

NEWSIN brief

Jubo League activist found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police recovered the body of a Jubo League activist from a bamboo-cluster in Rameswapur village under Natore Sadar upazila yesterday three days after he had gone missing.

Police suspect that Arman Ali, 28, son of Babul Hossain of Tebaria area of Natore municipality, were killed following past enmity over share of gambling money, said police.

Execute women dev policy: BMP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP), an NGO, yesterday demanded implementation of the National Women Development Policy 2011.

The made the demand at the 5th conference of Savar Upazila Mohila Parishad at the upazila auditorium. Ayesha Khanam, BMP president, Farzana Islam, Jahangirnagar University vice-chancellor, Mahfuza Begum were also present at the event.

Joint meeting of AL's central working committee, advisory council Sept 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A joint meeting of Awami League Central Working Committee and the party's advisory council will be held at Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Gono Bhaban residence in the capital at 5:00pm on September 20, says a press release.

Hasina, also president of AL, will preside over the meet.

1.7kg of gold seized at Ctg airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Customs officials seized 14 gold bars weighing around 1.7kg from two passengers at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong on Thursday night.


The officials did not detain Md Sabuj of Comilla and Golam Morshed of Raizan in Chittagong, coming from Muscat by a Biman flight, but seized their passports and filed a departmental complaint under customs act, said Othello Chowdhury, assistant commissioner of airport customs.

N'ganj Dist Union of Journalists gets new committee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Khandkar Shah Alam and Afzal Hossain Ponty were yesterday elected president and general secretary respectively of the 11-member executive committee of Narayanganj District Union of Journalists for 2014-16.

Other office bearers include Rafiqul Islam Rafiq (vice-president), Ahsan Sadik Shaon (joint secretary) and Bulbul Ahmed Soheli (treasurer).



Workshop
Dhaka University's television and film studies department has organised a workshop on introducing 'Agriculture Journalism' as a course curriculum; Venue: Azimur Rahman Conference Hall, DU

Seminar
The Executive Committee of Society of Organ Transplantation has arranged a six-day convention and seminar on organ transplantation; Venue: BICC; Time: 9:30am.

university; Time: 10:30am.



Relatives of garment workers who were killed or went missing in the Rana Plaza collapse gathered under the banner "Bangladesh Garment Workers' Solidarity" in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding compensation. The nine-storey Rana Plaza collapsed on April 24 last year leaving 1,136 people dead and hundreds injured.

PHOTO: STAR

WHO alarmed at rise

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Health experts say alcohol consumption leads to complications like cardiovascular diseases and cancers, besides social and economic consequences.

There is no study on the prevalence of alcohol consumption in Bangladesh, but it is believed to be rising despite the legal prohibition here, a health ministry official told The Daily Star. However, the rise in the abuse of drugs like Yaba, Phensedyl is evidenced by the frequent seizure of banned drugs, he said.

Mohammed Nasim said the conference was a great success for Bangladesh that signed three memoranda of understanding (MoUs)—one with the Maldives on health education, exchange of health professionals, and export of drugs from Bangladesh, and a second with India on traditional medicines.

In addition, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Thailand signed an MoU to col-

laborate in the fight for elimination of kala-azar. The 11 member states also adopted a declaration, committing to root out vector-borne diseases like malaria, dengue.

Bangladesh's immunisation coverage is 82 percent, the highest in the region, Nasim said, adding that the country had been able to present its achievements in the health sector to co-members. "We could also learn from others' best practices," he said.

Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, director of WHO's South-East Asia Region, said Bangladesh was one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, and thus having the high risks of vector-borne diseases.

The countries facing similar problems had better share knowledge and fight the challenges, she said.

The regional conference discussed ways of meeting the shortage of health professionals in the region and avenues of collaboration.

Their tears never dry

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Isn't it run by our tax?

"Bring back my old mother's sleep. She often wakes up with a start at the dead of night, shouting that Pintu was knocking on the door," she added.

Blaming the administration for forced disappearances, eminent journalist Mahfuzullah said the government was having such an administration that if one dissented, he would go missing.

Former caretaker government adviser Akbar Ali Khan, who attended the programme as chief guest, observed that when democracy would be functioning, such crimes would be tried.

Shama Abaed, president of Youth Movement for Democracy, said the organisation would hold such programmes in every corner of the country to raise voice against forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings.

Appeal for help

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Tamim's treatment requires at least Tk 10 lakh more, according to Tamim's doctors.

Tamim's family is now appealing to organisations and well-off families in the

society for financial assistance.

Anyone willing to contribute can donate to: Kawsar Uddin, A/C 277, Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited, Badda Branch, or bKash to 01720576135.

Pacific army chiefs

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of the US Army, Pacific General Vincent Brooks will deliver the welcome remarks.

PAMS is a multinational military seminar that provides a forum for senior-level (lieutenant colonel to lieutenant general, or national equivalent) officers from the Asia Pacific's regional ground forces to exchange views and ideas.

Pacific Armies Management Seminars have been held throughout the Asia Pacific Region since 1978.

Govt to develop

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BCC's Executive Director SM Ashrafur Islam and IUB Vice-Chancellor Prof A Omar Rahman inked the deal.

ICT Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan, ADB's Resident Mission and Senior Transport Specialist Satako Tanaka, Project Director of SASEC Research and Training Research Network Angel Dies, and Joint Secretary of ICT Division Shyama Prasad Bepari were present on the occasion.

Four frauds

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from them as "security" or "service" charge.

The gang operated by frequently changing their location, added the release.

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RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE

Kids join call for compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three-year-old Akhi Moni, the daughter of a Rana Plaza victim, yesterday sat in front of Jatiya Press Club with her mother, joining a demonstration of garment workers for compensation.

Her father, Abdul Hye, was killed in the collapse of Rana Plaza in April last year.

Like Akhi Moni, around 15 children whose father, mother, brother or sister was killed or is still missing gathered there under the banner of Bangladesh Garment Workers' Solidarity.

The family members of the victims demanded the immediate release of the compensation fund, and the capital punishment for those responsible for the collapse, including the building's owner Sohel Rana.

The nine-storey Rana Plaza, which housed five garment factories and a market, collapsed on April 24 last year killing 1,136 people, mostly garment workers, and injuring hundreds.

Body found in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman packed in a luggage from near Dhaka-Aricha highway at Bank Town in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

The woman, aged around 30, was killed two to three days ago elsewhere and later dumped here, said police.

It was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

Cargo vessel sinks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A cargo vessel carrying 600 tonnes of clinker sank in the Harbaria channel, the sole waterway to access Mongla Port, some 12 nautical miles out in the Bay of Bengal yesterday morning.

Eight crewmen on board MV Hajera-1 managed to swim ashore while sea traffic has been suspended till the vessel's exact location is pinpointed.

Port sources said the vessel was rotating during high tide after unloading cargo from Chinese-flagged MV Tai Hua Hi when it hit the Panama-flagged MV Sino Grace, which was at anchor, around 10:00am and sank.

The cargo was headed for a cement factory of Shun Shing Group's Seven Circle Bangladesh Ltd, located some 30 nautical miles away in Khulna's Rupsha upazila.

Humayun Ahmed's mother

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afternoon.

"She is now under observation at the critical care unit (CCU) of the hospital," he said. According to her son, Ayesha Faiz has been suffering from several illnesses including kidney failure.



Syed Masud Mahmood Khundoker, Bangladeshi ambassador in Doha, Qatar, presents a memento (a miniature rickshaw) to the Speaker of the Consultative Assembly (Majlis as-Shura) on Wednesday.

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