

BIG DISCOUNT ON THE SPOT

2-day BAF air defence exercise begins

UNB, Dhaka

A two-day Air Defence Exercise titled "ADEX 2013" of Bangladesh Air Force simultaneously began at Dhaka, Chittagong, Jessore, Tangail and Bogra yesterday. The aim of the exercise is to assess and evaluate the efficiency and capability of BAF Air Defence and identify the weaknesses and draw lessons for further improvement in air defence aspects, said an ISPR release. All types of BAF fighter aircraft, transport aircraft, radar squadrons and air defence missile units are participating in the exercise. Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari visited different participating bases and units.

QUEUE UP ON THE SPOT ON 26 SEPT



Save life of RU student Taniya Hafiz

RU CORRESPONDENT

Taniya Hafiz, a student of Rajshahi University's folklore department, has lost use of both her kidneys. She has been admitted to Kidney Foundation Hospital and Research Centre in Dhaka. Her doctors have advised her to go abroad for better treatment which will cost about Tk 20 lakh. However, Taniya's family is unable to afford her treatment and has sought help from the generous people of society to save Taniya's life. Contributions can be sent to Taniya Hafiz, account no- 0200002359850, Agrani Bank (RU Branch) or through bKash mobile no. 01722301639.

RMG workers clash with cops over minimum wage

50 injured as police charge batons in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Over 50 garment workers were injured in an hour-long clash with industrial police while the workers were demonstrating at Monipur in Sadar upazila of Gazipur yesterday demanding Tk 8,000 as their minimum monthly wage. Mosharaf Hossain, assistant superintendent of Gazipur Industrial Police, said the clash erupted around 11:00am as the workers of Kasopia Fashions Ltd tried to block Dhaka-Mymensingh highway. Later, the workers of two other factories-Jahin Tex Ltd and Givency Fashions Ltd-joined the agitations, he said. Workers said police fired tear and charged them

with batons. Locals said the agitating workers threw brick chips at police. The injured were taken to the nearby clinics and hospitals. To avoid unrest, the authorities of the two factories declared holiday for yesterday. Workers of Kasopia Fashions said they would not join their work if the demand is not met. Azgar Ali, production manager of Kasopia, said they have nothing to do unless any formal declaration over the demand comes from the government. Earlier on Tuesday, police fired rubber bullets during a demonstration of the workers from the three factories, injuring at least 10 workers.

Indo-Bangla rail links strengthen relations

SHAH HUSAIN IMAM, from New Delhi

Indian Railways Minister Mallikarjun Kharge has said Bangladesh-India cooperation in railways has been contributing to enhancing people-to-people contact, a mature professional relationship and sharing technology and management practices. He was interacting with a group of Bangladeshi journalists in New Delhi yesterday. The Indian minister said the governments of India and Bangladesh signed a memorandum of understanding on February 16, 2013 in Dhaka for construction of new rail links between Akhaura and Agartala. A memorandum of understanding has also been signed for Akhaura-Shahbajpur link. These two links will reduce the travel time by 800 km. In addition, a Khuna-Mongla rail link connecting right up to Nepal on the Haldibari side is also in the pipeline. For Dhaka-Tongi (23km) and Tongi-Joydevpur (40km) tender opening

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PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Sewage leaking out from underground pipes overflows the front of the Deputy Commissioner's (Ramna Division) Office of Dhaka Metropolitan Police for the last couple of months. The photo was taken at New Circular Road between Moghbazar and Mouchak in the capital yesterday.

2,000 3,000 5,000 TAKA DISCOUNTS

EC to release 70 lakh ID cards by Oct

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) plans to complete the distribution of 70 lakh new National Identity (NID) cards among voters, who registered in the electoral roll recently, by October ahead of the national election. Distribution of the NID cards will start by this month in Dhaka, and later at other districts in phases, Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz told reporters at his office in the EC Secretariat yesterday. The EC has decided to deliver the new cards to the recipients at their homes, but the decision on how the cards will be distributed outside the capital is yet to be finalized, he said adding that over three and half lakh new NID cards will be distributed in Dhaka.

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Teachers confine BRUR VC for two days over arrears

Dr Tuhin Wadud hospitalised while observing fast unto death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Teachers and staff of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) kept the vice chancellor confined to his office for the second consecutive day yesterday, demanding salary arrears. They confined VC Prof AKM Nur-un-Nabi around 11:00am on Tuesday and began a "fast unto death" after he failed to give a "satisfactory answer" why their seven-point demand was not being met. The agitators' another key demand is regularisation of 338 temporary teachers, officials and employees appointed by immediate past VC Abdul Jajil Miah, whose four-year tenure ended in May. Now the university has 674 teachers and staff against 336 permanent posts. The University Grant Commission's (UGC) allocation of Tk 1.15 crore for April, May and June ran out in April alone, said acting registrar Shahjahan Ali Mondol. For July, August, and September, the UGC has allotted Tk 2.11 crore for payment of 336 permanent teachers and staff, he added. As the university is yet to disburse the amount, salaries of four months have become overdue. Under the banner of "Muktijuddher Chetona" Progotishil Shikkhak Samaj, a forum of teachers who were loyal to the former VC started an indefinite strike on August 22 with the demand. On Tuesday, when some teachers wanted to know about the progress, Prof Nur-un-Nabi failed to give any specific decision about meeting their demands. Talking to The Daily Star, the VC said the authorities would distribute the salaries of three months (July, August and September) among the permanent teachers and staff within this month. About the temporary teachers and staff, he said the UGC would decide on them this month. The confinement was going on till filing of this report around 11:30pm last night, and Dr Tuhin Wadud, member secretary of "Sachetan Shikkhak Samaj", another forum of teachers who demonstrated against the irregularities during Prof Jalil's tenure and joined the fast unto death, was hospitalised.

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Jubo League leader shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals shot and injured a Jubo League leader near the stadium at Mirpur-2 in the capital last night. The victim, Shahbuddin Shabu, 35, of Mirpur-12, is joint secretary of Pallabi ward no-91 unit, said Shabu's friend Kamal Hossain. Kamal, who was near the spot, quoted Shabu as saying that around three people shot him in the neck at about 8:00pm while he was going home by a rickshaw. Shabu was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Imtiaz Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Mirpur Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, confirmed the incident.

Woman's body found in house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a woman was found in her house in Bhatara of the capital yesterday. The deceased was identified as Fahima, 27, a housewife. Locals heard an infant cry nonstop from inside the house at about 3:00am. They went to investigate and found the woman lying dead, said police. On information, police recovered the body. "She was foaming at the mouth when locals found her. Her feet were tied with a scarf and there was a gamchha covered pillow next to her. We suspect the pillow was used to suffocate her to death," said Shahidul, sub-inspector of Bhatara Police Station. Police told The Daily Star that they suspect the victim's husband, a painter by profession, who could not be traced, is the murderer. However, Fahima's neighbours could not tell the name of her husband as the family of three moved into their home just recently, police said. The locals also informed police that they heard the couple argue the night before. The infant, thought to be about five-months-old, has been taken into police custody.

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