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A large number of trucks, mostly loaded with watermelons, get stranded at the entrance of Galachipa ferry terminal on Patuakhali-Galachipa road as ferry service on the route across the Ramnabad River sees serious disturbance due to silting of the river in the terminal area.

FERRY SERVICE DISRUPTION AT GALACHIPA Watermelons rot as over 200 loaded trucks get stuck

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Over 200 trucks, mostly loaded with watermelons, have remained stuck at Galachipa ferry terminal for a couple of days, much to the worry of growers and traders of the popular summer fruit during the harvesting season. The situation has arisen as ferry service, across the Ramnabad River on Galachipa-Patuakhali road, sees serious disturbance due to silting of the river. Besides, the ferry has to

run slowly with caution as one its two engines became fully dysfunctional several months ago. Now the ferry service runs only for two hours a day during the high tide. "I hired two trucks for Tk 60,000 to carry watermelon from Boalia to Dhaka and loaded 3,500 watermelons on each truck three days ago but we could not cross the river due to ferry service disruption," said Bazlur Rahman, a watermelon farmer of Boalia village in

Galachipa upazila. "The fruits worth about Tk 3 lakh are rotting in hot weather and I am now worried about recovery of the production cost and payment of truck rent," he said. Forkan Mia, another farmer of the same village, said he is waiting with a truckload of watermelons to cross the river by ferry for two days. Many other watermelon farmers in the area are facing similar problem. "One of the two engines

of the 18-year-old ferry went fully out of order several months ago. Now it runs only two hours a day during the high tide. In other times, the ferry cannot touch the pontoon due to heavy silting in the terminal area," said Shibulal Das, contractor of the ferry. Md Shafiqul Islam, sub-assistant engineer (Mechanical) of Roads and Highways Department, said, "We have sent demand letter to set a new engine and dredge the river. But we have learnt that the task will need a few

8 sued for killing Tangail Sramik Dal leader

Half-day hartal observed in district town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Eight people have been sued on charge of killing Golam Azam, organising secretary of Tangail district unit of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

Azam's wife Shilpi Akhter filed the case with Tangail Model Police Station at around 10:30pm on Tuesday.

The accused are Sohel, Russel, Rubel of Kodalia area, and Jahid, Shirsho, Jony, Rubel and Shipon of Kodalia and Sabalia area of the town.

The case was shifted to the detective branch of Police (DB) yesterday afternoon, said Nazrul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Mahfeez Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Tangail DB, said law enforcers have already launched a drive to arrest the accused.

Protesting the killing of Azam, the district unit of



Golam Azam

arrest of the killers. The slain Sramik dal leader was buried at a graveyard in the town yesterday.

A gang shot dead Sramik Dal leader Golam azam in Garinda area under Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

Quoting witnesses, Nazrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sadar Model Police Station, said the incident occurred at around 3:30pm when a group of five youth riding on three motorcycles shot and stabbed him with sharp weapon while Azam was sitting at his furniture shop, leaving him critically injured.

He was admitted to Tangail General Hospital. Doctors of the hospital referred Azam to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). But he succumbed to his

POST-POLL VIOLENCE 15 BNP-Jamaat men hurt in Laxmipur

UNB, Laxmipur

At least 15 activists of BNP-Jamaat were injured in an attack allegedly by the supporters of newly elected chairman of Raipur upazila parishad on Tuesday night.

Police and locals said supporters of newly elected chairman Altaf Hossain of the upazila attacked the houses of BNP and Jamaat men, including the those of Jamaat leader Ala Uddi, Abul Khayer, Saddam Syaed Ahmed and Najir Munshi, in the afternoon.

They vandalised at least 10 houses of BNP and Jamaat activists at that time.

The injured were admitted to different local clinics, said officer in-charge of Raipur police station M Nasiruzzaman.

BAU students demand arrest of Saad's killers in 24 hours

A CORRESPONDENT, BAU

Students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday staged demonstration on the campus demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the killers of Saad Ibney Momtaj, 23, a final year student of the fisheries faculty of the university.

Over 2,500 students of all faculties boycotted their classes and examinations in the morning, took out a procession on the campus and then staged a sit-in in front of the administrative building.

They gave a 24-hour ultimatum to the university authorities to bring the killers to book and demanded their

expulsion from the university.

BNP-backed teachers of the university under the banner of 'Sonali Dal' also brought out a procession on the campus, demanding immediate arrest of the killers of Saad.

No case in connection with the murder was filed with Mymensingh Sadar Police Station as of filing of this report at 2:00pm yesterday.

