

# Ambulances in N-districts turn passenger carriers

Travellers use the vehicles to get to Saidpur Airport and depart from there amid blockade

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Ambulances meant for carrying serious patients to hospitals are now often used to carry passengers of different northern districts to and from Saidpur Airport in Nilphamari, making the airport parking zone assume the look of a hospital premise.

The situation has arisen as road communication has turned risky due to sporadic attacks with petrol bombs and stones on vehicles plying the roads and highways, apparently to enforce the mon-stop blockade called by BNP-led 20-party alliance from January 6.

Solvent and even some middle class passengers are opting for travel by air instead of bus and train for journey to and from Dhaka and they often use ambulances to reach Saidpur airport and departure from there as those are exempted from blockade.

"Finding no way, many passengers come to the airport on private ambulances to go to Dhaka for urgent purposes," said Shahin Ahmed, manager of Saidpur Airport.

Two private airlines United Airways and US Bangla Airlines regularly conduct flights from this airport and their tickets have become very dear now a days due to heavy rush of passengers, sources said.

Bangladesh Biman suspended operation from this



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Ambulances are often used to carry passengers to and from Saidpur Airport in Nilphamari district as travellers hire for high rents the vehicles, meant for taking serious patients to hospitals, to save themselves from violent attacks by supporters of the ongoing country-wide blockade enforced by BNP-led 20-party combine.

airport in 2007.

Visiting the parking area of Saidpur airport a couple days ago, it was found that a number of ambulances with tuning of siren and signal of emergency red light arrived at the airport with gorgeously dressed passengers and their attendants.

"While carrying a passenger to the airport, I asked him to lie on the ambulance bed with closed eyes, posing like a patient,

as unruly picketers sometimes stop ambulances on the highway to check identity of the people inside," said Rafiqul Islam, an ambulance driver coming from Rangpur.

Another ambulance driver from Dinajpur said they are now earning twice or thrice their regular income by carrying passengers to the airport daily.

"Finding no alternative, I came to the airport on a

hired ambulance as I have an appointment with a specialist doctor in Dhaka for treatment," said Mizanur Rahman, a first class contractor of Nilphamari.

Mostafizur Rahman, civil surgeon of Nilphamari, said, "It is unethical to use ambulances for carrying usual passengers or goods, depriving serious patients of the service."



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Farmers plant boro paddy at a field of Imampur in Zinderpur union of Kalai upazila under Joypurhat district during the ongoing peak cultivation season.

## 'Withdraw hartal, blockade for the sake of SSC exams'

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Teachers, students and guardians demonstrated in Pirojpur and Gaibandha districts yesterday, demanding withdrawal of hartals and nonstop blockades enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance during the SSC examinations.

In Pirojpur, a human chain was formed in the district town yesterday morning to press the demand, reports our correspondent.

People from all walks of life, including teachers and students of different educational institutions, joined the two-hour long human chain on the Club Road in the town.

Sushasoner Jonno Procharabhijan (Supro), Mahila Parishad, Udichi Shilpi Goshti, Human Rights Commission, We Can Zila Jote and Zia Mahiuddin Smriti Sangsad, jointly organised the programme.

The participants urged BNP chief Khaleda Zia to withdraw the blockades and hartals immediately for holding the public exam.

"Please do not spoil our life. Give us chance to attend the Secondary School Certificate examinations," said Lamia Akhter, an SSC examinee, addressing the BNP chief.

Sadar Upazila Parishad Chairman Mojibur Rahman Khalek, Supro district unit president Goutom Chowdhury, councillor of Pirojpur municipality Minara Mahbub and Mahila Parishad district unit president Monika Mandol spoke.

Meanwhile, SSC examinees and general students of different institutions organised similar programmes in Kawkhali and Nesarabad upazilas to press the demand.

Away in Gaibandha, teachers, students and guardians formed a human chain beside Rangpur-Bogra highway in Gobindaganj upazila yesterday, demanding withdrawal of ongoing blockades and hartals for holding the SSC examinations peacefully.

Gobindaganj Nagorik Committee organised the programme, presided over by Mohammed Hossain Faku, convener of the committee, reports our correspondent.

## Gunpowder, bombs seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police seized three bombs, five cocktails, gunpowder and bomb-making materials from Koipara area in the town on Saturday night.

On secret information, a police team, led by Additional Superintendent of Police Anifur Rahman Mondol, raided the area around 10:00pm and recovered the bombs, cocktails and explosives.

However, the criminals managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the law enforcers.

The bombs and gunpowder were brought here to carry out subversive activities, said the ASP.

## 23 held while illegally going to India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested 23 Bangladeshis including six women and four children when they were illegally going to India on Saturday night.

They were picked up from Puthkhal border in Benapole while they were going to India without legal documents, said Abdul Haque, in-charge of Puthkhal camp of 23 BGB.

The arrestees, hailing from Gopalganj, Narail and Bagherhat districts, were handed over to Benapole Port Police Station and process is on to produce them before a court in Jessore, he added.

# 8 roadside illegal petrol shops demolished

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A mobile court in a drive on Saturday demolished at least eight illegal roadside petrol shops in Amtali upazila of the district.

It also fined five shop owners Tk 18,000 for selling petrol and other fuels illegally, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Mizanur Rahman, also the executive magistrate.

The court conducted the drive on Patuakhali-

Kuakata road in the area following a report headlined 'No control over roadside sales of petrol' was published in The Daily Star the same day.

According to the report, unauthorised sale of petrol and octane continues, mostly in roadside shops, making it easier for arsonists to collect the highly inflammable liquids to make firebombs.

