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BNP men block traffic by burning tyres on a road in Alaipur area of Natore town during hartal yesterday. BNP district unit enforced the daylong shutdown protesting arrest of party's central leader and former deputy minister Ruhul Kuddus Dulu at his residence in the town early Sunday.

BNP enforced hartal passes off peacefully in Natore

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Natore

A dawn-to-dusk hartal enforced by district unit of BNP, protesting the arrest of the party's central leader Ruhul Kuddus Talukdar Dulu, passed off almost peacefully in the district yesterday.

Dulu, also a former deputy minister, was arrested by police from his residence in the town early Sunday.

All educational institutions, shops and business establishments remained closed during the shutdown. However, most offices were open but attendance was thin.

All modes of vehicles, except for a handful of rickshaws, remained off the streets.

Pickets exploded two cocktails at Alaipur in the town but none was injured. They also vandalised two

motorbikes there and another at Station Bazar.

At around 11:15am, the 18-party alliance brought out procession, led by general secretary of BNP district unit Aminul Haque, which paraded the town.

Additional police remain deployed at the strategic points of the town.

Dulu was arrested for his alleged involvement in a gunfight and cocktail explosion in front of Alaipur BNP office on Saturday night. The incident left Farhad Ali Dewan Shaheen, activist of Swebchchasebok Dal, and Polash, activist of Jubo League, injured.

Polash is now undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital.

In Sirajganj, a half-day hartal was enforced in the district town by Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday.

reports our correspondent.

The hartal was called to protest the killing of Jamaat leader Wares Ali during the Sunday's roadblock by 18-party alliance.

The programme passed off peacefully and life was almost normal in the town.

Most shops were closed but offices remained open.

People did not come out of houses due to dense fog and cold. Rickshaws were available but bus services in internal routes remained stopped.

In Beluchi, police foiled a procession of Jamaat activists in the upazila headquarters in the morning.

No untoward incident occurred during the shutdown.

Wares Ali, treasurer of the upazila unit of Jamaat, was killed during clash with BCL activists at Enayetpur Bazar on Sunday.

Tangail was freed on this day in 1971

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Tangail

Tangail, around 70 kilometres north of Dhaka, was freed from the occupation of Pakistan army on this day in 1971.

The occupation forces retreated to Dhaka from Tangail as around 2,000 paratroopers of the allied (mitra) forces landed at Poule near Tangail town on December 10. The freedom fighters entered the town on the following day and hoisted the flag of independent Bangladesh.

Tangail district unit of Swadhin Bangla Gono Mukti Parishad was formed in the first of March in 1971. The parishad organised the local youths and arranged a military training programme for them.

Soon after army crackdown on unarmed Bangalees on the night of March 26 in Dhaka, local freedom fighters set up blockades on the road to Tangail at Goran-Satiachara in Mirzapur. On April 3, the Pakistani army entered Tangail, breaking the block-

ades and captured the district headquarters.

Within the next few days, the then Chhatra League leader Abdul Kader Siddique formed Kaderia Bahini, comprising the local freedom fighters and started fighting with the occupation forces at different places in the district. Many guerilla operations, launched by Kaderia Bahini against Pakistan army, were successful.

Another group of freedom fighters led by Khandaker Abdul Baten also fought against Pakistan army in different areas of Tangail.

To mark the day, different socio-cultural and political organisations will take out colourful processions in the town and hold discussion meetings.

Tangail district unit of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad will also bring out a procession in the town and hold a rally. Local people and freedom fighters will place wreaths at the memorial for the martyred freedom fighters at Shaheed Smriti Poura Udyan in the morning.

Villagers protest obscene dance, gambling in the name of jatra

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmirhat

Villagers yesterday protested obscene dance and gambling held in the name of *jatra* (open air drama) at Jawranj in Hatibandha upazila.

At this, a gang of gamblers attacked and injured Khobir Uddin, 56, Salman Munsi, 55, and Mamotaj Ali, 48, of the village.

The protesters said the gang arranged *jatra* at the village without taking any permission from the authorities.

Gambling and obscene dances were going on for the

last four nights. The area became a place of criminals due to the *jatra*, alleged the villagers.

Mobarok Hossain, a local schoolteacher, blamed police for not taking any action against the gang though they are aware about the matter.

Contacted, Tapos Kumar Sarker, officer in-charge at Hatibandha police station, said they were not aware of obscene dance or gambling at the *jatra*.

Stern action would be taken against those responsible for the offence after investigating the matter, said the OC.

SNIPPETS

BSF picks up Bangladeshi

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) picked up a Bangladeshi farmer from Chakpara border area in Shibganj upazila yesterday. The victim was identified as Erfan, son of Bhadur at Upa-Chakpara village in the upazila. Locals said the BSF members from Shahani camp picked up Erfan while he was working in his field along the border at about 8:00am. Contacted, commanding officer of Border Guard Bangladesh Battalion-9 Lt Col Manjurul Alam confirmed the incident.

