

NEWSIN brief

Two wounded while making bomb

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two men sustained burn injuries when a bomb that they were making exploded at Baropota in Benapole thana yesterday.

Hearing the explosion, locals rushed to the house and rescued Ashraf Ali and Quasem Ali. Being informed by locals, police admitted Quasem to a hospital but Ashraf fled before police arrived.

Police arrested their two accomplices, Lutfar Rahman and Ibrahim Hossain, who admitted that they buy bomb making materials from India.

A case was filed.

One held with 1.5kg of gold at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence officials yesterday detained a person with around 1.5kg of gold at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital.

Mahibul Khan, 39, of Munshiganj, was detained while crossing a green channel with a vacuum cleaner stashing nine gold balls, 12 chains and 12 rings, worth around Tk 75 lakh, inside, said the officials. Mahibul came from Singapore by MH102 flight.

Stalker jailed in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A mobile court in Pirojpur sentenced a stalker to six-month imprisonment on Thursday night.

Md Sayef Sheikh Rana, 26, of Gopalganj, was caught by locals while stalking a schoolgirl in Nazirpur upazila and later was handed over to Malikhali police outpost.

Police then produced him before Nazirpur upazila nirbahari officer who gave the order.

Debate contest begins at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

The third national debate contest began on Rajshahi University campus yesterday.

Business Studies Faculty Debating Forum, a renowned student's debating organisation, of RU organised the two-day event with assistance from Cute, a cosmetic manufacturing company.

A total of 32 public and private universities, including Dhaka and Chittagong universities, are participating in the debate competition which was inaugurated by RU Vice Chancellor Prof Muhmmad Mizanuddin.

Youth killed in Ctg road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Mirsarai upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

A speedy truck hit Md Belal Mir, 28, of Kachua upazila of Bagerhat, in Madyam Sonapahar area while he was crossing the highway, said police.

He was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Woman shot in house in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was shot by unidentified miscreants in her flat on the second floor of a three-storey building in the capital's Badda yesterday.

Sajeda Begum, 35, was shot below her left knee and admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Her husband Abdur Rob told reporters that their son and he were in a mosque for Juma prayers when the incident occurred. Nothing was missing from the house, the family added.

Badda police said one of her brothers-in-law shot her over a land dispute.

Alcoholic beverages of Tk 8cr seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members yesterday seized 2.53 lakh litre of local alcoholic beverages, worth Tk 8 crore, from Aziz Nagar hilly area in Lama upazila of Bandarban.

They, however, could not arrest anyone and destroyed the alcoholic beverages.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 18th death anniversary of Prof Mohammed Noman, an eminent educationist and former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held, food will be distributed in orphanages and a special munajat will be offered at a mosque.

Prof Noman Smriti Foundation has chalked out elaborate programmes, marking the day

Pro Noman received Ekushey Padak and President Gold Medal.



Woman hangs herself after murdering husband

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

A woman allegedly committed suicide after hacking to death her husband in Baltali area of Laxmichhari upazila under Khagrachhari district yesterday.

The dead are Dharmaman Chakma, 55, and his wife Jatanmala Chakma.

Police recovered the bodies -- Dharmaman's

with hack wounds and Jatanmala's hanging body -- and sent those for autopsies.

The assistant superintendent of police (Ramgorh circle) said the couple argued over Dharmaman's extramarital affairs, and in a fit of rage Jatanmala hacked her husband to death.

She then hanged herself from a tree in the courtyard, he added.

Man murders nephew

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Following the duo's confessional statements, Maj Quamruzzaman, commander of Chapainawabganj camp of Rab-5, at a press conference at that night, said Shihab handed Kabita over to Sagar while she was playing before her Kaliganj-Fulbagan Moholla residence in

the town.

Korban complained to the Rab camp on August 31.

On September 1, the kidnappers demanded Tk 5 lakh over a mobile from Korban and he could pay them Tk 25,000 through bKash, said Quamruzzaman.

The two were sued.



The camera was supposed to catch a scenic view of the Buringanga river bank yesterday, but instead, only piles of bricks and sand were seen occupying the whole area near China friendship bridge 1 in Keraniganj. And no exception that the businessmen are "too influential" to be resisted.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Nat'l building code largely ignored

Public works minister admits at int'l conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharraf Hossain yesterday recognised that the national building code has largely been ignored though seismic hazards pose serious threats to the densely populated cities of Bangladesh.

Quoting Bangladesh Meteorological Department, he said Bangladesh had experienced around 116 seismic disturbances, of which the epicentre of 60 events lay in the country. "Such frequent seismic disturbances have raised the question of how prepared are we?"

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of an international seminar, "Seismic Design, Retrofitting and Good Practices of

Building Construction for Safer Cities", organised jointly by the Public Works Department (PWD) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) at a hotel in the capital.

"We know earthquakes don't kill people, it is the resultant collapse of the weak buildings. So, if we can build earthquake-resistant buildings, we can reduce devastation."

Chief Representative of Jica Mikio Hataeda said Dhaka was one of the cities most vulnerable to earthquakes due to its proximity to the seismically active zone. Quoting recent estimates of the UNDP, he said if a 6.5 magnitude earthquake hit Dhaka, more than 88,000 buildings would crumble.

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Jubo League leader accused of murder gets gun licence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Jamalpur District Administration has issued arms licences to Jubo League leader Rafiqul Islam, who is accused in at least two murder cases, and to two day labourers of Sharishabari upazila recently.

They were given shotgun licences in July, said the district administration sources.

Rafiqul Islam, joint general secretary of Sharishabari upazila Jubo League, has been absconding in the local BNP leader Sujon murder case.

He has prayed to the High Court for an anticipatory bail but the court turned his prayer down and asked the petitioner to appear before a lower court. As Rafiqul did not appear, the court then ordered his arrest, said sources.

Rafiqul Islam is also an accused in the local BNP leader Belal murder case.

There are also other cases against him, said court and police sources.

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HK woman convicted of pouring hot water on Bangladeshi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A former civil servant in Hong Kong (HK) has been convicted of pouring scalding hot water on a Bangladeshi maid who suffered severe burns to her chest.

A HK court gave the verdict on Wednesday after rejecting the defence's argument that the burns were caused by Raksona herself, reported South China Morning Post, an HK English daily.

Judge Pang Chung-ping

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PROPOSED ROOPPUR NUKE PLANT Security at site urged

Officials meet to discuss progress

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Officials in a joint coordination committee meeting yesterday stressed the need for setting up a police camp for ensuring security and finalisation of the project site for the proposed Rooppur nuclear power plant in Pabna.

They urged the government to quickly acquire 623 acres of land near the channel of the Padma river, as it has moved 2.5km away from the site in the last 50 years since the project was conceived in the 1960s.

At the meeting at the Roads and Highways Department office near the site, it was informed that the engineering survey would be completed within this year.

The final installation of the plant is expected to start in 2017, said officials.

Science and Technology Minister Yeafes Osman, who presided over the meeting, stressed the need for completion of all works within the schedule.

High officials of different agencies involved in the project were present on the occasion.

JS power to harm

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Killings, he told a discussion at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, organised by Progotishil Gonotantik Jote, a political alliance.

The author of the constitution also rejected the claim that he had incorporated such a provision in the 1972 charter.

Turning to the parliament, Dr Kamal said, "I can't accept uncontested lawmakers as people's representatives." It is like a child's play, he said, adding, "I got this doll. This is mine... won't give it."

The veteran politician demanded a fresh national election.

Dr Kamal also urged everyone to raise voice against the Broadcast Policy 2014. "We have to say no to this," he said.

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