JP hails crackdown on Yemeni militants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Japa Chief HM Ersahd who is also the special envoy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday in a statement extended support to the Saudi air strikes in Yemen aimed to demolish Shia rebels, Houthi, and allied military units.

"I think the menace of militancy would have spread to the Middle East if there was no effort to oust militants from peaceful Yemen," Ershad said. The Saudiled coalition has imposed an air and sea blockade on Yemen and targeted both rebels and military units loyal to former autocrat Ali Abdullah Saleh Saleh, hoping that Yemen's internationally recognised President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi would be eventually allowed to return to the country.

8km tailback on Dhaka-Ctg road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

An eight-kilometre tailback was created on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway as a truck got stuck on Meghna-Gomati Bridge in Gazaria of Munshiganj yesterday.

Police said the goods-laden truck got stuck on the bridge around 4:00am due to engine failure and created tailbacks on both sides of the bridge.

The truck was removed with a wrecker around 8:30am and vehicular movements came to normalcy

Man crushed under train in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A man was crushed under the wheels of an intercity train in Rail Crossing area of Sayestaganj Railway Station in Habiganj Sadar on Thursday night.

The deceased was Owajed Ullah, 55, of Feni. He came to Nabiganj upazila to visit his daughter.

Sayestaganj-bound Paharika express crushed Owajed while crossing the rail track around 8:00pm, said Osman Goni, sub-inspector of Sayestaganj Railway Police Station.



Seminar

Bangladesh and Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) will organise a seminar on SME Banking. Venue: BIBM

auditorium, Time: 10:00am

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সম্প্রতি "কৃষি গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ" ক্ষেত্রে জাতীয় পর্যায়ে গৌরবোজ্জল ও

কৃতিত্বপূর্ণ অবদান রাখায় পদক্ষেপ এর নির্বাহী পরিষদের সম্মানিত সদস্য

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বাংলাদেশ কৃষি গবেষনা ইনস্টিটিউটে ১৯৭৮-১৯৮৬ সাল পর্যন্ত পরিচালক

(গবেষণা) এবং ১৯৮৬-১৯৯২ সাল পর্যন্ত মহাপরিচালক হিসেবে দায়িত্ব

পালন করেন। তিনি বিভিন্ন ফসলের উচ্চ ফলনশীল নতুন জাত ও উৎপাদন

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পদক্ষেপ এর নির্বাহী পরিষদের একজন সম্মানিত সদস্য হিসেবেও তার

অবদান অপরিসীম। আমরা পদক্ষেপ পরিবার কৃতজ্ঞ চিত্তে তার ভূমিকা

স্মরণ করছি। তার এই পুরস্কার প্রাপ্তিতে পদক্ষেপ পরিবার অত্যন্ত

আনন্দিত ও গর্বিত। আমরা বিশ্বাস করি তার সৃষ্টিশীল গবেষনা ও

উন্নয়নমূলক কার্যক্রম দেশের ইতিহাসে তার নামকে স্মরণীয় করে রাখবে।

বিভিন্ন অঞ্চলে কৃষকেরা মাঠ পর্যায়ে ব্যবহার করে উৎপাদন বৃদ্ধি করছে।

Discussion

Waste Collection Sheba Shongstha will organise a discussion on waste management. Venue: Mohakhali



Solo exhibition of renowned artist Prof Mosur UI Karim titled "Destination and Departure" sponsored by AND Group was inaugurated at Galleri Kaya in the capital's Uttara yesterday. The exhibition will be open to the public every day from 11:00am to 8:00pm till April 21. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Wildlife crimes on rise for lenient punishment

Say experts, forest department officials

UNB, Dhaka

Wildlife crimes in the country are rising alarmingly as authorities concerned are unable to ensure exemplary punishment for the criminals, which experts and officials blamed was for weaknesses in the existing wildlife protection act.

Among 251 cases registered by the forest department under the wildlife protection act from March 12, 2007 to April 5, 2015, only 60 have been disposed of by fining the miscreants, officials of the department said.

Out of the remaining cases, 156 have been resolved with the accused yet to be identified or with them giving undertakings to refrain from committing such crimes and 35 are still pending.