38 sued for Rangpur arson

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Thirty eight people were sued yesterday on charge of setting fire to Ispahani Camp-3 in Robartsonganj area of the city. Altaf Hossain, officer in-charge at Rangpur Kotwali police station, said one Sohorab Alam, son of late Abdus Sattar, filed the case. On Wednesday night, at least 300 houses of standard Pakistanis were gutted and 20 people were injured in the fire incident. The victims claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk four crore.

Man stabbed to death

UNB, Jessor

A man was stabbed to death by criminals in a rail crossing area of the district town on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Liakat, son of Abdul Majid of Bakchar Kaborosthan (graveyard) area of the town. He was released from jail six months back after serving 12 years in a robbery case. Locals spotted the body with several injury marks in the head at Muroli rail crossing in the morning and informed police.

Suranjit's APS

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SM Rashedur Rahman Reza, an assistant director of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), submitted the charge sheet against Faruque to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on November 26.

In the charge sheet, Reza, also the investigation officer of the case, said Faruque had amassed wealth of Tk 1.43 crore through illegal means and concealed wealth of Tk

50 lakh from the ACC.

The ACC filed the case against Faruque, a key figure in the railwaygate scandal, on August 14 on charge of amassing wealth of Tk 1.47 crore through illegal means.

Faruque surrendered to the High Court (HC) on October 2 seeking anticipatory bail in the case.

After holding a hearing on his petition, the HC granted him ad interim bail for a period of eight weeks.

Biting cold pushes up prices of warm clothes

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmirhat

Sellers of warm clothes are doing brisk business in the town and other areas of the district as biting cold, has continued to afflict people.

The chilly and foggy weather often disrupts daily life. People living in the *char* (landmass emerged from riverbed) areas of the district are the worst affected.

The makeshift warm clothe shops in the town are now crowded with people, particularly those from low and fixed income groups, to buy second-hand sweaters, jackets, cardigans, woollen caps and mufflers for protection from the biting cold.

"Demand for used warm clothes is much higher than the new ones. Low and fixed income-group people including day labourers, rickshaw-pullers and ordinary employees of different government and private organisations come to my shop," said Rajab Ali, owner of a shop at a roadside makeshift market near Mogholhat railway gate of the town.

"I have come to the town to buy some second-hand warm clothes with the money saved from my daily income as I and my family members have been badly



PHOTO: STAR

People from low and fixed income groups, afflicted with biting cold, crowd makeshift shops in Lalmirhat town to buy second-hand warm clothes.

suffering due to severe cold for the last few days," said rickshaw puller Mazibor Rahman, who lives in a makeshift house on the embankment of the Teesta River at Kalmati village of Lalmirhat Sadar upazila.

Prices of warm clothes are much higher compared to the last year's, he added.

Ramoni Kanto Barmon, a farm-labourer residing at Roypara in the town, said he bought two woollen sweaters for his children from a footpath shop near the railway station.

"Quality of the clothes is

PUBALI BANK LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE

26, DILKUSHA C/A, DHAKA-1000.

PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Pubali Bank Limited in its 906th Meeting held on 10 December 2012 at 4.00 P.M. took the decision to purchase a floor space along with 7(seven) car parking spaces in Sylhet city for Bank's own use under the following schedule of property at Ritz Tower, Level-2, J.L. No.91, Dag No.4909, 1, Dargagate, Sylhet, a most prominent place opposite to Holy Shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (R) for shifting of Dargagate Branch, Sylhet and Islamic Banking Window.

Floor space is 6781 sft. and price is Tk. 12,000/- per sft. This is subject to approval of Bangladesh Bank.

By order of the Board

Sd/-
(Md. Sayeed Sikder)
General Manager & Company Secretary

Date: December 10, 2012

Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited

(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation)

Ghorasal, Narsingdi

Tender Notice

1) Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries
2) Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)
3) Procuring entity Name	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi (UFFL)
4) Description of Jobs	To Purchase 130 M. Ton Liquid Chlorine
5) Invitation Ref. & date	UFFL/PUR-2.002/2012-2013/316 dated: 08-12-2012.

Key Information

6) Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
7) Budget and source of Fund	UFFL's own source

Particular Information

8) Tender Last selling date	Date 23-12-2012
9) Tender closing date and time	Date 24-12-2012 Time: 11:00AM
10) Tender opening date and time	Date 25-12-2012 Time: 11:00 AM

11) Name and Address of the Officer's Selling Tender Documents(Principal)	Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (6th floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka
12) Name and Address of the Officer's Selling Tender Documents(Others)	1) Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6 Agrabad C/A, Chittagong 2) General Manager (A&F), UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi

13) Name and Address of the Officer's Receiving Tender Documents	1) Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Administration Bhaban, Local Purchase office. 2) Sr. General Manager (Purchase) BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (12th floor), 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka
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14) Name and Address of the Officer's Opening Tender Documents	In the office of General Manager (Commercial), Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi (In presence of the bidders or their authorized agents who would wish to be present).
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Information for Tender

15) Brief Description of Jobs	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the Tender Documents.
16) Price of Tender Document	To Purchase