpur on Thursday and yesterday.
Our Chittagong correspondent reports, Md Muslem Uddin, 28, a teacher at Pinnacle Chartered College, was killed on the spot when a truck hit his motorcycle at Agrabad Access Road around 5:30pm on Thursday.
In another incident, three people, including two members of Ansar Battalions, were injured as a bus hit an auto-tempo in Khulshi area in the Chittagong city yesterday.
The victims are Ansar members Aksir Mia, Billal Hossain and auto-tempo driver Arif.
Our Sirajganj Correspondent reports, a man was killed and three people were injured as a bus hit a rickshaw van in Mulibari area on western approach road of

Bangabandhu Bridge in Sirajganj yesterday. Rickshaw van peddler, Abdus Samad, 70, died instantly.
Our Natore correspondent reports, one Khayer Uddin, 62, of Gangarampur village in Gurudaspur upazila, was killed when a bus hit him in Bhabaniganj Intersection area in Natore on Thursday.
Our Gaibandha correspondent reports, a baby girl was crushed under a machine-run three-wheeler, Nasiman, in Ulipur area in Gobindaganj upazila yesterday.
The victim is Bithi, 3, a daughter of Belal Hossain of the area.
Jamalpur correspondent adds, a man was killed and seven others were injured in a collision between two human haulers at Maderganj upazila in the district yesterday noon.
Asad Tikader, 40, son of Basir Tikader of village Madangupal of the upazila died on the way to a hospital.

BSF returns Rab man in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Two Bangladeshi men including a Rab official, picked up by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Thursday, were returned early yesterday following a successful flag meeting with Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).
Contacted, Commanding Officer of BGB 14 Battalion Lt Col MA Rahim said the two were handed over to Rab for taking legal actions against them.
Constable Shafiqul Islam of Rab-9 camp at Srimangal and local villager Subrata Tanti on Thursday went to Kunjabon area near Sindurkhan border to collect information on smugglers. At one stage they were picked up by BSF from Indian territory.
On information, Rab and BGB officials asked BSF to return the two but they were denied.
Later, a flag meeting was held near border pillar 1944 on the Indian side, in which BSF alleged that the two had unlawfully entered Indian territory to arrest two persons including an Indian. After the meeting the two were handed over around 1:30am.

5 pry teachers suspended

BSS, Barisal
An assistant education officer and five primary school teachers of Barisal district were suspended for remaining absent from their duties yesterday.
Secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, SM Niaz Uddin, suspended the teachers during a surprise visit at three government primary schools under sadar and Bakerganj upazilas of the district.
The teachers are Taslima Begum, assistant education officer of Barisal sadar upazila, Mohammad Humayun Kabir, headmaster of Mokimabad Najibunnessa Government Primary School under Bakerganj upazila, and Sifat Siddika, assistant senior teacher, Siria Khan, Shipra Rani Mojumder and Umme Salma of Tilak Koladama Government Primary school of sadar upazila.
The secretary disclosed the names at a press conference at Barisal circuit house yesterday.

PM pledges full

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Abdus Sobhan Golap and Mahbulul Haque Shakil (media) were present at Gono Bhaban.
Economic Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister Moshir Rahman, State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukder, CHT Affairs Ministry Secretary Naba Bikram Kishore Tripura and Chakma Raja Devasish Roy were present at Rangamati Ethnic Minority Institute auditorium during the video conferencing. Headman Kaberi Roy also interacted with the prime minister.
Hasina also disclosed the government's decision to increase the allowances of the 'Headman' to Tk 1,000 from the existing Tk 300, while that of 'Karbari' to Tk 500 from Tk 200 and the circle chiefs to Tk 10,000 from Tk 5,000.
Turning to a proposal placed by Raja Devasish Roy, the prime minister observed that steps could be taken so that the 'Headmen' could collect tax and get a percentage.
She listed the steps taken by her government that includes removing the army camps, rehabilitating the refugees, creating employment opportunities and imparting training to those laid down their arms apart from providing financial assistance to their families.
The prime minister also mentioned various steps taken for the welfare of the hilly people, including facilitating the

Pakistan to take up

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against President Asif Ali Zardari was set to be introduced in a special session of Pakistan parliament yesterday.
The government intends to get the Contempt of Court Bill 2012 passed by the National Assembly and the Senate before the Supreme Court takes up the issue of reviving the corruption cases against Zardari on July 12.
The special session of the National Assembly or lower house of parliament was scheduled to begin yesterday while a session of the Senate or upper house has been convened from Monday.
The Contempt of Court Bill provides blanket immunity to top government functionaries for executive actions.
It can also be used to launch disciplinary proceedings against a judge without such a move coming under the ambit of contempt.
Senior Pakistan People's Party leader Raja Pervez Ashraf became the Prime Minister last month after his predecessor Yousuf Raza Gilani was disqualified by a Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry for refusing to approach Swiss authorities to reopen the graft cases against Zardari.
The Supreme Court has been pushing the PPP-led government to revive the cases against the president since December 2009, when it annulled a graft amnesty issued by former military ruler Pervez Musharraf that benefited Zardari and over 8,000 others.
The government has refused to act, saying the president enjoys immunity within Pakistan and abroad.
Ashraf has adopted the same stance as Gilani, saying the government cannot ask the Swiss authorities to reopen the cases as long as Zardari holds office.
If parliament passes the draft contempt of court law, approved by the cabinet on Wednesday, it will replace the erstwhile Contempt of Court Act 1976 and the contempt of court ordinances of 2003 and 2004.
Under the proposed law, if an accused or a person convicted of contempt files an appeal, the original order will remain suspended till the matter is disposed of.
It further states that any "true averment made in good faith and temperate language for initiation of action" against a judge "shall not amount to contempt of court."
The draft has to be passed in both houses.

Medical officer held while taking bribe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Police yesterday caught a sub-assistant community medical officer of Patiya Upazila Health Complex on charges of taking bribe and possessing government medicines.
The officer is Biplob Chowdhury aged around 60.
On information, a ruling party local lawmaker, Shamsul Haq Chowdhury, made a surprise visit to the health complex at around 2:00pm and witnessed that Biplob was taking money from patients although treatment is provided for free of cost there.
"Biplob used to take Tk 20 to Tk 30 from every patient and he also kept medicines worth around Tk 25,000," Shamsul said quoting the locals, adding that he informed police of the matter.
Patiya Police Station Sub-Inspector (SI) Majharul Islam said they also seized medicines worth Tk 20,000 from the emergency ward of the health complex, he added.
Medical Officer Dulal Prasad Bhattacharya said Biplob did not take money from any patient.
He said some samples of drugs from different companies were kept with the government ones.

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