

Suchitra Sen undergoes wrist surgery

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Bangla screen legend Suchitra Sen underwent an operation on her left wrist joint, which suffered a fracture and dislocation on Thursday night, and her condition is stable, doctors said yesterday. The 82-year-old reclusive actress was admitted to a private clinic in south Kolkata on Thursday night after a fall in her residence, a source close to Sen's family told PTI. "She underwent a surgery and her condition is stable," Dr Subrata Maitra said. The actress, whose pairing with another legend of Bangla cinema Uttarm Kumar wowed generations, was kept under observation in the ICU of the clinic.



Tathya Odhikar Andolon (Campaign for Citizen's Right to Information) and Nagorik Uddyog (The Citizen's Initiative) jointly bring out an anti-corruption procession from Bangladesh National Museum in the capital marking International Right to Know Day yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Implement RTI act fully to curb graft

Rally told

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Effective implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act is essential in curbing corruption as keeping information secret leads to corruption and free flow of information resists breeding of corruption, said speakers at a rally yesterday. Tathya Odhikar Andolon (Campaign for Citizen's Right to Information) organised the rally before National Museum in the capital marking International Right to Know Day. The day was celebrated across the world and by the country's different organisations yesterday to raise awareness about the right to information. Mentioning the recent corruption incidents, including the Hall-Mark scam and share market irregularities, former adviser to a caretaker government ASM Shahjahan said all information related to these scams should be made public. Columnist Syed Abul Maksud said ensuring the right to information is necessary in establishing democracy. The andolon Member Secretary Jakir Hossain said people are being deprived of their deserved rights due to bribery and corruption. "We have to ensure the proper execution of the act if we want to resist bribery and corruption," he said, demanding to make public government development works and agreements signed with donor agencies. Later, a procession was brought out from the museum to Jatiya Press Club to create awareness about the act's implementation. Rural Journalists Foundation also organised a discussion at its office in the capital marking the day.

Restore CG system to avoid 1/11-like situation

Rafiqul Islam Miah warns govt

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The main opposition BNP yesterday urged the government to immediately accept their demand for reinstating the caretaker government system if it wants to avoid 1/11 like situation. BNP Standing Committee member Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah made the remark at a discussion in the capital. Swadesh Jagoran Parishad, a pro-BNP platform, organised the discussion styled "The Politics of Vengeance: Past and Present Perspective" at Jatiya Press Club. The BNP leader said this was the party's reaction following Prime Minister's remark in the US that all the doors to the caretaker system have been closed. Rejecting the opposition's plea to restore the caretaker government system, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday night also said, "People are the source of power...we all need to be aware that no one

can play with the rights of the common people. They do not want to return to the 1/11 situation again". She was addressing a civic reception, organised by Bangladesh Awami League, US Chapter, at Hotel Marriot Marquis in New York as the prime minister is attending the 67th UN General Assembly there. Turning down the PM's remarks, Barrister Rafique said the post-1/11 government was not a caretaker government rather it was a military-backed one. "The people of the country want restoration of the non-party caretaker government," he added. The BNP leader also criticised the full text of the Supreme Court verdict, saying there is no consistency between the short verdict and the full one declaring illegal the constitutional provision for a non-party caretaker government system.

BNP's demand an act of vengeance

Says Amu

UNB, Dhaka

Terming BNP's demand for caretaker government system restoration "illogical and undemocratic", Awami League leader Amir Hossain Amu yesterday said the opposition is making the demand out of vengeance. "They [BNP] were forced to meet our demand for caretaker government but the present context is totally different. Under the prevailing circumstances, there is no logical ground for restoration of the caretaker government system," he said at a discussion in the capital. Marking the 66th birthday of Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote organised the discussion at Shilpakala Academy. "No one could raise questions about the neutrality of elections held so far under the incumbent government. So there is no need for caretaker government to hold national polls in the country," said Amu, also the AL advisory council member. He claimed that people do not support BNP regarding their demand for the caretaker government, as it is "illogical". "We repeatedly asked them [BNP] to sit for discussions but they did not pay heed to our calls because their main aim is to create anarchy in the country," the AL leader said. Industries Minister Dilip Barua, among others, addressed the discussion.

