

Headmaster's house robbed in Dhamrai, 10 injured

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Ten people were injured as they tried to resist robbers at Chunna in Zadobpur union of Dhamrai, outside the capital, early yesterday. A gang of 12 robbers hacked Anil Chandra Sarker, headmaster of Kandapara Govt Primary School, his wife Mita Sarker, and brother Jibon Chandra Sarker in their house. Hearing their scream, when neighbours came to help the family, the robbers opened fire and beat them, and fled with Tk 5 lakh and 10 tolas of gold ornament. The three injured family members are undergoing treatment at Enam Medical College and Hospital. Seven injured neighbours took first aid. Police visited the spot. Meanwhile, another gang of robbers looted valuables worth Tk 5 lakh from businessman Shukur Ali's house at Kachoir village.



Low-income people of Eidgah area line up in front of a water truck of Barisal City Corporation yesterday to get drinking water as crises hit the whole city because of depletion of the aquifer in summer. Officials said the BCC pumps used to produce 30,000 litres of water per hour but it came down to 10,000 litres now.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

NEWS IN brief

CCC to introduce new policy for educational institutions: Nasir

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Chittagong City Corporation will introduce a new policy to ensure quality education in all educational institutions run by it, said newly elected mayor AJM Nasir Uddin yesterday. He was addressing a meeting with the heads of the institutions and officials of the CCC education department in the city's Theatre Institute. He, however, did not mention the time when the policy will be formulated. Presently, CCC runs 13 colleges, 42 higher secondary schools, 8 kindergarten and primary schools, a university and a technical institute.

Road crashes kill 2, injure 10

CITY DESK

A woman was killed when a bus ran her over while she was crossing the Chapainawabganj-Sonamaasjid land port highway in Moharajpur area of Chapainawabganj Sadar yesterday. The deceased was Dulali Bala Sing, 65, of Hindupara-Moharajpur village. Meanwhile in Natore, Mohammad Ali, 32, of Nichabazar area was killed and 10 people were injured when a bus collided head-on with a truck on Bonpara-Hatikumrul highway in Ayirmari Bell area of Baraigram upazila.

Ctg youth jailed for carrying Yaba

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A mobile court of Chittagong district administration yesterday sentenced a youth to one year's imprisonment on the charge of carrying Yaba tablets. Police arrested Abdun Nur, 28, of Taktarpool area of the city with 16 Yaba tablets from the area around 12:30pm and placed him before the court led by executive magistrate Ashrafur Alam, said Officer-in-Charge of Bakalia Police Station Md Mohsin.

Convention of Lions Clubs Int'l District 315A1 held in capital

CITY DESK

The two-day 20th annual convention of Lions Clubs International, district 315A1, ended at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon in the capital on Saturday. Ln MA Halim Patwary PMJF was elected district governor for the year 2015-2016. Meanwhile, Ln Kalpana Rajiuddin MJF was elected 1st vice-district governor, Rabiul Haque MJF 2nd vice-district governor, Ln Nazrul Islam Sikder PMJF cabinet secretary, Ln Mirza Abdur Rahman treasurer, Mostafa Kamal MJF convention chairman for 21st annual district convention.

JU journalism teachers continue class boycott for chairperson's removal

JU CORRESPONDENT

All three teachers of the journalism and media studies department of Jahangirnagar University yesterday continued work abstention for the third consecutive day, demanding removal of the chairperson. The teachers already sent a letter to the vice chancellor (VC) alleging that the chairperson, Dr Amina Islam, takes decisions without holding any academic council meetings, misbehaves with teachers and students, does not participate in any programme organised by the department and also did not support them in their protest against the incident where police beat up their fellow teacher Rakib Ahmed, an assistant professor.

A final-year exam was cancelled on May 17 due to the work abstention. But Assistant Professor Rakib Ahmed said the remaining exams would be held as per schedules and the VC had assured them of taking necessary measures. When contacted, Amina refused to make any comment on this issue. Expressing concern over the academic career, many students also complained that the chairperson is not friendly towards students. The department is being run with only four teachers, including Amina, and without own classroom, lab and library since its inception in 2012.

Ruta for same payscale for professors, secys

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University Teachers Association (Ruta) yesterday demanded that the payscale for senior professors be the same as that of senior secretaries, and for professors as that of secretaries. They protested the eighth payscale for "disgracing university teachers". The organisation made their demands at a press conference on the university campus. They urged the government to restore the dignity of the teachers by reconsidering the payscale before final approval from the cabinet. They also urged the government to reinstate the time scale and selection grade, which would put the senior professors in the same level as that of senior secretaries. Ruta also reiterated their demand for a separate payscale for university teachers as soon as possible. They said due to poor pay, the public university teachers are forced to teach at private universities and other institutes, which ultimately deprives students. Ruta threatened to go for demonstrations if their demands are not met. Ruta president Prof Ananda Kumar Saha, among others, addressed the conference.

Canadian envoy lauds govt for holding city polls

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Canadian envoy in Bangladesh lauded the government for holding recent city corporation elections in Dhaka and Chittagong observing that the elections brought back normalcy to public life, which was jeopardised by political violence. He said that despite some reported disturbances occurred in the polls, these elections eventually de-escalated the violence. Canadian High Commissioner Benoit-Pierre Laramee made the remarks when he met Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at the foreign ministry yesterday morning. "The high commissioner described his personal experience saying that he found the polling agents of the BNP-backed candidates in various polling centres of Mirpur area on the election day even after BNP withdrew from the elections," said a foreign ministry press release.



