



With just the final touches left to be applied, these idols of Durga were desecrated on Saturday around 9:00pm at an altar set up in Pirganj Palli of Thakurgaon marking the puja, scheduled to begin tomorrow. Police have arrested three local Jamaat-e-Islami activists in this connection.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Bombs hurled at Prison head office, BSMMU boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants hurled crude bombs at the Prison headquarters and the car of BSMMU director in Bakshibazar and Shahbagh of the capital yesterday.

Two men on a motorbike threw two crude bombs before the headquarters of the Department of Prisons near Dhaka Central Jail around 10:00am and fled the area.

One bomb exploded on the spot while police recovered another live after the attack, Sub-inspector Nasibul Hasan of Chawkbazar Police Station told The Daily Star.

The prison authorities lodged a general diary with Chawkbazar Police Station in this regard.

Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Iftekhar Uddin said earlier some unidentified callers issued threats to the jail authorities of Chittagong, Sylhet and some other places for releasing some prisoners.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

University Director Abdul Mazid Bhuiyan told The Daily Star that miscreants hurled two crude bombs at his car before Hotel Ruposhi Bangla while returning home from the office around 4:30pm.

The right side of the car was damaged in the attack, he said.

He filed a case with Shahbagh Police Station in this connection.

He said miscreants also hurled a crude bomb at him on the BSMMU campus two months ago.

They also gave death threats over the phones several times recently, he said.

He suspects that there might be a link between yesterday's bomb attack and the bomb attack in BSMMU where few war crimes convicts and political prisoners have been kept.

Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said they took the car as evidence.

They were yet to identify persons involved in the attack, he added.

DU Cha unit admission test result published

DU CORRESPONDENT

Admission test result of Dhaka University's "Cha" unit under the Faculty of Fine Arts was published yesterday, with a pass rate of only 3.10 percent.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique disclosed the result at the registrar building on the campus yesterday evening.

The result showed that only 226 achieved the pass marks among 7,292 aspirants competing for 135 seats.

An applicant needs to get at least 38 marks out of 120 to pass the test comprising 60 multiple choice questions and 60 drawings segments.

However, Prof Syed Abul Barq Alvi, dean of the faculty, said the result was better than that of last year.

"Last year a total of 146 students passed the exam. Usually the pass rate stays between 2 and 3 percent," he added.

Students from different backgrounds take the test with a notion that getting admission into this unit is easier, observed Prof Alvi.

But, most of the students flunked the drawing section as they do not have proper preparation.

NATIONAL BROADCAST POLICY

Some provisions confusing, contradictory

Discussants tell Mass-line Media Centre discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some provisions of the National Broadcast Policy-2014 are confusing, contradictory and disastrous for the freedom of media and the government must amend those when enacting a law for the policy's full implementation, speakers told a seminar yesterday.

Stakeholders and civil society members must seriously engage themselves in the amendment process to have a media friendly law, they added.

Mass-line Media Centre (MMC) organised the

seminar, "Broadcast Policy and Right to Information", at the Azimur Rahman Conference Hall at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Addressing as chief guest, former information commissioner Sadeka Halim said there was concern brewing among people centring the issue of the policy's formulation preceding the independent broadcast commission's formation.

Referring to different laws and policies including the right to information act, the professor of sociology at Dhaka University said the broadcast

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ADVANCE TRAIN TICKETS AT KAMALAPUR STATION

Many return home empty-handed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Raihan Abdullah stood in the long queue for advance train tickets for the second day yesterday, only to return home empty-handed again.

"My daily work has been hampered for two days as I have been trying to get tickets. Getting a ticket now is like owning a golden deer," said Raihan who was looking for tickets of trains on the Dhaka-Dinajpur route.

Like Raihan, many returned home empty-handed despite repeated attempts to get tickets in the last few days.

Tickets of October 1, 2 and 3 were distributed on Friday, Saturday and yesterday respectively, while tickets of October 4 and 5 will be sold today and tomorrow. Eid-ul-Azha will be celebrated on October 6.

Hundreds of Dhaka city dwellers thronged Kamalapur Railway Station

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BRAC BANK HEIST

BB sends probe team to Joypurhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank yesterday sent a three-member team to Joypurhat to probe the incident in which criminals took away Tk 1.95 crore from a Brac Bank branch in the town by breaking open a vault.

BB Executive Director Subhankar Saha told The Daily Star that the team would investigate whether there were lapses on the part

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Inu for suing Khaleda

Accuses her of distorting history, fraudulence with her birthday

Bss, Dhaka

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday suggested review of options to try BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia under section 420 of the penal code for fraudulence with the history of independence and her own birthday.

Talking to the news agency, the Liberation War veteran said Khaleda and her party now thrived on "three lies" relating to the 1971 proclamation of independence, the first presidency and "repulsive celebration of a fake birthday" to survive in politics.

"Propagating these three lies they are ridiculing the very basis of Bangladesh and rejoicing the August 15 killing of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (in 1975) in a discreet manner," said the president of the left-leaning Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal.

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Three CU BCL men shot in factional clash

UNB, Ctg

Three activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) sustained bullet wounds in a factional clash over establishing supremacy at Shahjalal Hall of Chittagong University early yesterday.

The injured were identified as Shuvo Barua, a student of Pali department; Russel of English department; and Farhad Hossain of Islamic history and culture department. Shuvo and Russel were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Witnesses said the clash

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