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Littered with human waste and stinking all around, Patuakhali bus terminal area continues to be a nuisance for passengers and others concerned for long.

Electric wire theft rampant in Thakurgaon town

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The electric wire theft has been taking place frequently in some areas of the town in the recent days.

The areas include Hajipara, Asrampara, Collegepara, Kalibari, Fakirpara, Hallpara and Sarcara.

Locals said, a huge quantity of electric cables (connection wire from electric pole to house) was stolen from over 100 residences and business establishments in the areas in the last three weeks.

Due to such rampant

theft, the affected house owners have to count financial loss in addition to harassment.

Enamul Haque, Swapan Shaha, Shafiu Enam, Sachu of Asrampara, Aatur Rahman, Md Alamgir of Collegepara, Nurul Islam of Hajipara and Abu Bakar of Kalibari are among the victims.

Nobody usually files any complaint in this regard as police have asked the complaints to mention the names of suspected thieves in the application, they said.

"How should we know the thieves? And what are

the police doing to stop the thefts?" a local posed the question.

Affected house owner Swapan said he had to spend Tk 1650 for restoring the electric connection of his residence while another victim, Enamul Haque had to pay Tk 1,350.

Shafiu Enam, ward councillor of the municipality, said they informed the local police station about the electric wire stealing several times but to no effect yet.

Seeking anonymity, a foreman of local PDB office said they had restored

electric connections to over 100 houses and business establishments in the last couple of weeks.

Contacted, executive engineer of Thakurgaon Power Development Board (PDB) Md Nurul Islam said he had heard about the incidents of electric wire stealing but yet to receive any complaint in this regard.

The officer in-charge of Thakurgaon police station said that punitive action would be taken against those responsible for the offence after getting complaints from the victims.

Marriage registrar jailed

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Nilphamari

A mobile court here on Wednesday sentenced a man to one month's imprisonment for registering a child marriage.

The convict, Kazi Md Mohsin, 45, of Fultola village in Sadar upazila, is a marriage registrar, said court sources.

Issuing fake birth certificates of bride Sumi Begum, 15, daughter of Mojibur Rahman of Purbo Kukha para village and groom Abdullah-Al-Mahmud, 17, son of Abdul Mojid of the same area, Mohsin conducted the marriage on November 16 last year.

On information, father of the bridegroom Abdul Mozid filed a complaint with Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Sabit Ali in this regard last month.

After investigation, police arrested Mohsin and produced him before the court, which pronounced the verdict.

Man shot dead over land dispute

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Bazar

An elderly man was shot dead and three others were injured by criminals at Kuaingcharipara village in Teknaf upazila on Wednesday.

The dead was identified as Abdul Amin, 75, of the village. The injured are Amin's wife Nur Jahan, 60, daughter Hasina Khatun, 30, and grandson Mohammad Tafeel, 14.

They were admitted to the hospital with bullet injuries. Police said the incident might be a sequel to a feud over land dispute.

Akmal

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however, led to troubles for the young side and Zadrán was trapped in front in the 19th over. The third-wicket stand between Stanikzai and Nawroz Mangal (35), worth 74 runs, was Afghanistan's best bet. But once both these batsmen departed, Afghanistan collapsed. From 139 for 2, they were bundled out for 176.

Earlier, an aggressive start by Afghanistan pacers Dawlat Zadrán and Shapoor Zadrán blocked Pakistan's run flow and put them under pressure, leading to a flurry of wickets from the thirteenth over onwards. Slow left-arm Hamza Hotak broke the shackles by getting Sharjeel Khan caught at deep-midwicket. The ever-dependent Mohammad Hafeez followed next when he skied one to mid-off in the 20th over. Pakistan sunk into deeper trouble two overs later as Ahmed Shehzad was bowled by leg-spinner Samiullah Shenwari with a ball that kept low. The very next ball saw the departure of danger man Misbahul Haq, who was run out following a comical mix-up with Sohaib Maqsood.

Pakistan suddenly found themselves struggling at 91 for four at the half-way mark. Shenwari continued to keep the pressure on with his leg spin and got Maqsood caught at mid-off in the 27th over.

After Dawlat removed Shahid Afridi in the 30th over and reduced the reigning champions to 117 for six, all Afghanistan needed to do was to stay calm and make no mistakes. They fielded quite well throughout the innings, but unfortunately the one catch they dropped -- Umar Akmal at square leg in the 37th over when the batsman was on 27 -- eventually led to their downfall.

Umar went on full throttle after that, smacking seven fours and three sixes in his 89-ball century. He reached the three-figure mark with a six off Dawlat Zadrán in the penultimate ball of the innings. It was his counter-attack strategy that led to the win.

PATIENTS' SUFFERINGS MOUNT

Interns at MMCH on strike

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An indefinite strike enforced by interns at Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) entered its second day yesterday, hampering treatment of patient.

Some 200 interns at the hospital went on an indefinite strike on Tuesday night, demanding immediate arrest of the relatives of a female patient who attacked their fellows.

