



Underprivileged people sit in lines at Chowdhuryghat of Chandpur town yesterday where Bangladesh Coast Guard was giving away hilsa fry, jatka, they seized from unscrupulous fishermen.

Body found 9 days

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Police detained four people, including the wife and the mother-in-law of Shifat early yesterday.
On information from the detainees, when police went to Dakhin Light House area to recover Azizul's body around 10:00am yesterday, miscreants opened fired on them prompting a gunfight, said the OC.
Once the miscreants fled from the area, police found Azizul's body buried there wrapped in a polythene sheet and a jute sack, he said, adding that two fire arms and 20 bullets were also recovered from the spot.
Two officers, including the OC himself, were injured in the gun-fight. However, they had to take only first aid at Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, Mahfuz said.
Police filed two new cases in this

regard and Azizul's body was sent to the hospital morgue for an autopsy. Police, however, could not arrest anybody involved in the gun-fight.
ABDUCTED SCHOOLBOY RESCUED
Locals in a remote char of Shibchar upazila in Madaripur rescued a school student from two abductors, who were trying to kill him for his organs on Saturday evening, reports our Madaripur correspondent, quoting police.
Police arrested the alleged abductors -- Alamgir Hossain of Shibchar and Muktar Hossain of Shibchar and Muktar Hossain of Shibchar. The victim was Mizanur Rahman Nayeem, a 10th grader of Motijheel Ideal School and resident of capital's Gulbagh area.
DN Belayet Hossain, officer-in-

charge of Shibchar Police Station, yesterday told The Daily Star that Alamgir, who was acquainted with the victim, asked Nayeem to accompany him to his village to attend the burial of his mother. His mother, however, was alive and sound.
Then Alamgir along with Mukta took Nayeem to a char in Charmandra area on Saturday evening and attempted to kill him. When Nayeem started screaming, locals reached the spot to save him and handed the duo to the police, he added.
Alamgir admitted to his crime after his arrest, the OC said.
The arrestees were sent to Madaripur jail and Nayeem's father filed a case with Shahjahanpur Police Station in the capital yesterday in this regard.

Target stronger ties with India

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letter from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
However, a source at the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh told The Daily Star yesterday that "as of now, there is no such proposal from Bangladesh government to send a delegation".
But they hope to receive such proposal after formation of the new cabinet in New Delhi, the source added.
On Friday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her letters to Narendra Modi and BJP President Rajnath Singh congratulated them on the BJP's landslide victory and invited them to visit Bangladesh.
Hasina had a conversation with Modi over the phone. In her letter, she also requested Modi to visit Bangladesh as the first foreign destination.
Diplomatic sources in Dhaka and New Delhi said though there had been no hurried response from BJP, it was

impossible for any leader or party of India to ignore Bangladesh considering its geo-political location.
On July 27, 2013, the Awami League-led government sent its High Commissioner in New Delhi, Tariq A Karim, to Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi in Gandhinagar to build a rapport with BJP, a senior official at the foreign ministry told The Daily Star yesterday.
This visit was highly significant as Karim was the first envoy of a Muslim majority country to meet Modi, and since then Dhaka was maintaining contact with BJP leadership.
Dhaka's relations with New Delhi, even after the change of government in India, may get a fresh impetus in respect of trade and investment, said the foreign ministry official.
There is no denying the fact that Congress party in India and Awami League (AL) have had close links since long, and Dhaka believes that Modi government would continue the legacy

of Vajpayee in maintaining ties with Bangladesh, the official said.
The government has decided to make up all-out efforts both through diplomatic and political channels to establish strong relations with the BJP government, highly placed sources said.
As part of that move the AL has also planned to send a high-level party delegation in New Delhi to have discussion with BJP stalwarts aiming to establish party-to-party relations like the Congress-AL ties.
The AL will also propose an exchange of party level leaders for reaching greater understanding between the two parties.
The foreign ministry sources also said Hasina, who will pay a four-day visit to Japan on May 25-28, is likely to send two separate delegations to India upon her return from Tokyo.
Hasina is also due to visit China from June 6 to 11.

