

NEWS IN *brief*

Two killed as trains run them over in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed as trains ran them over in the capital's Karwan Bazar area yesterday.
In an incident, Swopon Mian, 35, was killed as a train hit him when he was crossing the rail track near the dry fish market around 10:30am.
In another incident, an unidentified woman was killed on the spot as a train hit her when she was crossing the rail track in front of Bangladesh Film Development Corporation around 11:30am.
Government Railway Police of Kamalapur sent

Narayanganj Titas Gas office besieged for smooth supply

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Narayanganj city dwellers yesterday besieged the regional office of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company, demanding uninterrupted gas supply in the city's residential areas.
Under the banner of "Amra Narayanganjbashi", they also formed a human chain before Narayanganj Press Club and brought out a procession.
They claimed that there has been no gas supply for the last five years but many industries are being provided with it in exchange for bribes.
They declared that they will launch other dem-

Two shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants shot two persons at Sattala slum in the capital's Mohakhali early yesterday.
Suzan alias Vayista Suzan, 36, owner of a scrap metal shop, and Mozammel, 27, driver of a battery-run three-wheeler, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.
Police said one Motaleb along with his two cohorts shot Suzan at 1:20am. Mozammel also received four bullets in the firing as he was in a nearby garage.
Sazzad Hossain, a relative of Suzan, claimed that Suzan, who received two bullets, came under the gun attack as he refused to pay extortion

Cuet Computer Club launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) authorities yesterday launched the first ever "Cuet Computer Club" to enhance students' practical knowledge and efficiency in information technology and to help in their research works.
Cuet Acting Vice-Chancellor Dr Md Saiful Islam inaugurated the club which will be supervised by the Computer Science and Engineering Department.
On the occasion, a workshop on two subjects "Motivating Stakeholders towards Self-Assessment Process" and "Outsourcing" was held in the uni-



Some of the 246 wild birds rescued by a mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion during a raid on a weekly bird market at Tongi, Gazipur yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Mobile court rescues 246 wild birds

Jails 12 illegal bird traders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday rescued 246 wild birds and arrested 12 illegal bird traders, fined them Tk 50,000 each and sentenced them to jail terms ranging from one to six months.
As per Bangladesh Wildlife (Protection and Safety) Act 2012, trapping, selling, buying, consuming or caging wild birds is a punishable offence.
The rescue and arrests were made during a raid in a weekly bird market at Tongi, Gazipur. Every Sunday, illegal bird traders arrive there with different kinds of trapped wild birds, either to be sold for consumption or as pets, says a Rab press release.
The birds include one common hill myna, 26 rose-ringed parakeets, 38 spotted doves, 15 White-breasted Waterhens, 137 Black-headed Munias, four common mynas, six ring-necked doves, 14 Alexandrine Parakeets, four Purple Moorhens and one Cotton Pygmy Goose.
The birds would be released back into the wild, said Bangladesh Forest Department officials.
Rab-1 members, led by Assistant Superintendent of Police Abu Taher Mohammed Abdullah and joined by the forest officials, conducted the drive while Executive Magistrate Anwar Pasha handed down the fines and sentences. The illegal bird traders, hailing from different districts, were staying at Honda road, Tongi.

BEGUM ROKEYA UNIVERSITY

6 asst proctors resign

State 'police atrocity on teachers, students' as reason

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Six assistant proctors of Begum Rokeya University submitted their resignation letters to the acting registrar on Saturday night hours after tripartite clashes on the Rangpur campus left at least 36 people, including six teachers and officials, injured.
Though the letters cited "personal causes" for the resignation, the six told The Daily Star that it was in protest of "police atrocity on teachers and students" during the clashes.
Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Abdul Jalil Miah was, however, yet to accept the resignations till filing of this report in the afternoon.
The six are associate professors Rishin Parimal and Shafiq Ashraf of Bangla; Lecturer Asif Al Matin of English; Assistant Prof Kamalesh Chandra Roy of mathematics; Assistant Prof Tarqul Islam of chemistry; and Assistant Prof Md Azizur Rahman of management studies.
The clashes ensued when several hun-

dred teachers, students and staff, under the "Durniti Birodhi Mancha" banner, went to lay siege to the VC's residence and was attacked by some 50 VC-backed students, said witnesses.
Police, to bring the situation under control, lobbed some 50 teargas shells, fired 10 rubber bullets and charged baton on the warring factions.
The mancha were demanding the VC's resignation for his alleged involvement in corruption in appointing teachers, officials and employees and withdrawal of the April 18 suspension of four teachers and two officials who are the mancha's members.
The university authorities, following an emergency syndicate meeting presided over by the VC on Saturday, declared an indefinite suspension of academic activities and withheld the suspension of the six teachers and officials for seven days.
They also formed a four-member probe committee to investigate Saturday's incident.