Hailing from Gulpukurpur area in the town, Aysha Khanam, an ovarian cancer patient, died around 10:00 pm on Tuesday hours after she was

admitted to the hospital as the doctors did not attend her properly.

On information, journalists went to the hospital to cover the news but they were attacked by some unruly interns.

The attackers also took away their cameras and damaged them, alleged Amit Roy, president of Mymensingh Television Journalists' Association.

Contacted, Dr Bikash Chandra Pal, secretary of Intern Doctors Association, refuted the allegation of attack on the journalists.

Cancer patient Aysha Khanam was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday

night and then referred to Incentive Care Unit (ICU) as her condition deteriorated, he said.

As there was no vacant seat at the ICU, the patient's attendances locked in an altercation over the issue and in the mean time Aysha died.

As the death news spread, Maruf, son of Aysha and some others, attacked Dr Abdullah Mohammad, alleged Bikash.

Protesting the attack, the intern doctors at the hospital went for the strike, he said.

Bikash further said although the strike is underway, the patients are getting sufficient treatment.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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Production Manager (10 Posts): Minimum Graduate/ 'A' or 'O' Level. 3-10 years' experience. Must have Knowledge of IE, latest technology, GPQ/RQS & COC requirements of EU & US Buyers with proven ability to deliver to best be required.

Technical Manager (4 Posts): Minimum Graduate. 10-12 years' experience. Should have well knowledge on method improvement and handling the technical part with pre-production process. Organizing & setting production lines according to Work Study concept. He/she is supposed to have knowledge on all sides and should be Master of All Trade so if applied will have to face thorough interview and if passed will be given salary accordingly.

Manager -Production Planning (6 Posts): Graduate /Masters. 10-12 years' experience. Person having capability of handling software "FAST REACT" and who has already handling the Planning of a factory. Need solid background in production planning and deliver results. Past experience of planning of at least 100 lines at a time.

General Manager-Capacity Assurance (2 Posts): Graduate/Masters. 10-12 years' experience. The applicant must have vast knowledge in Garment Marketing and Production and will ensure that factory order is filled for 06 months in advance. He/she should have good communication with all major Buyers.

Head of Quality Assurance (Woven/Knit): Graduate/Masters. 15 years' experience.

Applicant having vast knowledge, being able to reduce DHU and able to develop and prepare Quality Manual for particular factory but not copy paste method. Should have hands on experience in managing QA Department of Garment Industry. Should have sound knowledge in Knit 100% cotton and lycra Fabric from yarn to fabric quality parameters and buyers ecological (RSL) standard for product. Able to write & speak English fluently.

Quality Assurance Manager (Woven/Knit) (5 Posts): Graduate/Masters. 10-12 years' experience. Must be conversant with the concept of quality objective, program, system and procedures of Buyers. Having vast knowledge, being able to reduce DHU and able to develop and prepare Quality Manual for particular Unit.

Head of Industrial Engineering: B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering or equivalent. 10-12 years' experience. Capable in doing SMV for operation process following GSD, Issue OB, Layout & Productivity of style accordingly. Control of unnecessary flow of material. To work on production operations & familiar with time value, operation cost, optimum productivity. Both Foreigner & Local can apply. GSD certified will get preference.

Industrial Engineering Manager (05 Posts): B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering or equivalent. 10-12 years' experience. Maintain given cost per minute, material utilization & increasing productivity. Improve the OTP. Monitor the manpower targets allocated and optimize the worker utilization. Improve overall production efficiency & technical improvements. Both Foreigner & Local can apply. GSD certified will get preference.

Industrial Engineer (10 Posts): B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering. 5-7 years' in Garments /Textile Industry. Should have knowledge on time value, operation cost & optimum productivity, Capacity study and production study. Line balancing. Prepare skill inventory by skill grading. Assist to improve productivity using IE concept.

Cost Accountant: M.Com/MBA/ICMA preferred. 8-10 years' experience. Applicant should have knowledge on Factory Overhead Cost & Budgeting, Material Cost, Store Accounting System, Job Costing & Process Costing of Garments and Manufacturing unit especially in Composite Textile sector. Also good skills in cost analysis by software system.

Financial Accountant: M.Com/MBA/CA preferred. 8-10 years' experience. The applicant should have vast experience in Finance & Accounts field. Able to device & implement modern financial and accounting systems in areas of budgeting, monitoring, cost accounting, material management, credit policy and debt management as well as Management Information System.

Head of Purchase: Graduate/Masters (Commerce background). 15 years' experience. Person should be responsible for overall Local Purchase/Procurement Department. He should be well acquainted with the nature, quality, market conditions & price, demand & supply and market trends of the goods used in Manufacturing & Garments Industry. Experience of purchasing different items and having Special Courses will be given preference.

DGM/AGM Purchase (02 Posts): Graduate/Masters (Commerce background). 10-12 years' experience. Person should be responsible for procurement of materials, machinery parts, stationary items etc. Should be responsible for co-ordination of production from order to delivery to factory for all materials ordered. Experience of purchasing different items and having Special Courses will be given preference.

