

Indian fake notes worth Rs 99 lakh seized, two held

METRO DESK

Two people were arrested with Indian counterfeit notes worth 99 lakh rupees from Dhaka and Chapainawabganj on Thursday night and yesterday.

In Dhaka, a man was held with Indian fake notes worth 30 lakh rupees from Jatrabari area yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Police said they searched a bag of Md Sohel, 24, and found the notes in a packet of the bag around 1:30pm.

In primary investigation, the arrestee told the law enforcers that he was carrying the bag to Chapainawabganj following instruction by a man of Old Dhaka area, they said.

AKM Abul Kashem, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, said they were interrogating Sohel to find out more information about the matter.

Meanwhile, another person was held with Indian fake notes worth 69 lakh rupees from Gangarampur village of Shibganj upazila in Chapainawabganj on Thursday night, reports our Chapainawabganj correspondent.

Police said they arrested Sakim Ali, 28, when he was carrying a paper box containing the amount of notes to the district's Bholahat upazila from the village by an engine-run three wheeler around 10:00pm.

Quoting Sakim, police said the arrestee was carrying the notes for smuggling those to India through Bholahat border.

A case was filed with Shibganj Police Station in this connection.



Renovation of the section of Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Mirsarai is causing dust clouds to rise, causing suffering to passengers and leading to long tailbacks, inset, which was around 30 kilometres till 4:30pm yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Top ranking Chinese leader arrives today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A top ranking Chinese leader arrives in Dhaka today for a two-day visit for discussions with top government and opposition leaders on ways to further cement bilateral ties and enhance Chinese cooperation in Bangladesh.

Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, is one of the eight-member high-powered CPC delegation arriving at ruling Awami League's invitation.

The rest are Minister of International Department of CPC Central Committee Wang Jiarui; Minister of Education Yuan Guiren; Minister of Culture Cai Wu; Minister of State Administration of Radio, Film and Television Cai Fuchao; Minister of General Administration of Press and Publication Liu Binjie; Vice Minister of Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee Sun Zhijun; and Vice Minister of Commerce Jiang Zengwei.

The delegation will call on President Zillur Rahman and meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia.

During the visit, Dhaka and Beijing will strike an agreement on economic and technical cooperation and a Memorandum of Understanding on strengthening the power sector.

Li Changchun will attend a reception hosted by the embassy today. The delegation will also present a statue of Chinese philosopher Confucius to Confucius Institute in North South University, says a Chinese embassy press release.

PVT SCHOOL IN BARISAL Teachers without salaries for months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Teachers and employees of a prominent private school in Barisal city have not been getting their salaries for the last four months due to complications arising over the institution's management committee.

The victims said they did not get salaries and bonuses ahead of the last Eid, and it was uncertain this time too. They feared whether they could celebrate the forthcoming festivals of Durga Puja and Eid-ul-Azha this year.

Principal of Jagadish Saraswat Girls' High School and College Abu Md Faruk said it was unprecedented that the district education office stopped signing bills of salaries of the teachers and employees after May this year.

The complications arose after Barisal Education Board dissolved the school management committee led by the sadar upazila Awami League convenor Anwar Hossain alias VP Anwar after completion of his one-year term on January 18.

The board also formed an ad-hoc management committee on January 26, led by city Jubo League convenor Nizamuddin Nizam, who belongs to Anwar's rival faction.

On April 4, Anwar lodged a case with the High Court against the formation of the ad-hoc committee, saying he was removed illegally from the school management committee.

The case is now pending with the HC, and it is yet to be decided if there is a "functioning management committee" at the school. Salaries are not disbursed without a functioning committee.

The teachers alleged that the two AL rival factions were trying to lead the committee to misappropriate the fund approved for development of the college section of the institution.

District Education Officer Manowar Hossain said he signed the bills of monthly pay order (MPO) for February-May as per recommendation of the government pleader and stopped signing the bills further after the pleader refused to recommend that.

The pleader, Advocate KBS Ahmed Kabir, said he did not recommend the MPO bills as the HC had accused him of contempt of court for recommending the bills when the case regarding the committee was yet to be disposed of.