STORY IN PROTHOM ALO

Petition filed for prosecuting Hasnat Abdul Hye

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka University teacher yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its directives on the government to apprehend and prosecute author Hasnat Abdul Hye for writing a story titled "TV Camerar Shamne Meyeti" [The girl in front of the TV camera] in a Bangla daily.
The Prothom Alo published the story on April 14 but withdrew it the following day amid widespread public outrage.
Prof M Wahiduzzaman of Institute of Education and Research filed the petition yesterday as a public interest litigation saying the story written by Hasnat Abdul Hye is provocative and insulting to the women of the society.
Prof Wahiduzzaman also prayed to the court to summon Hasnat Abdul Hye before it so that he (Hasnat) can explain why he has written the story.
The High Court bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain will hear the petition today, Wahiduzzaman told The Daily Star.
The Prothom Alo on April 15 apologised to readers for hurting their sentiments with the short story, "TV Camerar Shamne Meyeti", published in the daily's Pahela Baishakh supplement.

PM to give prizes to 12 talents tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina tomorrow will formally hand over prizes to 12 students who became the best talents in a nationwide competition among the students of secondary and higher secondary levels.
She will give Tk 1 lakh and a certificate to each of the winners at a ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre at 10:00am, said a government hand-out.
The competition titled "Creative talent hunt competition-2013", organised by education ministry, kicked off on March 13 at upazila level.
Students from class VI to class XII of schools, colleges, madrasas and technical institutions competed in four areas -- language and literature, science, mathematics and computer, and Bangladesh studies.
The winners of the upazilas took part in district and divisional levels. Finally, some 96 students from eight divisions, three drawn from each subject at each level, took part in the grand finale.



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PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Hefajat Jamaat's mouthpiece

Samyabadi Dal's meeting told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hefajat-e Islam was created only to act as a mouthpiece for Jamaat-e-Islam when the latter failed to incite people against the government and was unsuccessful in stopping the war crimes trial, stated speakers at a meeting yesterday.
Samyabadi Dal organised the meeting in the capital's Mohanagar Natyamancha "protesting against the violence of Jamaat-Shibir under the cover of Hefajat-e Islam".
Jamaat-e-Islami is a terrorist party rather than a political one as it does not acknowledge the country's judiciary, stated Workers' Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon.
"Jamaat and its student wing Shibir should be banned as per Article 38 of the constitution and Special Powers Act, 1974. The quicker Jamaat-Shibir is banned, the better it will be for the country," said the lawmaker.
The opposition party's demand for restoration of the caretaker government system prior to the upcoming elections is an unrealistic one under current political perspectives, stated Samyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua.
The government will hand over power democratically through a fair election, said the industries minister.
He further said BNP and Jamaat were trying to create anarchy under the cover of Hefajat, which was created to protect Jamaat activists and war criminals.



WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Khulna divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.
Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said. Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary westerly/north westerly kalboishakhi squalls speed 60-80 kph or more at places is likely to occur over the regions of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Tangail, Mymensingh, Jessore, Kushtia, Faridpur, Dhaka, Comilla and Sylhet during next 15 hrs.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:23pm and rises tomorrow at 5:31am.
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded yesterday were:

| | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
| | Max: | Min: | Morning | Evening |
| Dhaka | 32.6 | 23.8 | 56 | 61 |
| Chittagong | 32.0 | 23.3 | 81 | 60 |
| Rajshahi | 30.5 | 23.0 | 65 | 84 |
| Rangpur | 28.0 | 22.3 | 78 | 80 |
| Khulna | 31.8 | 22.5 | 79 | 69 |
| Barisal | 32.0 | 22.3 | 66 | 67 |



"Jatiyatabadi Desh Bachao Manush Bachao Andolon", a pro-BNP organisation, forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding release of the BNP leaders, now in jail in connection with different cases.

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