

NEWS IN brief

DoE fines brick kiln Tk 5 lakh in Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a brick kiln Tk 5 lakh at Chandra in Gazipur city for polluting environment.

The factory, Ain Uddin Sarkar Bricks, was being run without any environmental clearance certificate.

DoE Director Md Alamgir fined the factory for producing bricks through operating a 120-foot chimney which should be above the height, says a press release.

Worker dies in workplace accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker was killed in a workplace accident at West Monipur of Mirpur in the capital yesterday.

A piling pipe fell on Md Kawsar Mia, 22, hailed from Nalitabari of Sherpur, while handling a piling machine at an under-construction building around 4:00pm, said witness Abdul Aziz, also co-worker and cousin of the victim. He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 5:00pm.

Sub-Inspector Rezaul Karim of Mirpur Police Station said they will investigate whether there was any ill-motive behind the loosely-fitted piling pipe.

2 robbers beaten to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two alleged robbers were killed by locals during a robbery in Hathazari's Fatepur of Chittagong early yesterday.

Md Jabed, 22, of Raozan, died instantly while Ismail, 21, at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Locals could catch them after around nine robbers, including the two, entered the house of one Jalal by breaking open the door and looted 15 tolas of gold ornaments and other valuables, said AFM Nizam Uddin, assistant superintendent of police (Hathazari Circle).

RU admission test postponed

RU CORRESPONDENT

The admission test of Rajshahi University under the academic session 2013-14 has been postponed due to the opposition's countrywide indefinite blockade.

The new date will be announced later.

The decision to postpone the test was made at a meeting headed by RU Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin, said a press release yesterday.

The test was scheduled to begin on January 10.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Geetiara Khan, wife of former chief engineer of the Power Development Board late Mozaffar Hossain, passed away on Tuesday. She was 73.



Geetiara, also daughter of former prime minister late Ataur Rahman Khan, left behind two daughters, a son and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She will be buried at Banani graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza following Asr prayers today.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Rabeya Bari Chowdhury, wife of late advocate Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury of Sunamganj, passed away yesterday.



She left behind her two daughters, two sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives to mourn her death, says a press release.

Rabeya, the eldest daughter of late

Mahiuddin Ahmed of Sylhet, was an active social worker and she served Sunamganj Mahila Sangstha as its president.

DHAKA TODAY

Rally

Gonosangskritik Front will stage a rally demanding a stop to attacks on Hindu communities; Venue: Before National Museum; Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Front will hold a discussion on good governance; Venue: Bapa Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:30am.



O-level examinees take a last minute look at books in front of Marriott Convention Centre in the capital's Dhanmondi a few minutes before the exam started at 7:30 in the evening. Two of their exams were rescheduled on account of the opposition's 60-hour hartal, which ended at 6:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



An Islami University bus set alight by pro-BNP student organisation Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal on the campus in Kushtia yesterday during the last day of a 60-hour hartal enforced by the 18-party opposition alliance.

PHOTO: STAR

CEC claims EC successfully held Jan 5 poll

Puts voter turnout rate at 40pc; the commission wants army till Jan 18 in eight constituencies where voting was suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad last night claimed that the commission successfully held the 10th parliamentary election on January 5.

"We have been able to complete the election fairly despite huge adversity. It is a big achievement," he told reporters at the Election Commission (EC) Secretariat. Nearly 40 percent of the votes were cast in 139 constituencies, he said.

Replying to a question whether the turnout rate is believable or not in an election boycotted by the main opposition BNP and its allies, he said, "Definitely it is believable. Why not? If all the parities joined, the turnout rate would be nearly 80 percent."

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Bangladeshis in London protest attacks on Hindus

ANSAR AHMED ULLAH

Bangladeshis living in the UK have strongly protested the attacks on the Hindu minority in the country following the January 5 general election and demanded compensation to restore the livelihood of the affected people.

Under the banner of the Campaign for the Protection of Religious Minorities in Bangladesh (CPRMB), they voiced their condemnation through a press conference at East London's Montefiore Centre on Tuesday.

Pushpita Gupta, coordinator of the campaign, said, "We are stunned by the barbaric severity of the attacks carried out by Jamaat-Shibir particularly in Jhossa where women and children had to cross the river to save their lives. Some of the women lost their clothing while crossing the river."

In a written statement, she continued, "We did not expect this to happen in an independent Bangladesh. We had bitter experience of communal violence in East Pakistan."

"In 1971 Hindus suffered disproportionately during the

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10TH PARLIAMENT Hasina gives up Rangpur-6 seat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina has relinquished her membership of the 10th parliament from Rangpur-6 constituency.

In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner, Hasina, also the prime minister, said, "In the 10th parliamentary election, I contested and won at two constituencies, Gopalganj-3 and Rangpur-6. I have decided to relinquish my membership of parliament from Rangpur-6 and I want to serve the people of Gopalganj-3 constituency."

She sent the letter to the CEC last evening requesting

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Today the 9th of January 2014 marks the 3rd Anniversary of the passing of our loved one. May Allah grant him eternal peace. Our prayers continue unabated.

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~ Family ~
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Greens urge all to save environment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists and academicians yesterday urged the people to come forward to resist the interest groups involved in anti-environment activities.

They said there was no alternative to protecting the country's rivers, forests and other natural habitats for maintaining the environmental balance.

So, the government as well as the people must be more proactive to ensure a safe environment through creating awareness countrywide, they told a seminar, "Environment Movement and Organisation: Bangladesh Perspective", in the capital's WVA auditorium.

The programme was organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Bangladesh Poribesh Network (BEN).

Speaking as chief guest, Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice chancellor of the University of Asia Pacific, urged the young generation to take part in the environment movement.

He laid importance on planned urbanisation without damaging farmlands.

He also expressed frustration for not implementing the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) of Dhaka and blamed some quarters for this.

Bishwo Shahitto Kendro founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed stressed the movement by the people to leave a safe environment for the sake of the nation.

Bapa Vice President Prof Nazrul Islam presented the keynote paper, while Bapa President ASM Shahjahan and Vice President Prof Bazlul Haque Khandker spoke among others.

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