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Blockade forgotten

BNP revises its release to get it on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Much to the surprise of many, the BNP-led 20-party alliance forgot to make any mention of the ongoing blockade in its press statement yesterday afternoon.

It took curious phone calls from journalists for the alliance to wake up to the fact.

Around 26 minutes later, the combine issued a revised press release on its agitation programmes. It was signed by BNP Joint Secretary General Barkat Ullah Bulu.

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Teacher canes 42 students

Locals, guardians knock out headmaster's teeth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Locals and guardians knocked out two front teeth of the headmaster after another teacher caned 42 students in a school at Bagha upazila yesterday.

The class VIII students of Chandipur High School were caned in their classroom around 10:00am after they refused to pay money for a picnic, said police and witnesses.

There were marks of canning on their backs.

Assaulted, Headmaster Nazrul Islam was admitted to Bagha Health Complex, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Badal Chandra Halder.

Assistant Teacher Mohammad Ali, who "tortured" the students, was forced to submit his resignation to the school authorities, he added.

The picnic was supposed to be held tomorrow and the school had fixed Tk 100 as fee for every student. The spot was yet to be decided, added police and witnesses.

When the students were being beaten up, one of them,

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Boats on Chaktai Canal in Chittagong carrying goods from Khatunganj wholesale market to different places in and outside the district yesterday. Many have chosen this mode of transport in the wake of arson attacks on buses and trucks on highways since the opposition's blockade began on January 6.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Uproot terrorism

PM tells law-enforcers; nails Rab at its 11th anniversary

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the law enforcement agencies, including Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), to work with utmost sincerity to eliminate terrorism.

She also stressed talking to neighbouring countries to check passport and currency forgery as international groups were involved in the criminal acts.

Hasina was addressing a Darbar of the elite force at its headquarters in Kurmitola in the capital marking its 11th founding anniversary.

About BNP-Jamaat clique's subversive activities in the name of political programmes, Hasina reiterated that the government would not tolerate killing people with petrol bombs and arson attacks. "We'll have to provide security to the people."

She also directed the members of Rab, drawn from various forces, to perform their duties maintaining the chain of command as well as the law, rules and policy of the elite force.

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PLANE CRASH IN FRENCH ALPS 'People will know my name'

Former girlfriend of tormented co-pilot says health issues might have led him to suicide

AGENCIES

The co-pilot who crashed a passenger jet into the French Alps, killing all 150 aboard, worried "health problems" would dash his dreams and vowed one day to do something to "change the whole system", an ex-girlfriend told a German newspaper.

The woman, a flight stewardess named only as Maria W, said Andreas Lubitz told her he was receiving psychiatric treatment and would wake up distressed in the night during their five-month relationship in 2014.

"At night, he woke up and screamed: 'We're going down!', because he had nightmares," she said. "He knew how to hide from other people what was really going on inside."

She was quoted by the German newspaper Bild as recalling how Lubitz would change when he talked about the pressures and conditions of his job.

"He never talked much about his illness, only that he was in psychiatric treatment," she said.

"We always talked a lot about work and then he became a different person. He became upset about the conditions we

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Andreas Lubitz

SALAHUDDIN 'MISSING' Unravel 'mystery'

Rights boss asks law-enforcers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Human Rights Commission chairman has said it is the law enforcers' responsibility to dispel the mystery over BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed's going "missing".

"None of our law enforcement agencies has detained Salahuddin ... we will accept this claim to be true if the law enforcers rescue him quickly, produce him before

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Biman makes emergency landing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight from Singapore with 210 passengers onboard made an emergency landing at Shahjalal International Airport last night.

Cockpit crew of the Airbus 310 declared

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Transformers by father, son

ODDITYCENTRAL.COM

A father-and-son duo from Hunan, China, have come up with a fun and profitable business idea -- creating giant Transformers robots replicas from used car parts and scrap metal.

Although they are farmers by profession, Yu Zhilin and his son Yu Lingyun switched to building the models in 2007, when they realised the potential in the Chinese market.

And their hunch has proved right -- they've managed cash in on the nation's obsession with Transformers, the highest grossing film of all time in China.

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Two men use an elephant to extort money from a pick-up van driver near Thana Bus Stand at Savar, on the capita's outskirts. The photo was taken on March 23. The elephant was seen being used for extortion also at Bish Mile on Dhaka-Aricha highway on Thursday.

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