

SNIPPETS

Labourer murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A day labourer was stabbed to death allegedly by his neighbour at Ranjon village in Srimangal upazila yesterday. The deceased is Wahid Miah, son of Goni Miah of the village. Police said neighbour Angur Miah killed Wahid with sharp weapons following an altercation over previous enmity. A murder case was filed, said Md Abdullah, officer in-charge of Srimangal Police Station.

B'baria rly station ransacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A gang of masked criminals attacked Brahmanbaria railway station yesterday. Police said the gang blasted a series of cocktails, broke the windowpanes of the station and fled the scene. Locals said Jamaat-Shibir men might have launched the attack. The reason behind the attack could not be known immediately, said Amrito Lal Sarker, station master.

Arms, ammo seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Army personnel seized a pistol and 20 bullets from the rooftop of an under construction two-storied building at Manikchhari in the town yesterday morning. Zakir Hossain, in-charge of Manikchhari Highway Police Camp, said on secret information, an army team raided the building owned by one Sagir Ahmed and recovered the arms and bullets. Sagir had gone into hiding after the incident, he said.

'Stalker' hurt in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An alleged stalker was injured in a mob beating at Raghunathpur village in Kaliganj upazila yesterday morning. He was identified as Abdul Kader, 21, son of Rezaul Islam of Enayetpur village. Police said Kader often teased a girl of the area on her way to school. On information, locals caught Kader while stalking the girl and beat him up, leaving him seriously injured. He was admitted to the upazila health complex.

Girl held with yaba

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested an alleged drug peddler and seized 4000 pieces of yaba tablets from her possession in front of Jamalpur Railway Hospital early yesterday. The arrestee is Halima Aktar, 18, daughter of Muksed Ali of Sadar upazila in Sherpur district. Kamruzzaman Talukder, officer in-charge of DB at Sadar Police Station, said on secret information, a team raided the area and arrested Halima along with four packets containing the yaba tablets.

Bomb hurled at house

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Criminals hurled a bomb at the house of a local BNP leader in Ghop area of the town on Saturday night. Emdadul Haque Sheikh, officer in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said a gang threw a bomb at the residence of Syed Saberul Haque Sabu, general secretary of district BNP, around 10:00pm. However, none sustained injuries. Police are investigating the incident, said the OC.

Boy drowns in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A schoolboy drowned in the River Dhepara under Birganj upazila yesterday. The dead is Zahid Hossain, 15, son of Sadeque Ali of Sujalpur Masterpara. He was a class IX student at Birganj Pilot High School. Family sources said Sadeque went to the river for fishing in the morning and remained missing. Later, locals rescued the boy and sent him to the upazila health complex where on duty doctors declared him dead.

Robbers loot house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Robbers looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 5 lakh from a house after injuring three family members in Kulaura upazila early yesterday. Police said a gang of 15/20 swooped on the house of one Lutfor Rahman Arun and looted Tk 62,000, six tolas of gold ornaments and a laptop at gunpoint and fled the scene. They also stabbed the three while they tried to resist them.

Jagadhatri Puja begins today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A three-day celebration of Jagadhatri Puja will start with enthusiasm and fervour in Bakerganj upazila today. Various programmes have been chalked out on the occasion, said organisers. At least eight puja mandaps have been set up in the area for the celebration, said Chandranath Mukharjee, president Kalaskathi Sarbojanin Puja Mandir. Hindu devotees of the region have been observing the puja over 200 years.



Day labourers, engaged in breaking stones imported through Burimari land port in Patgram upazila under Lalmonirhat district, are passing a tough time as virtual suspension of port activities due to the ongoing hartal leaves them unemployed.

BURIMARI LAND PORT

Shutdown brings woe to 5,000 day labourers

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Around five thousand day labourers dependent on Burimari land port in Patgram upazila under the district are passing their days amid hardship due to continued hartal.

"At least 1,200 day labourers are engaged in unloading imported goods from India and Bhutan at this land port but the activities are now suspended due to the ongoing hartal," said Moslem Uddin, a labourer at Burimari land port.

"We can earn Tk 250 to 400 daily if the land port remains operative for import and export. Now we are suffering as we have become jobless due to hartal," he said.