Two poachers were given one year's imprisonment and fined Tk 50,000 each for killing a tiger, a punishment that was too lenient, said

officials of the forest department.

However, the Wildlife (Preservation & Security) Act, 2012 says that if anyone kills a tiger or an elephant, he or she shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not less than two years and not exceeding seven years and also with a fine of at least Tk 1 lakh and not exceeding Tk 10 lakh.

And in case of repetition of the same offence, the offender shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 years and with a fine not exceeding Tk 15 lakh.

According to official data, at least 50 tigers were killed in the last 14 years since 2001, but no one has been punished yet with the penalty allowed by the law.

Forest Conservator (wildlife circle) Dr Tapan Kumar Dey said the reality is that offenders get minor punishment for committing wildlife crimes since all consider SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

Ashulia businessman

Unknown criminals hacked to death a businessman in his

The victim was Monir Hosen Mondol, 29, a garment busi-

Police said some seven miscreants broke into Mondol's

No valuables were looted. Police are investigating the

house around 9:00pm and hacked him to death while keep-

Road crash kills man

A motorcyclist died and his son was injured when a truck hit

his motorcycle while he was taking a turn on Kurigram-

Rangpur highway in Chhinay Gate area of Rajarhat upazila

and the injured Mithu, 7, was admitted to Kurigram Sadar

The deceased was Manik Mia, 42, of Barogram village,

killed in house

house in Kathgora in Ashulia last night.

ing his family hostage at gunpoint.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

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shot in 'gunfight' STAR REPORT A schoolboy was rescued and his kidnapper uncle was shot

Boy rescued,

during an alleged gunfight with police in Bogra on Thursday and a Workers' Party of Bangladesh leader was released yesterday after five youths abducted him from the capital's Gulistan and made away with Tk 25,000. Studying in class VI, Bayezid Bostami Mahid, 14, was taken away from his Katnarpara residence on Wednesday

kidnapper uncle

afternoon, our Bogra correspondent quotes police officials as saying at a press conference in the superintendent of police's office yesterday noon. His uncle Ferdous Rahman Fiju, 28, and his wife Shoma

took him with them saying they would teach him to ride a motorcycle, said police. The parents, Masud Rana and Masuda Sheikh Badhan,

later found their phones switched off. Fiju's friend Raju called them up demanding Tk 5 lakh and the parents, consulting police, agreed on Tk 2 lakh, added police.

Fiju, Raju and a third man arrived with Mahid on a motorcycle at the northwest corner of the Altafunnessa playground at Jaleshwaritola around 8:30pm on Thursday for the exchange, they said.

Realising presence of undercover police, Raju and the man fled on the motorcycle firing two shots while police retaliated with seven, one of which hit Fiju in the leg, said police.

Son of Janab Ali of Kahaloo upazila's Bandighi village, Fiju is being treated at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital. He and Shoma have been accused in a kidnapping case while Raju has been included in an arms case.

Meanwhile, Tapan Shaha, 35, the party's Rampura unit general secretary, was forced into a microbus at gunpoint on Thursday around 7:00pm, blindfolded and driven to a field in Katakhali area of Munshiganj sadar two to three hours later.

He told our Munshiganj correspondent that there he saw some people who demanded Tk 50,000 as ransom. His captors took Tk 25,000 from his b-Kash account and left with his cellphone growing tired of the delay by his relatives arranging the rest, he said. Police personnel passing the area picked him up around 2:00am yesterday. He filed a case with Munshiganj Sadar Police Station.



Pistol, bullet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Border Guard Bangladesh

(BGB) recovered an aban-

doned pistol and a bullet

in a roadside bush from

Tipped off, a team of

Phulbari-29 BGB battalion

found the arms, said Lt Col

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Mirzapur village of

Birampur upazila of

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reached Chowmuhani village with the arrestee in a car, the activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat Islami Chhatra Shibir waylaid the vehicle. Police fired six bullets but they managed to snatch away their leader by attacking the team. The five injured policemen were admitted to Joypurhat

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