Sangsad goes

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the opposition bench between 1991 and 2013, ended up having no representation in parliament after the BNP-led 19-party alliance boycotted the January 5 national elections.
President Abdul Hamid convened the budget session yesterday, Mahfuzur Rahman, secretary to the parliament secretariat, told The Daily Star.
Finance Minister AMA Muhith is likely to place the budget for 2014-15 fiscal year on June 5.
This will be the first budget of the Awami League government formed on January 12 following the one-sided election.
The maiden session of the 10th parliament took place between January 29 and April 10.

Four of a family

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threatened to kill everybody by setting their house on fire.
Two sisters of Sharifa are the mothers of the three children.
Meanwhile, police arrested Azad in connection with the incident from Narail district yesterday afternoon. He confessed to his involvement in the attack.
Locals said the house was torched by kerosene being poured on it around 11:00pm when everybody inside was fast asleep.
Three died on the spot and another was injured critically in the incident. Tanima was rushed to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital where she died later.

Change should start

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in Bangladesh. Rhein-Wall University is already having such collaboration with key Bangladesh universities like Buet and Dhaka University.
"At the same time, faculties have to learn the modern way of instructions," she said.
"They have to learn problem-based teaching where students are given specific problems to be solved in innovative ways. The students have to learn in teams and teachers have to know how to make it happen.
"When I visit laboratories in Bangladeshi universities, I find machines all covered up. The labs are not well organised. So what I feel is, the change must come from the syllabus to faculties to students to laboratories."
The faculty members have to

attend more conferences, get hooked to education networks, visit foreign universities and education fairs. And they have to visit not only education fairs but also business fairs to get to know the demand of business, the professor observed.
"You see, even Germany is changing its system over time. For example, we had no master's or bachelor's degrees. We only had diplomas," Prof Klotz said.
"But then since the whole world follows bachelor's and master's programmes, we also changed our system for which we had to go through a seachange in our education system."
Research has to be more society oriented, she pointed out. For example, Europe has a research programme called Horizon 2020. The idea is that research has to be done for society's goal; products

10-year plan needs

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There should be regular consultation meetings of relevant agencies to work together on this, the presentation suggested.
The Master Plan has been prepared with technical assistance from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN).
Representatives of different bilateral and multilateral development partners, including the World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica), were present at the meeting.
They assured assistance for the

implementation of the plan and advised the government to involve the private sector in it.
Finance Minister AMA Muhith said, "There will be provision for a grant in the next budget to kick-start the process of implementing the findings in this report."
He hoped the fund would be properly used. Muhith also talked about involving the private sector to raise the investment needed.
Agricultural Minister Matia Chowdhury said the Master Plan would open up opportunities for inhabitants of the coastal areas who are often battered by the caprice of nature.

and business plans have to come out of research.
The research teams should have both researchers and representatives from companies, she said, adding that companies would generate demands and research teams should generate results.
Suppose the company might say there is a need for special kind of chairs for the disabled. The researchers will then achieve that. The companies should give vision and the scientists should innovate. That's how it happens in Germany, she said.
"We also think how to generate funds for higher education. It's not the government only. In many countries, fees from students and company contributions constitute a great portion of higher education funds. Bangladesh can also think in that direction," she observed.

She said if the Master Plan was implemented, not only will food supply increase but poverty will also be brought down.
The 14 districts in the southern region of Bangladesh, with a population of more than 3 crore, has generally been identified as the most disadvantaged area in terms of climate change. The entire region is beset with problems like recurring cyclones, salinity and food insecurity.
The government prepared the master plan against the backdrop of cyclones Aila and Sidr as per advice from its development partners in 2010 at the meeting of Bangladesh Development Forum.