Purchase Manager (03 Posts): Graduate/Masters (Commerce background). 8-10 years' experience. Assist to procurement materials, machinery parts, stationary goods etc. and assist to prepare and verify of requisitions. To maintain proper documentation related to Procurement. Should have ability to organize Sub-ordinate for performing all allied functions of Purchase Department.

Supply Chain Manager (05 Posts): Masters/Diploma in SCM will get preference. Minimum 10 years' experience. Person knowing fabric suppliers, trim suppliers and local purchase. Person able to know fabric construction and price by heart will be considered as experience. Also must be able to know all Suppliers in China.

DGM/AGM, Pre Production Costing (PPC) (02 Posts): Graduate /Masters. 10-12 years' experience. The applicant having experience about production per hour of a Style and its consumption & costing of fabrics and trims. Will be able to plan, implement & monitor PPC system also.

PPC Manager (03 Posts): Graduate /Masters. 8-10 years' experience. Person must have experience in PPC for woven/knit garments as well as knit fabric. Having knowledge of consumption & costing of fabrics & trims.

Maintenance Manager (04 Posts): B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering. 10-12 years' experience. Should have experience in all sorts of Sewing Machines. Person must be well educated and should be able to develop folder on his own. Person should be able to describe all kind of machines related to garments industry and able to fix those. Local/Foreigner both can apply.

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Only short listed candidates will be called for interview.

CEC plays down polls violence

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hours after the voting ended at 4:00pm amid violence, suspension of voting and polling officers, allegations of vote-rigging, casting fake votes and attacks on voters and law enforcers in more than two dozen upazilas.

Some 115 upazilas went to polls yesterday, but polling in Noakhali Sadar upazila was suspended due to violence and vote-rigging.

On the incidents of violence, the CEC said, "Law enforcers took a tough line. But the number of miscreants might have been more than the law enforcers. We'll probe the incidents of

violence."

"If anybody is found guilty of neglecting his duties, we'll surely take action against him," he added.

About BNP's allegation of vote-rigging, Rakibuddin said as the upazila elections are non-partisan by nature, complaints by any political party in this regard are not much important.

However, this correspondent found that many EC officials were largely unhappy with yesterday's polls as they thought the voting was not fair.

Seeking anonymity, an election commissioner said local administrations in many

areas did not act as per directives of the EC. Rather, they acted on directives of local lawmakers and ministers.

"The ruling party men have massively influenced the polls. I think they stamped on ballot papers for about one hour in most of the polling centres," said a senior assistant secretary at the EC secretariat.

Some EC officials told The Daily Star that returning officers from different upazilas reported to the EC headquarters in Dhaka over the phone on vote-rigging by ruling party men. Asked to send written complaints

to the EC, the returning officers refused.

Law enforcers in many upazilas acted in favour of candidates blessed by the ruling Awami League and did not ensure proper security for the voters and polling officials.

"Our officers couldn't start vote counting on time in different upazilas of Bogra, Noakhali and Feni as they were held hostage by some ruling party men," mentioned an EC official.

Meanwhile, sources in the EC said two polling officers, one in Keraniganj of Dhaka and another in Khetlal of Joypurhat, died of illness

Court blocks release of 7

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political uproar over a state government's plan to release all seven.

The Supreme Court in New Delhi issued a temporary restraining order against releasing the four who are serving life in jail over Gandhi's assassination in 1991 by a Tamil female suicide bomber.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh last week rejected the Tamil Nadu chief minister's moves to set all seven free, saying it was against all principles of justice as the murder was "an attack on the soul of India".

The court last week

blocked the release of three of the men convicted of plotting the assassination, after Singh's comments and his government's urgent legal action against the move.

Chief Justice P. Sathasivam issued the new order on Thursday, after hearing the government's arguments against releasing the other four, saying he needed time to examine the issues.

"There are two questions before us. The first is which is the correct government to decide on remission for these convicts and the second is whether the right

procedure is being followed," Sathasivam told the court.

Rajiv Gandhi, whose widow Sonia is now president of the ruling Congress party, was targeted by Tamil Tiger separatists while he was campaigning in the southern state in May 1991 before an election.

His killing was seen as retaliation for a 1987 Indian government pact with Sri Lanka to disarm the Tamil guerrillas. India later withdrew its troops deployed to the island after losing 1,200 soldiers at the hands of the rebels.

Rajiv became India's

youngest-ever leader after his mother, prime minister Indira Gandhi, was assassinated in October 1984. He ruled until losing an election five years later.

His son Rahul, who is the Congress vice president and the party's frontman for looming general elections, voiced his sadness last week over Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa's decision to free the killers.

Critics have said Jayalalithaa's surprise decision was motivated by a desire to woo ethnic Tamil voters in her southern state for her regional party at the general elections due by the end of May.

OBITUARY

Former Joint Secretary & Kushtia's District Commissioner **Kali Pratim Datta Chowdhury** passed away on Feb 18 at a hospital in California, USA at the age of 64 years. He was born to Kalipada Chowdhury & Shova Chowdhury from the illustrious Chowdhury family of Dhakadakshin, Sylhet. He has left behind his wife, a son & a daughter alongwith many well-wishers across the world.

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