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DEMO OVER GAS SUPPLY 25 hurt in cop action

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

At least 25 people were injured when police charged demonstrators and fired rubber bullets to disperse locals demonstrating for uninterrupted gas supply in the town yesterday.

The demonstrators tried to lay siege to the zonal office of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited in the town.

District unit President of Communist Party of Bangladesh Azharul Islam Arzu, on behalf of the demonstrators, announced a day-long hartal in Manikganj municipality area for tomorrow protesting the police action on peaceful programme.

Witnesses said a procession led by town municipality Mayor Ramjan Ali was brought out from Bijoymela ground at around 10:30am, demanding uninterrupted gas supply in the area.

But police intercepted the procession near the residence of Manikganj Deputy Commissioner Rashida Ferdous in Khalpar area when they tried to march towards the local Titas gas office by force.



A doctor visits Manikganj municipality Mayor Ramjan Ali and his wife Afroza at a hospital after they were injured in police action yesterday during an agitation for uninterrupted gas supply. Ramjan was baton-charged, and his wife Afroza hit with rubber bullets. Top right, a journalist, with his head bleeding, is being taken to hospital. At least 25 people were hurt in the incident.



PHOTO: STAR

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Tigers in danger



In Sundarbans, number of the national animal halves in 10 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Data analysis of the ongoing census in the Sundarbans suggests that the number of Bengal Tigers in the forest's Bangladesh part might have come down to half of what it was 10 years ago.

The 2004 Bangladesh-India joint tiger pugmark survey in the Sundarbans put the number at 419.

India has recently completed its part of the camera trapping census that began in May last year and estimates the number of the majestic breed of tigers at 81-90 inside its territories. The number was 232 in 2004.

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Call to protect tiger habitats

Global conference ends in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The tiger range countries have adopted a declaration, pledging not to build any infrastructure that might endanger Tiger habitats.

The nine-point Dhaka declaration also recommended a number of actions to double the tiger population by 2022.

The proposed measures include increasing investment in frontline staff remunerations and other facilities, conserving tiger habitats, enhancing collaboration and knowledge

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IMPROVING MATERNAL, CHILD HEALTH Bangladesh rated as fast-track country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A global study series has identified Bangladesh as one of the 10 "fast-track" countries that have made significant achievements in improving maternal and child health.

Under-five child mortality declined by 65 percent in Bangladesh, from 151 to 53 per 1,000 live births between 1990 and 2011.

Also, maternal mortality dropped drastically by 66 percent, from 574 to 194 per 100,000 live births.

Scientific journals The Lancet Global Health and the bulletin of the World Health Organisation (WHO) published the findings.

The government's priority on key initiatives to reduce maternal and child mortality, such as immunisation, oral rehydration therapy and family planning, has significantly contributed to the success.

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5 killed as truck rams 3-wheeler

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Five people were killed and two others injured as a truck rammed into a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday morning.

The truck hit the three-wheeler from the opposite direction near Kanchan Zinda Park around 9:00am, killing four people on the spot, said Mohammad Ahsan, SI of Rupganj Police Station, quoting locals.

The injured were rushed to Rupganj Upazila Health

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A wholesale bazar in Swarupkathi of Pirojpur for hog plums. This market supplies the seasonal fruit to different other parts of the country. The native fruit grows aplenty in Barisal-Pirojpur region every year.

PHOTO: STAR

10 to die for rape, killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A court yesterday gave 10 robbers capital punishment for raping and killing a schoolgirl in Laxmipur in 2012.

The Court of District and Sessions Judge Manjurul Basit handed down the sentence to Nur Nobi, Hedayet Ullah Heddu, Hiron, Saddam, Nur Alam, Sohel, Anwar Hossain, Manik, Rashed and Sumon.

Five of the convicts were present as the verdict was read out, while the rest were tried in absentia.

The court also asked the convicts to give Tk 1 lakh each to the victim's family.

The fifteen people were also acquitted, as the charges brought against them were not proved in the court.

According to the case statement, a gang of robbers swooped on the house of Krishna Lal Devnath at Dhutia village under Sadar upazila on July 18, 2012.

At one stage, the gang took the girl, a student of class VII, hostage at gunpoint and gang-raped her before fleeing the spot with the loot including gold and cash.

Relatives rushed the critically injured victim to Lakshmipur Sadar Hospital where on-duty doctors declared her dead.

Her father filed a case against unnamed robbers the next day. Police pressed charges against 25 people on May 15, 2013.

AUSCHWITZ GUARD Charged over 300,000 murders

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A 93-year-old man has been charged with 300,000 counts of accessory to murder for serving as a guard at Auschwitz.

Oskar Groening has openly talked about his two-and-a-half years as a guard at the Nazi death camp but says that while he witnessed atrocities, he didn't commit any himself. But Hanover prosecutors on Monday claimed he was a cog in the machine, noting he helped to collect money stolen from murdered inmates.



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The 'National Land Zoning Project (2nd Phase)' announces the availability of the draft 'Parbatipur Upazila Land Zoning Report' at website <http://www.landzoning.gov.bd> for comments. The Project (2nd Phase) is being implemented under Ministry of Land that identifies present land uses of an individual upazila and demarcates suitable land zones of agriculture, forestry, fish culture, nature reserve, tourism, industry, urban development and etc. Additionally, it offers land zoning maps and develops Land Resource Database and Information System. Anyone interested to comment on the draft is requested to do so by 30 October 2014. The comment can be sent to E-mail: pd@landzoning.gov.bd or info@landzoning.gov.bd.
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Goldfish undergoes brain surgery!
AFP, Sydney
A goldfish called George was on the mend in Australia yesterday after undergoing "high risk" brain surgery in an operation the vet described as "fiddly".
The 10-year-old fish had a tumour protruding
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Do you think the roles and responsibilities of the government authorities are not clear for people working on food safety issues?
Yes (90%)
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Source: Islamic Foundation

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