First mobile veterinary clinic launched

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Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) yesterday launched the country's very first mobile veterinary healthcare services. Medical wing of the university, SA Kadery Teaching Veterinary Hospital, will operate the mobile clinic officially named as Ambulatory Veterinary Clinics. The World Bank has financed the clinic, which is a part of University Grant Commission's (UGC) higher education development programme. Prof Dr Md Mohibur Rahman, member of UGC, said farmers of Chittagong will benefit from the clinic as it will provide their livestock with modern healthcare in a very short time. Prof Dr AS Mahfujul Bari, vice-chancellor of CVASU, among others, was present at the programme. The mobile clinic, which will be open 24 hours a day and seven days a week, will operate all over Chittagong city and its adjacent upazilas.

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Judicial probe into Rangamati violence demanded

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Condemning the recent "attack" on indigenous people in Rangamati, speakers at two separate human chains yesterday called for a judicial investigation into the incident and exemplary punishment for the culprits. They also demanded treatment and compensation to the victims of this violence and punishment for all involved in the previous incidents. Seven political parties formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital, while three organisations of indigenous people organised the other on the National Museum premises, according to press releases. Addressing the press club programme, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon said when an initiative was taken to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts peace accord, a communal force induced the attack to foil the attempt. BNP, Jamaat and a section of the government are involved in the attack, he claimed, and alleged that "the army was directly involved in turning a simple scuffle between two or three students into a communal attack". As no-one was tried for torture on Adivasis in the last 20 years, such incident is repeating, Menon said. Convener of Gono Oikya Pankaj Bhattacharya and columnist Syed Abul Maksud addressed Jatiya Press Club programme among others. At least 20 people were injured in a clash between Adivasis and Bangalee settlers in Rangamati town on September 22, ensued from an earlier altercation between two students over sitting in a Rangamati Government College bus.



Children under the banner of Khaddey Bish Protirodh Andolon form a human chain on Dhanmondi Satmasjid Road in Sankar area of the capital yesterday demanding foods free from formalin and harmful chemicals. PHOTO: STAR

DEMAND FOR RIGHTS Jatiya Adivasi Parishad long march starts Oct 2

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Jatiya Adivasi Parishad, a platform for the indigenous people, will launch a two-day long march towards Rajshahi from Nachole in Chapainawabganj on October 2 to press home their four-point demand, including enactment of a law on indigenous peoples' rights. The other demands are formation of a national commission for indigenous affairs, formation of an independent land commission for the indigenous people living in plain lands and inclusion of all indigenous communities left out from the government records. Leaders of the parishad declared the programme at a press conference at Nawabganj Club in the town yesterday. The long march will start from Nachole bus stand in Nachole municipal area at 10:00am and proceed through Amnura of Chapainawabganj and Mundumala of Rajshahi, and halt for a night at Kakonhat of Rajshahi. Later, on October 3, it will march through Rajbarihat and Kashiadanga square and end at the Rajshahi divisional commissioner's office where the parishad will hand over a memorandum to the commissioner. Rabindranath Soren, president of Jatiya Adivasi Parishad's central committee, and its former president Anil Kumar Marandi also spoke.

FISHERIES SECTOR Bangladesh seeks Norwegian help

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Bangladesh has requested Norway to provide financial and technical support in marine fisheries resource survey, biotechnology and fisheries management to develop the country's fisheries sector. Visiting Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdul Latif Biswas made the request when he called on Norwegian Fisheries and Coastal Affairs Minister Lisbeth Berg-Hansen in Oslo on Thursday, according to a message received here yesterday. Lisbeth Berg-Hansen assured Biswas of providing all possible support to Bangladesh to develop its fisheries sector. During the meeting, the two ministers also discussed Hilsa management, fisheries research and marine fisheries of Bangladesh. Later, Minister Abdul Latif Biswas met Villa Kulild, director general Norwegian international aid agency Norad, and discussed bilateral issues of mutual interest. Director General of Fisheries Directorate Syed Arif Azad, joint secretary Shamsul Kibria and research coordinator of World Fish Centre Bangladesh and South Asia Office Binoy Kumar Barman, among others, were present at the meeting.

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