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Two girls drown in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Two girls drowned in a pond near their houses at Shingrol village in Pirganj upazila of Thakurgaon yesterday.

The victims were Moina, 7, daughter of Shafiqul Islam; and Bonya, 6, daughter of Ruhul Amin. Family sources said the two fell into the pond while

they were playing beside it. As they did not return homes within several hours, their

family members started looking for them and found them dead in the water body about 5:00pm, they said.

Twelve return from Indian jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Twelve Bangladeshis returned home yesterday evening after languishing around three years in an Indian jail in

Indian police handed the youths, who are hailing

from Bagerhat, over to Bangladeshi police at Benapole checkpoint.

They were arrested in Karala in January of 2011 on charge of illegally entering into the country.

Benapole police Officer-in-Charge Jahangir Hossai said they were looking for good job in India.

Four robbers arrested in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police arrested four alleged robbers with a firearm in different drives in Ashulia outside the capital yesterday.

The arrested are Rafiqul Islam, 30, Bishwanath Das, 33, Rafikul Alom, 38, and Abdul Aziz, 45, said Sheikh Badrul Alom, officer-in-charge of Ashulia police Station. A pistol, two knives, five mobile phone sets and some other sharp weapons were seized from them, the OC said.

2,970 bottles of Phensidyl seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police recovered 2,970 bottles of Phensidyl from a car in Kalihati upazila of Tangail yesterday.

Police signalled a Dhaka-bound car to stop at a check post on Dhaka-Tangail highway at Elenga, but the car did not stop.

When police chased the car, the driver left the car in front of a local filling station and fled.

Nasiruddin, Jiad Old Faujians Association president, GS

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Faujians Association, Dhaka chapter. **Jiad Hossain**

The election of the association's executive council has been held at Raowa Club of DOHS recently, says a press release.

Mohammad Nasiruddin

Chowdhury and Jiad

elected president and

general secretary of Old

Hossain have been

The other office bearers are Sarful Alam (vice-president-1), Rokanuddin Mamun (vice-president-2), Abu Nazam Md (joint general secretary), and Imtiaz Kabir, Kazi Rayan Mahmud, and Shubashis Roy (members).

Drawing competition for kids held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Non government organisation Utsho Bangladesh organ-

ised a drawing competition for children yesterday. Around 30 children from different schools as well as street children participated in the competition held at Utsho Biddya Nikaton, a school of street children at Gazipur.

Later, a photo exhibition was held and certificates were distributed among the participating kids.

Prof Abdul Awal and Prof Hosne Ara Begum of Dhaka University's Institute of Education and Research were present at the programme.



Conference

Bangladesh Economists' Forum has organised a conference on "Vision 2013: A Framework for Economic Policy Making and Strategy Formulation in a Pluralistic Democracy"; Venue: Radisson Hotel; Time: 9:30am.

Dialogue Dhaka University's Bureau of a dialogue on "Managing the Impact of Climate Change in South Asia";

Economic Research and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany have arranged Venue: Senate Bhaban; Time: 8:30am.



A long tailback on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Bhatiari in Sitakunda upazila yesterday morning. For the protracted road widening work, traffic jam has become commonplace on the highway but the problem was exacerbated by rain, as vehicles had to move slowly. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

GOPALGANJ FERRY SINKING

2nd Edition

Four trucks yet to be salvaged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalgani

The team of the Roads and Highway Department of Gopalganj, which is carrying out a salvage operation in the Madhumati river, could not pull four sunken goods-laden trucks from the water till last night. A ferry, carrying seven goods-laden trucks, went down

of Gopalganj. The team have brought to shore three trucks using a crane. As the trucks are around eight feet under water, local divers failed to tie the vehicles to lift those through the crane, said

early Thursday near the Kalna ferry ghat at Kashiani upazila

Samiron Ray, executive engineer of RHD of Gopalganj. "We have asked for professional divers from Khulna and hope to salvage the trucks today (Saturday) with their help,"

Meanwhile, an abandoned ferry at the ghat was repaired and is being used for the time being to reduce traffic pressure on the both sides of the river, said ans RHD official.

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Customer 'hit dies in capital STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A customer died yesterday after a shopkeeper allegedly hit him in the head with a hammer in the capital's Uttara on June 3.

Kaysar Hamid had been undergoing treatment in Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, said Uttara police Officerin-Charge Moinul Kabir.