12 upazilas go to polls today

Some 20,000 law enforcers deployed to maintain law and order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Polls to 12 upazila parishads in eight districts will be held today in the sixth phase amid tight security measures to avert violence.
Rebel candidates have again appeared as a big threat to both the ruling Awami League and opposition BNP-backed candidates.
Meanwhile, the by-election for Tarakanda upazila in Mymensingh will also be held today, as its chairman became a Member of Parliament in the January 5 national elections.

As many as 182 candidates are contesting in 13 upazilas, 64 of them for the post of chairman, 69 for vice-chairman and 49 for female vice-chairman, according to the Election Commission.
The AL-supported candidates are facing nine rebel candidates in six upazilas, while four BNP-blessed candidates have an equal number of rebel aspirants in four upazilas.
The AL has two rebel candidates in Sadar Dakkhin in Comilla, one in Kalukhali in Rajbari, three in Gazipur Sadar and one each in Sadar, Gangachhara and Kaunia in Rangpur for the post of chairman.
The BNP-backed chairman candidates each have one rebel candidate in Sadar Dakkhin in Comilla, Kalukhali in Rajbari, Taltoli in Barguna and Bijoynagar in Brahmanbaria, our correspondents report.

The Election Commission has meanwhile said it has taken extra security measures to prevent violence in today's polls.
Widespread violence in parts of the country marked the previous five phases of the upazila election. Taking lessons from previous experience, the EC has deployed additional law enforcers to maintain law and order during the polls, said Sirajul Islam, acting secretary of the EC Secretariat.
Around 20,000 members of different security agencies, including the army, had been deployed at 746 polling centres in the 13 upazilas, he told reporters at a press conference at his office.

Ex-CEC

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election in December 2008, to explain in two weeks why contempt of court proceedings should not begin against him for "maligning the dignity and honour of the judiciary".
The home secretary, inspector general of police, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, deputy commissioner of Dhaka and officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station have also been made respondents to the rule.

Mysterious death of domestic help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mystery shrouded the death of a 13-year old domestic help in Baridhara in the capital yesterday.
Police recovered the body from a toilet at the residence of Syed Mahbub Janurain, a businessman, who lives there along with his wife and three children.
Her employers claimed the girl had committed suicide, said Gulshan police.
However, the girl, whose name was not disclosed, was found undressed and hanging from the ventilator with her scarf.
"We are baffled as to why the girl would feel the need to undress to commit suicide. Hence we are investigating a variety of causes, including sexual

abuse," said Sub-inspector Abdul Barek of Gulshan Police Station.
The police have asked Dhaka Medical College morgue to check if she was raped right before the time of her death or earlier, he added.
From the footage caught on the closed-circuit cameras of the house, they found the girl walking in the house until 9:15am yesterday. However, certain areas in the house like toilets are not under the surveillance of the cameras, said Barek.
Police have seized the cameras and footage and are looking into the incident, the police official said.
Mahbub and his wife said they came out of the house at 7:00am and 8:00am respectively.
Barek said they were inspecting the footage to confirm their statements.

Rural schools lag behind

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who passed the examinations, 1,42,276 secured the highest grade, GPA-5.
The education ministry made a list of the top 20 institutions under the education boards based on five indicators -- the number of total examinees, percentage of regular examinees, pass rate, the number of students with GPA-5, and the average GPA (grade point average) of students of a school.
Of the top 160 institutions, 69 are state-run schools, which are considered the best in the districts with adequate infrastructure and other facilities. Most of the remaining ones are either cadet colleges or run by specific forces like the army, or are located in district towns.
In Dhaka board, 16 of the top 20 institutions are in the capital.
The four that are outside Dhaka city are Bindu Basini Government Boys' High School in Tangail, Mymensingh Zila School, Mirzapur Cadet College in Tangail, and Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College.