Salahur Ali, another labourer at the land port, said over 2,000 labourers earn from dusting stones that are imported from India and Bhutan but the hartal has made them jobless as the trade through Burimari land port is suspended.

"With hardly any savings, many of us are borrowing

money from the local money lenders for high interest. I have taken Tk 2,000 from a local money lender on condition of giving interest of Tk 500 for a month," he said.

Manik Sarker, a travellers' guide at Burimari land port, said, at least one engaged in the job at the land port are passing idle time as there is no travellers there due to hartal.

"Hartal makes us jobless, bringing hardship to our livelihood," he added. The government loses at

least Tk 20 lakh as revenue daily and a good number of day labourers dependent on the land port become jobless as activities remain suspended during hartal, said Sohel Rana, assistant commissioner (Customs) at Burimari land port. All concerned including customs officials, importers, exporters, and day labourers have urged the government to take proper initiative to keep the land port operational all the time.

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Aduri gets five rickshaws

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Aduri, who survived brutal torture by her employer in the capital, got five rickshaws from Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday.

Patuakhali Superintendent of Police Md Rafiqul Hasan Goni formally handed over the rickshaws to the family of the 11-year-old girl at a function held at policelines at the district headquarters in the afternoon.

Among others, Aduri, her mother Safia Begum, Additional SP Azimul Haque and newsmen from print and electronic print media were present in the programme.

DMP Commissioner Benazir Ahmed sent the rickshaws so that Aduri's family could be survived happily, said SP Goni.

In addition, an initiative to provide education for

Aduri was taken by the police administration.

DMP already took steps to buy a piece of land and a new house for the girl at her village Katurataluk in Sadar upazila, said Goni.

Md Monirul Islam, officer in-charge of Patuakhali Police Station, said "The SP visited Aduri at her home at the village on Thursday and informed her family that the DMP commissioner expressed his desire to give a piece of land and a new house for her".

On September 23, two women rescued Aduri from a dustbin at DOHS Baridhara in Dhaka in a serious condition as employer Nowrin Jahan left her there, after brutally torturing her.

Later police brought her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and after treatment for one and a half months there, she was handed to her family on November 3.

Interns at Faridpur medical on strike

UNB, Faridpur

Interns at Faridpur Medical College Hospital (FMCH) went on an indefinite work abstention yesterday protesting alleged assault on one of their fellows by some locals on Friday.

Hospital sources said a local influential person along with his men physically assaulted Dr Fariduddin, an intern, over a trivial matter on the day.

The interns at the hospital on Saturday gave an ultimatum to the law enforcers to arrest the persons responsible for assaulting Dr Fariduddin by 24 hours.

Otherwise, they threatened to go on work abstention.

As police could not arrest the attackers within the deadline, the interns began their work abstention yesterday.

They also brought out a procession and held a rally on the college campus in the morning.

Contacted, Prof ABM Shamsul Islam, supervisor of the hospital, said they informed police about the matter.

Quamruzzaman, additional superintendent of police said they are trying to arrest the culprits as soon as possible.

PCP's road blockade in Khagrachhari today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP), student wing United People's Democratic Front, will enforce daylong road blockade in the district today protesting what it said the district administration's rejection of the prayer for permission to hold the party's conference on November 9-10.

PCP announced its blockade programme through a press release issued by its central office secretary Binayan Chakma yesterday.

He said they sought permission from the district administration on November 8, but the deputy commissioner refused to give permission, saying Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to visit the district on November 11.

The deputy commissioner, however, sent a letter on November 9, allowing PCP to hold its conference on 13 conditions, but the chhatra parishad did not hold the conference on condition.

Govt not sincere to execute peace deal: Santu Larma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Regional Council Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma yesterday said the existence of the Jummo people is under the threat of gradual extinction due to non-execution of the peace accord during the last 16 years.

The deal was signed on December 2 in 1997 between the then Awami League (AL) government and Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanhati Samity (PCJSS), aiming at a solution to CHT problem and bringing permanent peace in the hills.

"Sheikh Hasina's government has done nothing for execution of the deal in time," said Jyotirindra, popularly known as Santu Larma, who is also the chief of PCJSS.

