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houses.

on Wednesday.

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The deceased was identi-

fied as Urmi Khatun, 11,

daughter of Umar Ali of

Bururia village in the

of Chatmohar Pilot High

School School, died when a

boundary wall of their

house collapsed during the

Khatun also sustained

injuries and is undergoing

treatment at the upazila

health complex. One Alhaj

Mollah of the village was

The storm damaged at

In Jhenidah, Nor'wester

lashed four unions in

Shailkupa upazila of the

least 70 houses and Irri-boro

paddy and uprooted over

100 trees at the villages.

Her mother Rebeka

Urmi, a class six student

Maize farmers eye bumper 1 killed, 500 houses damaged yield in Lalmonirhat

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The maize farmers in five upazilas under the district are expecting bumper yield of the crop that sees doubling of the cultivation area in a year.

This year 25,000 hectares of land in the district has been brought under maize cultivation although it was only 13,000 hectares last year, said sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Lalmonirhat.

Increasing number of farmers are getting interested to cultivate maize

vated anywhere, even on cultivate maize on a large abandoned lands, and it brings good profit for relatively lower cost, growers said.

on 20 bighas of land leased from Bangladesh Railway at Balatari in Sadar upazila and hope to get 560 maunds of yield this year," said Alamgir Kalibari village in Lalmonirhat Sadar.

cultivating maize on one bigha of land and it is expected to bring at least Tk

A farmer tends maize plants at his farmland at Balapara village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Caesarean stops as lone

anaesthetist transferred

this year and four of them --

Morium Begum, Renu

Begum, Rima Begum and

Alpona Begum, all from

different villages under

Kalapara upazila, gave birth to

dead children from April 6 to

birth to a live child if I had

the opportunity of timely

Caesarean at the hospital.

We are too poor to go to

Patuakhali or Barisal for the

purpose," said Morium

"I believe I would give

April 27, the sources added.

Four women give birth to stillborn babies in 3 weeks

the hospital and 35 of them

gave birth through

February 2013 to February

2014, a total of 475 women

gave birth to their children

through Caesarean at the

hospital and the number in

last two months January and

February was 177, hospital

As many as 144 pregnant

women were admitted to the

hospital from April 1 to May 6

sources said.

In one year from

Caesarean till March 11.

Kalapara Hospital in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Pregnant women requiring

Caesarean for safe delivery

are badly suffering as the

lone anaesthetist at the 50-

bed hospital in Kalapara

upazila was transferred

Besides, 29 out of 36

doctors' posts are lying

vacant there, affecting

overall treatment there for

Amid the situation, four

women gave birth to dead

children at the hospital within

Expecting mothers from

Kalapara upazila have to go

to other areas including 52

km away Patuakhali General

Hospital and 90 km away

Barisal Sher-E-Bangla

Medical College Hospital

Caesarean at the Kalapara

upazila hospital remained

suspended since March 11

this year as Dr Abdul Motin,

the lone anaesthetist of the

hospital, was transferred to

another place on promo-

In March 139 pregnant

women were admitted to

KATALYST

tion, hospital sources said.

for Caesarean.

three weeks in last month.

long, hospital sources said.

around two months ago.

area of land if I get agriculture loan from the bank or any quarters," he said. Maize cultivation

"I have cultivated maize requires less cost for irrigation, labour and fertilisers, compared to other crops, said Aklasur Rahman, 55, of Dowani village in Hatibandha upazila.

"I got 104 maunds of added. Hossain Babu, 47, of maize from four bighas of land last year and hope to get better yield this "I spent Tk 6,000 for year. I sold the crop at Tk 460 per maund last year," he said.

