

NEWS IN brief

Muktijuddho Projonmo Council
urges govt to stop graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government must take effective measures to stop corruption and indiscipline that lead to the suppression and persecution of citizens in the country, said Shahidul Islam Kabir, chairperson of Muktijuddho Projonmo Council, yesterday.

Extortion, rather than services, can be found in each sector, whether it is employment, house rent or transport policies, he said in a press statement acknowledging a survey report by Transparency

Cadet College Club elects new committee

METRO DESK

Md Ruhul Matin and Md Rezaul Haque were elected president and secretary general respectively of Cadet College Club Limited for the year 2013 at its annual general meeting held on December 15, said a press release.

Other office bearers are -- Tariq Abul Ala, vice president; SM Hasan Mahmud, joint secretary general; Reazul Haque Mahbub Hasan Alfi, treasurer; and members Md Mujibur Rahman, Ekram Kabir, Dr Salimul Hoque Siddique, Md Tariqul Islam, Habibur Rahman, Nafees Aowlad Hossain, Syed Asifur Rahman, Maj (retd) Md Imrul Alam, Dr Sumona Ferdous, Dr Md Manirul Amin Shammi

'Bitarka Bikash' semi-finals held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The semi-finals of the national level debate competition "Bitarka Bikash" was held at Bashundhara City in the capital yesterday.

Kaliganj Karimuddin Public Pilot High School and Chandranath Girls' High School of Sunamganj reached the finals after defeating Mirzapur Secondary School of Khulna and Balaikandi Pilot High School of Rajbari respectively in the semi-finals.

Brac in cooperation with ATN Bangla and Debate for Democracy organised the countrywide debate competition where around 40,000 underprivileged students from 8,000 secondary schools participated.

Rotary Club stresses HIV, drug abuse awareness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awareness must be created among youths to fight HIV infection and drug abuse, said speakers at a seminar, "Choose Life: Fight HIV and Drug Abuse", organised by Rotary Club of Dhaka North West in collaboration with CARE Bangladesh in the capital's WVA Auditorium on December 26.

Dr Ishtiaque A Zaman, district governor, Rotary District 3280, Bangladesh; Dr Hashrat Ara Begum, president, Rotary Club of Dhaka North West; Dr Rupali Shishir Banu from Care Bangladesh; Asma Pervin from Ashar Alo; and Mahjabeen Rafiuddin from Walt Disney Inc USA were present.

DHAKA TODAY

Rally

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will stage a rally demanding increase in number of reserved seat for women in parliament; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar; Time: 3:00pm.

Rally

Ganotantrik Baam Morcha will stage a rally protesting increase in fuel price; Time: 11:00am.

Human chain



Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina addresses her party's national council in the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday.

Youth 'commits suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young man yesterday allegedly committed suicide after being implicated in a theft by a local arbitration in the capital's Kamrangir Char area.

Quoting family members, police said Saiful Islam, 20, an employee of a tailoring shop, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in his room at Purba Rasulpur under Kamrangir Char Police Station.

Locals rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Saiful's maternal uncle Harun-or-Rashid said thieves broke into a local stationery shop on December 2.

On the next day, the shop keeper called a salish (arbitration) bringing an allegation that Saiful was involved in the theft. But the arbitration could not reach a decision, he said.

On December 20, another arbitration reached to verdict that Saiful was guilty and it fined him Tk 10,000, he added.

Quoting Saiful's mother, Harun said Saiful told her that he could no longer bear the disgrace as despite not being involved in the incident the arbitrations declared him a thief and fined him.

In a feeling insult, he also cried for long before his mother on Friday night, he added.

An unnatural death case was filed with the police station.

Trader shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some unidentified miscreants shot a trader in Dholai Khal area of the capital yesterday evening.

The injured Touhid Hossain, 26, owner of Mintoo Motor Parts in the area, lives at Hrishikesh Das Lane under Sutrapur Police Station.

Touhid went to a mosque near his house to offer Maghrib prayers. Coming out of the mosque, he walked a few steps to return home and got fired by the miscreants.

Local people heard the sound of several shots and found the blood-stained Touhid lying on the ground. They brought him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

DMCH sources said there were three bullet wounds in his left hand, left side of the back and left rib.

Touhid's brother Mohammad Javed told reporters at the DMCH that they have no clue about his brother's killing.

Sutrapur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Islam, quoting locals, said the people only heard the sounds of gun shots but did not see anybody.