He was addressing as chief guest a memorial meeting marking the 30th death anniversary of PCJSS founder Manabendra Narayan Larma (MN Larma) at district Shilpakala Academy hall in the town. MN Larma along with his

eight followers was assassinated in 1983 by a group of derailed Shanti Bahini (now defunct) men led by Priti Kumar Chakma.

"MN Larma, who always thought about establishing the self-determination of Jummo people, will never be lost from the mind of indigenous people," Santu said.

The former guerrilla leader blamed a section of so-called educated Jummo people for not coming forward with the PCJSS to wage movement for full execution of the peace accord.

"Why do the civil society leaders put pressure on the PCJSS to compromise with United People's Democratic Front? It is not possible due to great differences on the grounds of ideology and principles," he said.

Chaired by Bijoy Ketan Chakma, convenor of MN Larma Memorial Foundation, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Kalpana Chakma, Shishir Chakma, Mong Shanoo Chowdhury and Ripesh Chakma.

Earlier, Rangamati district unit of PCJSS and it

front organisations - CHT Mohila Samity, Pahari Chhatra Parishad and Juba Samity brought out a mourning procession in the town and put floral wreaths at the portrait of MN Larma on the premises of district



Agriculture officials and farmers attend the inauguration of 'crop cutting' festival marking harvest of early variety of transplanted aman paddy at Jahargaon village in Bishwanath upazila under Sylhet district yesterday.

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Request for Expression of Interest

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).
2.	Agency	National Nutrition Services & Institute of Public Health Nutrition.
3.	Procuring entity name	Director, IPHN and Line Director, National Nutrition Services (NNS), Institute of Public Health Nutrition.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5.	Expression of interest for selection of	A consultant/consulting firm to promote the nutritional knowledge through TV Magazine Show (Package No. IPHN/BCC-2).
6.	EOI Ref. No.	Memo No. IPHN/BCC/2013-14/SP-4
7.	Date	10/11/2013
8.	Procurement method	Consultant/consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Regulations-2008 of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (followed by QCBS Method).
9.	Budget and source of funds	RPA, Credit No. Cr. 4954-BD.
10.	Development partners	HPNSDP Pool Fund.
11.	Project/programme name	National Nutrition Services (NNS), HPNSDP.
12.	EOI closing date & time	02/12/2013 (up to 03:30pm).
13.	Brief description of assignment	a) Designing and development of TV Magazine Show on nutrition. b) Selection of suitable artists/roll players. c) Task assignment/distribution of work. d) Recording of TV Magazine Show. e) Telecasting of TV Magazine Show.
14.	Experience, resources and delivery capacity req'd	Interested consultant/consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the same. Brochures, description of similar assignment, experience in similar condition, availability of appropriate skills among staff, logistic support, valid trade licence/registration, updated income tax certificate, certificate of VAT, bank solvency certificate etc. to be submitted. Consultant may associate with other consultants to enhance their qualifications.
15.	Association with foreign firms	N/A.
16.	Name of official inviting EOI	Dr. Md. Lutfor Rahman.
17.	Designation of official inviting EOI	Director, IPHN and Line Director, National Nutrition Services (NNS), Institute of Public Health Nutrition.
18.	Address of official inviting EOI	Director, IPHN and Line Director, National Nutrition Services (NNS), Institute of Public Health Nutrition, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
19.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.	

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Locals form a human chain at Shafinagar village in Bawra union of Patgram upazila under Lalmonirhat district on Saturday demanding arrest and punishment of the perpetrators of the recent attacks on Hindus and their shops in the area.

ATTACK ON HINDUS IN LALMONIRHAT
 Human chain demands arrest of culprits

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A human chain was formed at Shafinagar village in Patgram upazila on Saturday, protesting attack on Hindus and their business establishments in the area last month.

Several hundred Hindus, carrying placards and banners joined the human chain. Local Muslims and freedom fighters also took part in the programme.

The participants in the human chain also demanded immediate arrest

and exemplary punishment of the attackers.

A group of Jamaat-Shibir and BNP men attacked the Hindu people of the village and ransacked at least 16 shops, including medicine, grocery and others, on the first day of 60-hour hartal enforced by BNP-led 18-party alliance on October 27.

They also looted goods from the shops and set them on fire, said local Sunil Chandra Sen, 46, a participant.

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