Torching of vehicles has claimed dozens of lives and

left scores burnt since the BNP-led alliance began an indefinite blockade on January 6.

Against this backdrop, the government has moved to check so-far unfettered sales of petroleum and clamped restrictions on selling petrol and octane across the country.

The drive against the illegal roadside petrol sellers will continue, said the UNO, who led the court.



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HARTAL TELLS ON POOR PEOPLE'S EARNING: A vendor in Court area of Tangail town passes idle time while others leave their things wrapped up due to lack of customers during the countrywide hartal enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance yesterday.

## KILLING OF PEDESTRIAN AT BEANIBAZAR

# 33 Jubo League, BCL men sued in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Thirty-three Jubo League and BCL men have been sued in the case for killing a pedestrian at Dakkhin Bazar of Beanibazar upazila headquarters under the district on Friday night.

Selim Ahmed, organising secretary of the upazila unit of Bangladesh Truck Sramik Union, filed the case with Beanibazar Police Station on Saturday night, accusing 12 named and 22 unnamed Jubo League and BCL men. Former upazila BCL president Jamal Ahmed is among the accused.

None of the accused was arrested as of filing of this report at 5:00pm yesterday. Contacted, Abul Bashar Md Badruzzaman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Beanibazar Police Station, said the law enforcers have already

launched a drive to arrest the accused.

At an emergency meeting held in Beanibazar town yesterday, Upazila Truck Sramik Union demanded immediate arrest of the accused in the case. Otherwise, they threatened to announce a tougher agitation programme in Sylhet district. Zila Truck Sramik Union President Abu Sarker also addressed the meeting.

A 17-year-old pedestrian was shot dead and seven transport workers suffered bullet wounds as former upazila BCL leader Jamal and his accomplices opened fire in a bid to capture an auto-rickshaw stand at Dakkhin Bazar in Beanibazar upazila town on Friday night.


The deceased, Niju Ahmed, was an employee at a butcher's shop at the

bazaar. He hailed from Koshba village in the upazila.

Bullet-hit transport workers Abul Kalam, Shuaibur Rahman, Bimol Chandra Pal, Tarek Ahmed, Nurul Haque, Ripon Ahmed and Faisal Ahmed were admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Locals said the issue was money, regularly collected by the stand's management committee of transport workers from vehicles stopping there.

Around 60 BCL and Jubo League men, led by former BCL leader Jamal Ahmed, arrived at the auto-rickshaw stand at around 10:30pm in a bid to capture the stand. They opened fire when some transport workers started hurling brick chips at them, said witnesses.



### Adhoc Army Aviation Group

Tejgaon Old Airport, Dhaka Cantonment

## Tender Notice


1. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide manufacturer/dealer/supplier/importer (enlisted with DGDP) for supply or flying simulator and associated items of following specifications for Bangladesh Army:

Ser	Name of item	Qty	Date of selling		Date of opening	Tender No.	Currency
			From	To			
1.	Redbird MCX	01	06-02-15	22-02-15	22-02-15	01/2015	Local
	C 182S 430/530	01					
	Parrot-AATD License	01					
	Insight	01					
	Instructors Station PC	01					
	Custom Paint and Decals	01					
	Real Nav Professional-Annual subscription-13 Cycles	01					
	Cygnus pro Wireles	01					
	Power Converter	01					
	Pilot Keys	10					
	Installation Technicians' and Pilots' Training	04					
	WiFi Router with 1 Mbps Data Connection	01					
	Heavy duty IPS 6 KVA (Rahim Afrooz)	01					
	52" LED TV (Sony)	01					

2. Tender schedule with detail specification/condition will be available in Adhoc Army Aviation Group (Account Branch) on payment of Tk 5000.00 (five thousand) only (non-refundable) during office hours between 0900 hours to 1300 hours on the abovementioned date of selling. The tender can be dropped in the tender box latest by 1000 hours and the same will be opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of the tenderers (if present).

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## জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

সাতার, ঢাকা

তারিখঃ ২৯-০১-২০১৫ইং

স্মারক সংখ্যাঃ জাবি/রেজি/সমা/৭১৭৯(১৫০)

### বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আগামী ৫ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০১৫ তারিখ বৃহস্পতিবার বিকেল ৩:০০ টায় জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পঞ্চম সমাবর্তন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত সমাবর্তনে অংশগ্রহণকারী গ্যাজেটদের পরিচয়পত্র দেয়া, গাউন বিতরণ এবং সার্টিফিকেট প্রদানের জন্য ইতোপূর্বে বিজ্ঞাপিত জহির রায়হান মিলনায়তনের পরিবর্তে সমাজবিজ্ঞান অনুষদ ভবনে কাউন্টার খোলা হবে।

০২-০২-২০১৫ থেকে ০৪-০২-২০১৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন সকাল ৯:০০টা থেকে বিকেল ৫:০০টা পর্যন্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ক্যাম্পাসে নিম্নলিখিত কাউন্টার থেকে গ্যাজেটগণকে পরিচয়পত্র এবং সমাবর্তন অনুষ্ঠানে অংশগ্রহণের আমন্ত্রণপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে হবে। বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত পরিচয়পত্র দেখিয়ে এবং মূল প্রতিশ্রুতি সার্টিফিকেট (স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর/এম. ফিল/পিএইচ. ডি) জমা দিয়ে সমাবর্তন গাউন সংগ্রহ করতে হবে। ডিগ্রি গ্রহণকারীর পক্ষে অন্য কোনো ব্যক্তিকে গাউন প্রদান করা হবে না।

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