In Rajshahi board, 11 of the top 20 schools are government-run. Seven are either cadet colleges or specialised schools. The remaining two are Biam Model School and College and SOS Herman Gmeiner College, Bogra.
The picture is almost similar for the other boards.
The institutions, which got more government investment, have done better in the examinations, educationist Rasheda K Choudhury said.
The state invests more in cadet colleges, which have good teachers, labs and other facilities, she added.
Students of the private institutions in the towns are more privileged as their families can afford to invest more in their education, said Rasheda, executive director of the Campaign for Popular Education.
"I should say it is a quality divide in education.
"The government should identify which institutions are not doing well and what their problems are. And then it should invest our resources in those institutions," she suggested.

Sri Lanka celebrates end of war, blocks commemorations

AFP, Matara

President Mahinda Rajapakse led celebrations at a major victory parade yesterday to mark the fifth anniversary of the end of Sri Lanka's Tamil separatist war after commemorations for its victims were blocked.
Most top envoys of Western nations stayed away from the parade, but a defiant Rajapakse insisted he would not bow to pressure from foreign critics who are pushing him to investigate claims that tens of thousands died in the final stages of the conflict.
"Some governments are blind, deaf and dumb. They are opposed to our celebrating this victory," Rajapakse

said in a televised speech from Matara, his birthplace in the Sinhalese heartland of the island's south.
"We are not celebrating victory in a war, we are celebrating peace. Irrespective of who opposes this, or who stays away, we will always commemorate this day," he added.
The 37-year conflict effectively ended on May 18, 2009, when troops killed the leader of the Tamil Tiger rebels, Velupillai Prabhakaran, in a brutal assault on the northern town of Mullaitivu.
The UN has estimated that at least 100,000 people died in the entire conflict, about 40,000 of them in the final months of fighting.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Special Security Force
Prime Minister's Office
Tejgaon, Dhaka

Invitation for Open Tender

1.	Ministry/Division		Prime Minister's Office.		
2.	Agency		Special Security Force.		
3.	Procurement entity name		Assistant Director (P&P), SSF.		
4.	Source of funds		Revenue of GOB of Financial Year 2013-14.		
5.	Tender Package No.		662/1/P&P-250 and 662/1/P&P-259.		
6.	Tender name		Procurement of Intercom System and Non-Linear Junction Device with all standard accessories.		
7.	Brief description of works				
	Ser	Description of the items	Lot	Quantity	Price of tender document
	a.	Procurement of Intercom System with all standard accessories (details are in the schedule)	01	1 pc	1000.00
	b.	Procurement of Non-Linear Junction Device with all standard accessories (details are in the schedule)	02	02 pcs	1000.00
8.	Time of work		June 2014		
9.	Eligibility of tenderers		Must be principal dealer/supplier having min 05 years of experience of these kinds of supply/maintenance.		
10.	Amount of tender security		Earnest money (refundable) in the form of Pay-Order or Bank Draft or Irrecoverable Bank Guarantee in the name of DG SSF.		
11.	Name and address of the office(s) Selling tenders document		Assistant Director (P&P), Room No. 146, ICC Block, Special Security Force, Prime Minister's Office, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215, Phone: 88-02-9112082, Fax: 88-02-9143406		
12.	Name and address of the office(s) Receiving tenders		Gate No. 4, Prime Minister's Office, Nakhla para (Near Old MP Hostel), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.		
13.	Name and address of the office(s) Opening tenders		Assistant Director (P&P), Room No. 146, ICC Block, Special Security Force, Prime Minister's Office, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.		
14.	Last date and time for selling tender document		01 June 2014, up to 1200 hrs.		
15.	Last date and time for submission of tender		02 June 2014, 1100 hours local time. Tenderers and authorized representatives are allowed to attend. Tender will be opened at 1115 hours in the same date.		
16.	Special instruction		a. All other instructions are described in the tender documents. b. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject whole or part of any tender/offer.		

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