He advised the teachers and employees to appeal to court for getting an order to receive MPO bills.

The victims said they are taking preparation to go to court.



Jagadish Saraswat Girls' High School and College

TACKLING EID RUSH 35 out of 70 train carriages ready

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A total of 35 metre-gauge train carriages, out of 70 to be brought into service from October 22 to meet the rush of passengers ahead of Eid-ul Azha, have been refurbished, said Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) sources.

The remaining 35 carriages will be ready for service by October 23, said Md Harun-ar-Rashid, divisional superintendent of the railway's carriage and wagon repairing workshop in Pahartali of Chittagong. Employees are passing a busy time in the workshop's 22 shops.

Road accidents kill seven

METRO DESK

Seven people were killed and 22 others injured in road accidents in four districts on Thursday and yesterday.

Our Sylhet correspondent says, three persons, including two medical college students, were killed and 20 other students injured as a bus skidded off Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Notunbazar in Nabiganj upazila on Thursday midnight.

The dead, Mainuddin Khan of Luxmipur district and Shahidul Islam of Feni, were the students of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College, while Abdul Mazid, 30, of village Sadarghat in the upazila.

Police said a group of 20 MBBS students were travelling to Chittagong by the bus which hit Mazid and skidded off the road, as its driver lost control over the steering, killing him and Mainuddin instantly. Shahidul was declared dead at the

hospital. Agitating locals later vandalised several buses.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reports, two persons were killed and two others injured as a bus hit a pickup from the opposite direction on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Kanthali village in Bhaluka upazila yesterday.

The dead were the pickup driver Ripon Miah, 40, and his passenger Umed Ali, 65.

The injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Injured Sekul, 35, and Hashim Uddin, 52, were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports, a youth was killed as a truck ran him over while he was crossing Dhaka-Chittagong highway in front of Kashem Jute Mills of Kadam Rasul area in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong yesterday early

morning.

The deceased identified as Mohammed Shaon Hawladar, 27, son of Hashem Howladar, was hailing from Niamoti village in Bakerganj upazila of Barisal district.

Shaon was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead, said the hospital outpost police.

Our Magura correspondent reports, a bicyclist schoolboy was killed as a pickup van knocked him down on Magura-Sreepur road near Khamarpara graveyard in Sreepur upazila yesterday.

The deceased Sabbir Hossain, 11, son of Rozdar Hossain of Tupipara village, was a class V student of the government primary school in the village of Sreepur upazila.

Angered by the death, agitating people detained the driver, set the pickup to fire and blocked the road for about one hour.

Ashrayon makes them self-reliant

BSS, Dhaka

Implementation of Ashrayon project, for the families of leprosy-affected people in Gazipur, has changed their lives from begging on the streets of Dhaka.

Visiting the site of "Protyasa Ashrayon Project" in Bandabari of Gazipur on Saturday, the news agency found leprosy patients and their family members, who used to beg, now self-reliant through different income generating activities like cow fattening, poultry farming and cultivating vegetables on land allocated by the government.

Habibur Rahman, who lost his six fingers and a leg due to leprosy, is running a cow-fattening project on a six-katha plot.

"I sold out three cows out of five recently and earned a handsome amount of money. I am planning to reinvest the money to expand my cow fattening project," he said adding many Asrayon dwellers, involved in farming and other trades, have a capital of Tk 4 to 5 lakh.

Protyasha Ashrayon, the first leper house was built on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's instruction in 2000 on 7.2 acres of land in Bandabari of Gazipur. The Ashrayon with a mosque, school, deep tube well, community centre, and pond has a population of 400, of them, 60 are leprosy patients.

The government and non-government organisations provided micro-credit and employment for the inhabitants.



Oblivious of the danger involved, these people risk their lives to ride a power tiller-run contraption on the section of Dhaka-Tangail Highway in Deohata of Mirzapur upazila in Tangail yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



A canine of Rapid Action Battalion's dog squad sniffs for explosives at Ramna Kali Mandir yesterday as part of the security measures taken in the capital marking Durga Puja.

PHOTO: STAR

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