Pro-BNP, left-leaning teachers win Juta polls

JU CORRESPONDENT

Sammilito Shikkhak Parishad, a panel of teachers belonging to the opposition BNP, left-leaning parties, and a faction of Awami League (AL), swept the Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (Juta) election yesterday, winning 12 posts of the 15-member executive committee.

The new committee will lead Juta for the next one year.

The opposition panel, "Mukti Juddher Pokkher Shakti", made up of pro-AL teachers backed by former vice chancellor Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir, won only three posts--that of the vice president and two members.

Prof Ajit Kumar Mazumder was elected as president, Prof Md Shareef Uddin as general secretary, Prof Khandakar Md Sharif Huda as treasurer, and Prof Md Kamruzzan as joint secretary, all belonging to Sammilito Shikkhak Parishad.

Vice President-elect Prof Farid Ahmed contested from "Mukti Juddher Pokkher Shakti". The two elected members from this panel are Prof Syed Hafizur Rahman and Assistant Prof Hosne Ara Begi.

The other elected members are Associate Prof KM Mahi Uddin, Prof Mahbub Karim, Prof Md Abdullah Khan, Prof Aminul Islam Durjoy, Associate Prof Fazlul Karim Patwary, Prof Manwar Hossain, Associate Prof Mutahar Hossain, and Prof Md Shamsul Alam.

Mobile court shuts fake medicine factory, shop

Sends owner to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

had been running a pharmacy for the last 11 years.

"He started manufacturing fake medicines one year ago on the second floor of his building and used his pharmacy to sell those to traders across the country."

Russel used to manufacture fakes of medicines which were expensive and high in demand. Besides, he used to pack low-priced medicines available in the market in packets of high-priced medicines to make higher profits, he said.

Domp tablets, Rocket-10, Hormoleed Byozine, S Gold, My Gold and Saston are some names of the fake medicines he used to manufacture, he added.

The magistrate said law enforcers were asked to file a case against Russel for running the illegal business.



Members of a mobile court inspect fake medicines produced in a factory at Jinjira on the capital's outskirts, Keraniganj, yesterday. (Inset) Some of the fake medicines the court seized from the factory.



Prof Shibli Rubayat-Ul Islam, dean of the Faculty of Business Studies of Dhaka University, inaugurates the 15th

Re-Union 2012 programme of Management Net at Teacher-Student Centre on the campus on December 28.

Road crashes kill 5

METRO DESK

Five people were killed and 31 others injured in separate road accidents in Chandpur, Rangpur, Chapainawabganj and Dinajpur on Friday and yesterday.

Our Chandpur correspondent reports, two labourers were killed and another was injured when a pickup hit a roadside tree at Purba Hatila in Haziganj upazila on Friday evening.

The deceased were Nasir Uddin, 20, son of Hasan Ali of Hatila village, and Anwar Hossain, 35, son of Yusuf Ali of the same village.

Injured Ismail Hossain, 22, was rushed to Haziganj Upazila Health Complex.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, a goods-laden truck from Bogra ran over Ariful Islam, 24, son of Joynal Abedin of Dharmadash area in Rangpur city, on Rangpur-Dhaka highway in modern intersection area at about 12:30pm yesterday, killing him instantly.

Meanwhile, an unidentified woman died instantly when a bus ran her over on Rangpur-Dhaka highway in Jaygirhat of Mithapukur upazila in Rangpur yesterday morning.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, motorcyclist Nazir Uddin, 30, of Kajla in Nachole, died as a truck hit him on Shibganj-Monakasha road at Dadanchak of Shibganj in Chapainawabganj yesterday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, at least 30 passengers of a BRTC bus were injured as the bus skidded off the road and fell into a pond in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur on yesterday afternoon.

The injured were taken to Chirirbandar Upazila Health Complex and Dinajpur Medical College Hospital.

WEATHER TODAY



Cold wave may continue

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.

Thick fog may occur over the river basins and moderate to thick fog elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning, Met Office said.

Mild cold wave which is sweeping over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and the regions of Satkhira, Kushtia, Rangamati, Chittagong, Comilla, Feni, Barisal, Faridpur, Tangail and Mymensingh may continue.

Night and day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:22pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41am.

Country's highest temperature 25.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 08.0 degrees at Tangail.

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

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	19.5	10.5	89	86
Chittagong	19.4	10.0	74	74
Rajshahi	22.5	9.8	78	78
Rangpur	20.2	9.8	85	85
Khulna	21.4	11.8	90	90
Barisal	21.9	10.0	88	88