Kaysar had bought a toy motorcycle from the shop, but it broke down immediately after bringing home, so get it fixed, said Moinul. Regarding this, an alter-

cation took place at the shop and one of the shopkeepers hit him, he added. Two shopkeepers were arrested

ATTACK ON EX-BCL CHIEF by shopkeeper Case filed, police still clueless

AL leaders at protest rally urge party men to be alert . STAFF CORRESPONDENT

. Police are yet to find any clue regarding the attack on AKM · Enamul Hoque Shameem, a central leader of the ruling : · Awami League, who was shot on Thursday morning. The victim's uncle Nasir Ahmed filed a case with

· Dhanmondi Police Station accusing three unknown per-· sons last night. Meanwhile, senior AL leaders, at a rally organised to

· protest the attack, have advised party men to remain alert, he took it back to the shop to . united and careful so that none can attack them. Shameem, also a former president of Bangladesh : building and shot Shamsul. · Chhatra League, was shot by unidentified gunmen while he

was going to his Stamford University office from his nearby : fire on him, but he managed : Dhanmondi residence in the capital. He has been undergoing treatment at Combined Military .

Hospital with two bullet wounds in his left hand.

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Caretaker shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

 Unidentified miscreants shot the caretaker of a 10storey under-construction · building in Banashree of the capital yesterday.

Shamsul Alam, 55, received two bullet injuries in in his right leg and is undergoing treatment at Dhaka · Medical College Hospital. Alam's nephew Javed Mia

told The Daily Star that about seven people went to the

He said they also opened to escape unscathed.

Police said the motive behind the shooting could : not be known immediately.

Road crashes kill six

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he said.

Six people were killed and five others injured in road accidents in Rangpur, Chuadanga, Thakurgaon, Bagerhat and Rajbari on Thursday and yesterday.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, a schoolteacher was killed instantly and her husband injured a Sundarganj-bound passenger bus from Rangpur hit a motorcycle carrying them at Kadamtala in Pirgachha upazila on Thursday afternoon.

Warna Marzia Banu Duli, 50, was the headmistress of Bachohati Government Primary School.

Her husband Md Habibur Rahman of Gomostapara in the city was undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Our Chuadanga correspondent reports, a man was killed on the spot and three others were injured as a truck collided head-on with a human hauler on Chuadanga-Alamdanga road in Boalmari area of Sadar upazila on Thursday afternoon.

The deceased, Abdul Khalek, 38, son of late Abdul Jalil, was a banana

trader. Locals rushed Shanti, 30, Rabiul, 40, and Amjed, 32, to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital in

critical condition.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reports, a man was killed as a motorised human hauler hit him on Panchagarh-Dhaka highway in front of Karotoya Filling Station in the town on Thursday night.

The victim, Jamil Hossain, 42, son of Atiqur Rahman of Rajnagar Notunbosti in the municipality area, was a manager of a local bus counter. He died at Panchagarh Sadar Hospital, on arrival.

A correspondent from Bagerhat adds, a youth was killed instantly when a goodsladen Khulna-bound truck from Mongla hit his motorcycle from the opposite direction on Khulna-Mongla highway in Bhaga Machh Bazar area at Rampal upazila on Thursday night.

The victim was Imran Sheikh, son of Mostafa Sheikh of village Gobindapur in the upazila.

UNB from Rajbari reports, two motorcyclists were killed and another was injured as their bike crashed into a roadside tree at Majbari in Kalukhali upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased were Abul Kalam, son of Keyamuddin; and Tayeb Ali, son of Rajab Ali of Arkandi village in the upazila while the injured is Mamtaz Begum, mother of Tayeb Ali.

71 SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS Dhaka hails Baroness Pola's statement

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has welcomed the statement made recently by Baroness Pola Uddin at the House of Lords wherein she referred to the case of Bengali victims of sexual violence during the War of Liberation in 1971.

She also raised the question as to whether there is any room to create a constructive provision of support and resources for the survivors of past atrocities and conflicts.

Pola Uddin was speaking with reference to the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict held in London from June 10 to June 13, said a foreign ministry media release on Thursday night.



After enduring more than five years of torture by husband, Rina Begum has taken up a means of livelihood very unusual for a woman--selling spiced puffed rice (jhal muri) on the street. She left her in-laws six months ago and started this to support herself and her small daughter, seen beside her. Domestic violence is pervasive in rural Bangladesh but few victims get justice and state's support, while most have to either get along with it or find their own way for survival. The photo was taken in the Chourasta area of Kalapara municipality, Patuakhali recently. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim"

WE BUY

People fish in a large puddle using a mosquito net on the capital's Malibagh road where a truck loaded with fish, not in picture, turned over on its side yesterday, releasing a huge number of fish. Though the fishing was an amusing sight to commuters, this crater with treacherous holes under the water may cause danger to vehicles anytime. Such large craters have been created for the ongoing Malibagh-Mouchak flyover construction work and were filled with water after yesterday's rain. The photo was taken in front of Rajarbagh Police Lines.

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