Campus sources said a gang of 10 to 12 BCL activists, led by Sujoy Kumar Kundu and Rukonuzzaman Rokon, called Saad, a former organising secretary of Ashraful Haque Hall unit of BCL, to room No 205/A of the dormitory around 6:30pm on Monday and beat him up brutally with hockey sticks, cricket

stumps and iron rods.

As the victim's condition deteriorated, the attackers called in Dr Abul Kalam Azad of the university healthcare centre. The physician sent Saad to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for better treatment. On information, police yesterday morning went to the Trauma Centre in the town and found the body of the BAU student. Law enforcers sent the body to the MMCH for an autopsy.

Sources at Trauma Centre said some students admitted Saad to the centre around 6:30am on Tuesday. But he succumbed to his injuries around 11:00am.

Dr Forhad of the MMCH said Saad suffered injuries to his head, hands, and legs.

He was improving till 10:00pm on Monday when the physician left the hospital.

But Tuesday morning, Forhad found that the patient was not in his bed.

Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Model Police Station, said he saw several injury marks on the victim's head, hands and legs.

The university authority has formed a six member committee to probe the incident. The committee has been asked to submit its report within seven working days.

Victim's friends blamed BCL men for beating Saad to death, but leaders of the pro-Awami League student body denied the accusation.

Red Crescent Hospital in Barisal closed sine die

Unpaid for 4 months, doctors, staff resign en masse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Holling Bery Syed Moazzem Red Crescent Hospital in the city has suspended medical services as doctors and staff working there resigned en masse following non-payment of their salaries for the last four months.

The hospital entrance has remained locked since Tuesday when 20 admitted indoor patients were released and outdoor activities closed.

"Fifty-seven personnel, including 5 doctors, 12 nurses and 40 staffs of the hospital, resigned by Monday as they did not get their salary after November 2013. No fund for the purpose was sent despite repeated appeal," said Enayet Karim, acting officer in charge of the hospital.

N R Holling Bery, a shipping agent, founded 'Coronation Baby Clinic', on 1.4 acres of land at Amanatganj of the then Barisal district town in 1937 and later it continued to be managed by Pakistan Red Crescent Society and then Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

Following construction of a new four-story building of the establishment at a cost of Tk 7 crore with donation from Syed Moazzem, it was inaugurated as 'Holling Bery Syed Moazzem Red Crescent Hospital' on February 5 in 2013, said Iqbal Hossain Forkan, president of the hospital management committee and acting



PHOTO: STAR

Holling Bery Syed Moazzem Red Crescent Hospital in Barisal city suspends its medical services for an indefinite period on Tuesday, following en masse resignation of its doctors and staff. Below, an empty ward of the hospital.



president of Barisal unit of Red Crescent.

Earlier on July 7, 2012, the hospital management committee at a meeting decided to fix 'reasonable' service charges for bearing a minimum management cost for the non-profit

organisation.

But after inauguration of the new building, a section of locals protested the provision of service charges and declared donor Syed Moazzem as persona non grata.

"Consequently, the

donor, who had spent more than 8 crore taka for the building construction and other purposes, suspended his help in November 2013. Red Crescent Society also failed to provide funds for running the hospital,"

CASE FOR SNATCHING 3 MILITANTS

Six JMB men placed on 10-day remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Six members of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), arrested in connection with snatching of three militants of the outlawed party from a police van in Trishal, were placed on a 10-day remand yesterday.

They are Al Amin, 26, Syed Ziaul Islam, 24, Md. Ajmeer, 32 and Golam Sarwar Rahat, 27, Russel, 35, and Zakaria, 30.

Police filed two cases against the JMB men with Bhaluka Police Station—one under Explosive Substances Act and another for snatching three militants, ambushing a police van and killing a constable in Trishal in February this year.

Zakaria and Russel were produced in Cognisance Court No-4, seeking a 10-day remand. Farzana

Yeasmin of the court granted the prayer.

Police produced Al Amin, Syed Ziaul Islam, Md Ajmeer, and Golam Sarwar Rahat in Cognisance Court No-3 with a prayer for 10 days' remand. Judge Ahsan Habib granted the prayer.

All the six accused later sent to Mymensingh Central Jail, court sources said. An armed gang ambushed a prison van and snatched away three JMB militants -- two of them in death rows -- in Trishal upazila of Mymensingh on February 23.

A police constable was killed as the attackers opened fire and hurled crude bombs at the prison van at Signboard point of Aminabari area around 10:00am. The dead, Atiqul Islam, was posted at Gazipur Police Station.



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Akter Hossain, 45, of Charpara village in Gopalpur upazila under Tangail district has a bleak look as attackers, possibly provoked by the post upazila parishad election turmoil in the area, torched his CNG-run three-wheeler kept at his house early Wednesday.

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