

NEWS IN brief

Four rape suspects sent to jail in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A magistrate in Sylhet sent four accused to jail yesterday in a case filed for raping a girl on Thursday. Humayun Rashid of Kuchai village, Zunaed Ahmed of Ganganagar, owner of Biroti hotel Sagir Ahmed and its manager Alamgir Hossain, raped the girl in the hotel near station road. The 12-year-old girl lost her way to her relative's house and asked them for help when the accused took her to the hotel. Police arrested them on Friday in the hotel.

Woman found dead in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police recovered the hanging body of a housewife from her room in West Chandona area under Gazipur City Corporation early yesterday. Arpa Akter Kakoly, 21, wife of Abul Hossain Tipu, might have committed suicide over family feuds, said police. The body was sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital for an autopsy.

Robber beaten to death in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

An alleged robber of a gang was beaten to death by a mob while fleeing after looting a house in Dumni village of Sreepur upazila of Gazipur early yesterday. Locals said 10 to 12 robbers were fleeing after looting valuables from the house of Aunur Das. Villagers chased them and managed to catch Sohel Rana, 35, of the upazila. Two villagers were injured by the robbers in the incident.

Two cops closed for beating trucker

UNB, Khulna

Two policemen and two Ansar members of Lobonchora police camp in Khulna city were closed to the district police lines on the charge of beating a truck driver on Friday. The action was taken against police constables Milon Kumar Roy and Mostafizur Rahman and Ansar men Delwar and Faruque on Friday night. Witnesses said the cops beat up the trucker, Abdur Rahman, after water splashed over them from a puddle while the truck was speeding past the police camp on Friday afternoon.

Hill slope residents vulnerable to mudslides during the monsoon in Chittagong city being evacuated by the district administration and law enforcers at Lalkhan Bazar during an eviction drive yesterday. They are being temporarily relocated to a makeshift shelter at Tiger Pass Government Primary School.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



Ctg residents walk for habitable city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

To motivate people for making Chittagong a habitable and international standard city, different programmes, including a procession, were held in the city yesterday. Under the banner of "Walking for Chittagong-2", the procession, led by former adviser to a caretaker government Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, was brought out from Chittagong Railway Station around 4:00pm. A cross-section of people joined the programme. Afterwards, a campaign was conducted at the city's Reazuddin Bazar where traders and buyers were

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Jamaat calls half-day hartal in Sylhet city for tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday called a half-day hartal in Sylhet city for tomorrow protesting the arrest of party's city unit Acting Secretary Fokhrul Islam. The programme was announced at a party rally in the city's Court Point area yesterday.

Jamaat will also stage demonstration today to protest the arrest, said city Jamaat Assistant Secretary Sohel Ahmed.

Shahporan police arrested Fokhrul yesterday in

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SLUM DWELLERS IN CAPITAL One-third are climate refugees: Researchers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least a third of the slum dwellers in the capital are climate refugees -- people who lost their homes and livelihoods due to adverse effects of climate change, said green experts at a discussion in the capital yesterday.

The meeting titled "Comprehensive Security Dialogue on Managing the Impact of Climate Change in South Asia" organised by the Bureau of Economic Research of Dhaka University and Hanns Seidel Foundation was held in the university's senate bhaban.

Speakers said the cost of climate change is being paid by the poor as they are the ones losing their homes and harvest among other

things.

Atiq A Rehman of the Bangladesh Institute of Advanced Research said, "Studies have shown that the average blood pressure of women in Dakope upazila is higher than women in other parts of the country due to the highly saline water they drink."

Speakers agreed that coastal management cannot be done by one country alone since resources are shared.

"Only eight percent of the water in Bangladesh comes from rainfall, the rest comes from shared water resources with other countries. Thus Bangladesh's sustainability is dependent on cooperation," said Rehman.

M Khaliqzaman, senior adviser of

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The final audition of the Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef 2014 in Dhaka attracted a wide array of participants, including this burka-clad woman, who qualified for the second round in the city's Shooting Complex yesterday.

800 battle it out in Dhaka

CITY DESK

Around 800 enthusiastic people participated in the final audition round of Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef 2014 held in the capital's Shooting Complex, despite yesterday's rainy and gloomy afternoon.

Hundreds of enthusiastic participants visited Shooting Complex in their quest to be crowned a super chef.

The Dhaka audition round is being held in two phases. Yesterday, judges tasted all the dishes and gave out 100 "yes" cards. Four among the selected 100 will be chosen today for the grand finale through a question-answer round.

Today's finalist will receive Tk 25,000 each. The four along with the others selected from each regional audition will participate in the finale scheduled to be held after the Ramadan.

Judges--Shahida Yeasmin, Afroza Banu, Kanishka Chakroborty, Selina Parvin, Reema Islam, Dora Alamgir and Asma Aziz--appreciated the wide range of variety presented in the dishes which included continental, oriental, traditional and fusion recipes.

Unlike the auditions in other cities, Dhaka saw the maximum level of diversity in cuisines.

The champion of the Grand Finale will receive a cash prize of Tk 5 lakh while the first and second runners-up will win Tk 3 lakh and Tk 2 lakh respectively.



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Road crashes kill five

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Five people were killed and 11 others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Friday.

Our Nilphamari correspondent reports, two people were killed and five others injured when an

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Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amena Kahhar, elder daughter of late famous poet Sufia Kamal, died in Chittagong city yesterday. She was 88.

Amena, former director of women affairs directorate in Chittagong, left behind two sons, a daughter, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. She had served the then East Pakistan Radio as an English language announcer in Dhaka.

Amena, wife of late Abdul Kahhar Chowdhury, also taught at Viqarunnesa Girls High School for several years, said a press release.



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