Delowar Hosain, is favourable.

as the crop can be culti- 8,000 as profit. I will Naresh Chandra, Babul Miah, Shahed Miah, Rajoni Kanta Sen and several other farmers at Bawra village in Patgram upazila said they have been earning good profit by cultivating maize during the last few years. Middlemen often make

advance payment for purchasing the crop, they

Safayet Hossain, deputy director of DAE in Lalmonirhat, said farmers will achieve bumper yield of maize this year as they used good seeds and the weather

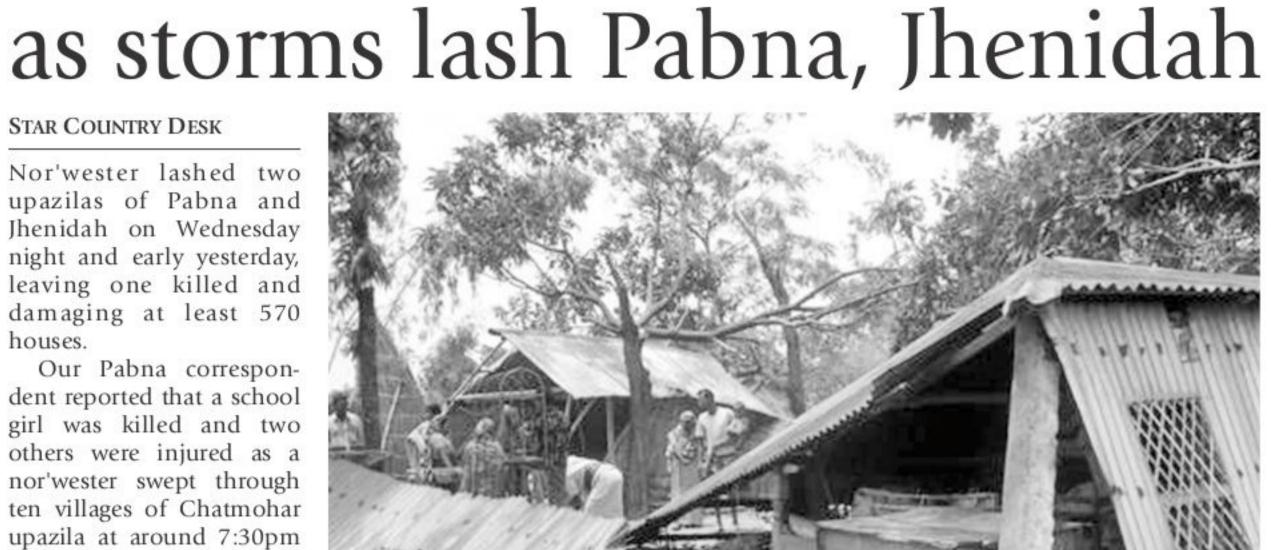


PHOTO: STAR

Two houses lie mangled at Baruria village in Chatmohor upazila of Pabna as nor'wester lashed the area on Wednesday night.

district early yesterday, Kacherkol and Umedpur. damaging at least 500 While visiting the damaged by the nor'wester. houses and Irri-boro affected areas yesterday Contacted, Upazila

spondent. also injured during the The storm hit the unions at around 4:30am and continued for half an hour. Over 1000 trees were uprooted in the affected areas during the storm.

> The storm-hit unions are Tribeni, Diknagar,

crops, reports our corre- morning, this correspon- Nirbahi Officer (UNO) dent found that the nor'wester damaged at least 500 tin-roofed houses and Irri-boro and other crops and uprooted over 1000

boro paddy on his two UNO said.

bighas of land was badly

Mohammad Ali Prince said around 500 houses in four unions were damaged by the nor'wester.

"The upazila administra-

tion with the help of union Akkas Ali, a farmer of chairmen is preparing a list Diknagar village, standing of the affected villagers," the

BNP calls hartal in Sunamganj for Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

District BNP yesterday has called an 8-hour hartal in Sunamganj district for Sunday, demanding steps to rescue 'missing' Mujibur Rahman, former BNP vicepresident of the district unit and founder president of the UK chapter of the party's youth front Jubo Dal.

PHOTO: STAR

Begum of Chakamoiya

"Now we cannot arrange

village in Kalapara upazila.

Caesarean section due to

lack of an anaesthetist

although we have an opera-

tion theatre with modern

equipment. We have already

sent several letters and also

verbally requested the

higher authorities to imme-

diately post an anaesthetist

at the hospital," said Dr

Abdur Rahim, Kalapara

for corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A court here on Wednesday

sentenced a Brac official to five-

year rigorous imprisonment

Barisal Divisional Special

Court also fined the abscond-

ing convict Bonita Aich,

former accountant of the

NGO's Nazirpur upazila

branch in Pirojpur, Tk 11 lakh.

According to the case

Judge Sharif Uddin Azad of

for misappropriating funds.

upazila health officer.

The hartal was announced from a human chain formed in Bilpar area yesterday afternoon, following a procession that paraded the main streets of the town.

District BNP convener Nasir Uddin Chowdhury, Sadar Upazila Parishad Chairman Dewan Zainul Zakerin and several other leaders and activists of the party addressed the rally.

Man gets life for possessing illegal arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court on Wednesday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for possessing illegal arms.

Lifer Md Abul Kalam Azad alias Jahangir, son of Abul Khayer of Katalia village in Chowhali upazila of Sirajganj district, was tried in absentia.

According to the prosecution, police arrested Jahangir along with a pistol and two bullets from a passenger bus in Bera upazila of Pabna on October 20, 2003.

A case was filed with Bera police station in this connection. Jahangir was sent to jail. He later went into hiding after getting bail from the court.

Sub-inspector Samsul Haque submitted charge sheet accusing Jahangir after

statement, Bonita Aich

misappropriated Tk 10,45,200

by submitting false vouchers

while working at the NGO's

Nazirpur branch from 2001 to

ASM Zakaria, upazila in-

charge of the organization

lodged a complaint against

Bonita with the Anti

Corruption Commission

submitted the charge sheet

After investigation, ACC

(ACC) on June 2007.

2006.

Brac official jailed

ATTACK ON BUSES ALLEGEDLY BY HSTU STUDENTS

Dinajpur transport workers start indefinite strike said M Rafiq, president of the campus.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Transport Workers' Union went on an indefinite strike on all routes in the district yesterday, protesting attack on four passenger buses by the students of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University on Wednesday.

Although the strike began at 6:00am, no passenger buses left the district since Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, students of the university blocked Dhaka-Dinajpur highway for the second consecutive day yesterday, protesting an attack on five people, including two students, and three student buses of HSTU by the transport workers on Wednesday

evening. The decision to enforce the strike was taken at a meeting at the union office in Suihari area of the district town on Wednesday night,

Dinajpur Transport Workers' Union. The bus operators

cancelled tickets, causing immense sufferings to the passengers, said locals.

At 5:30pm on Wednesday, three buses of HSTU with the students aboard were coming to the district town from

As one of the buses accidentally hit a Dhakabound bus in Kalitola area,

the transport workers of the area damaged the university buses, leaving two students and three bus staffs injured, said Dr Shahadat Hossain, student advisor of HSTU.



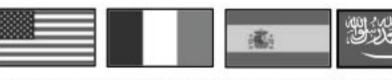
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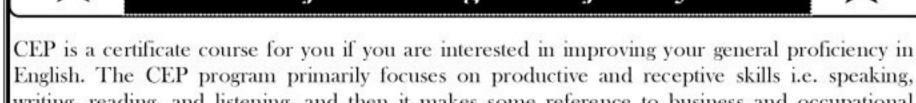
The students of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) stage demonstration on the campus yesterday, protesting attacks on two students and three buses of the university by transport workers at Kalitola of Dinajpur town on Wednesday.

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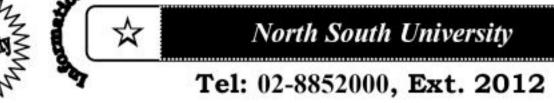
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