Doctors and associates of Khulna's Fortis Escorts Heart Institute with century-old patient Kulsum Begum after successfully performing primary angioplasty on her on Monday.

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Kulsum country's 'oldest' female to undergo primary angioplasty

Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, Khulna performs the procedure

CITY DESK Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, Khulna performed primary angioplasty on a 100-year-old woman on Monday to reestablish blood circulation and supply to her heart muscle. The patient is in good condition and is recovering fast, says a press release. Citing available records, the hospital claims that Kulsum Begum is the oldest woman in Bangladesh to successfully undergo such kind of manipulation. Earlier in the day, she suffered a heart attack and was brought to the hospital by her 76-year-old daughter. The doctors immediately took her to the cathlab. Primary angioplasty is a life-saving procedure to open a fully blocked coronary artery with the help of balloon and placing a stent (ring) into it. Dr Husnayan Nanna, a senior cardiologist of Bangladesh, along with Dr Abdullah Manjur, Dr Mahbulul Haque carried out the extraordinary procedure.

Democracy in Bangladesh on solid ground: Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Democracy in Bangladesh now stands on a solid foundation, having been practiced for the last two decades, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday. "The democracy of the country resumed its journey after 21 long years of the assassination of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975. After practicing it in the last two decades, it now stands on a solid ground," she said. She made the remarks when a 37-member delegation of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association called on her in her official Gono Bhaban residence. The delegation -- led by Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, chairperson of the CPA executive committee and speaker of the Bangladesh parliament -- comprised 37 MPs from 27

parliaments from different countries under nine commonwealth zones. Prime Minister's Press Secretary AKM Shameem Chowdhuri briefed reporters after the meeting. Referring to the 26th Commonwealth Parliamentary Seminar "Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy" being held in Dhaka, Hasina stressed interaction among the parliaments around the world saying that it would further consolidate democracy across the globe. At the meeting, the prime minister was lauded for ensuring women's empowerment in Bangladesh. The team also praised Hasina for introduction of question-answer session in the Jatiya Sangsad during her first term in government in 1996, saying that the initiative had ensured the accountability of the prime minister and the government.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Al Musabbir Sadi, a sports journalist and former general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF). Sadi, also a former senior member of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association, died of bone cancer at the age of 44. He also worked with The Daily Star as a senior reporter between 2004 and 2009. He is survived by his wife and two sons. A milad mahal will be held at the Palhin Jam-e-Masjid and another at BFF Bhaban after Zohr prayers today.

Varendra Research Museum exhibits

FROM PAGE 4 Dighapatiya. Lord Carmichael laid its foundation stone on November 13, 1916. The museum was opened on November, 27 1919. The Varendra Research Museum collection consists of stone and metal sculptures, epigraphs, coins, pottery and plaques in terracotta, weapons, Arabic and Persian documents, paintings, books and periodicals, Sanskrit and Bangla manuscripts. Gallery-1 showcases relics of the Indus Valley-Civilization (2,500 BC), found from excavations at Paharpur in Bangladesh (8th-12th century AD), Persian farmans and Bangla documents, Sanskrit inscriptions in old Bangla scripts, glazed tiles, metal ware in Islamic style, hand written copies of the Holy Quran, Bangla and Sanskrit manuscripts, Mughal paintings and miscellaneous sculptures in stone and bronze, antiquities from Nalanda, Bihar and other parts of India. In gallery-2, there are Buddhist and Hindu stone sculptures and modern wood sculptures. Gallery-3 displays Hindu sculptures: images of Surya, Shiva, Ganesha and Visnu. Cult icons of the Shaktas of Durga-Gauri-Uma-Parvati, the Matrikas and Chamunda are displayed in gallery-4. Gallery-5 offers images of Buddha, Bodhisattavas, Taras, Jaina Tirthankaras and minor gods and goddesses of Hinduism. Arabic, Persian, Sanskrit and old Bangla stone inscriptions, sculpture stones of the Muslim period, miharab, decorated doorjambes and lintels and a pair of Sher Shah's Bronze cannons are displayed in gallery-6.

BCL infighting closes Barisal BM College

FROM PAGE 3 college led by Atikullah Munim, district BCL vice president, and Anik Serriabad, an ex-member of the college unit BCL committee, now dissolved, clashed twice with iron rods and sticks. Anik, now in Dhaka, denied involvement of his followers, while Munim was not available for comments. Witnesses said the first clash broke out at 9:30pm on Monday and the second one around 3:00pm the next day over occupying

the seats of room no. 20 of the hostel and strengthening their control over the campus. Sabuj Roy, student of botany, and Jahar Mandal, Jiben, Tarun, Suman Haldar and Moni Shankar, students of philosophy, were injured, and the last two were admitted to SBMCH. Room no. 2, 7 and 26 were ransacked during the clashes, said witnesses. Shakhwat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police were deployed in the campus area.

SC clears way for Shamsher Mobin Chy's

FROM PAGE 3 party's Netrakona-1 MP Chhabi Biswas, and vandalising and torching his car, and preventing law enforcers from discharging duties on Dhaka Medical College Hospital premises. Detectives picked up Shamsher from his

Banani residence on January 8. Following two bail petitions, the HC on May 6 granted ad-interim bail to Shamsher in the cases and also issued separate rules asking the government to explain why he should not be granted regular bail in the cases.

Finally

FROM PAGE 3 No worker was officially sent there afterwards, as the Bangladesh government has suspended sending workers to Libya since last August due to escalation of fighting.

Govt takes

FROM PAGE 3 Kamal said the government is going to take up some more projects to strengthen the coast guards even more. The project will commence from August 2015 and will be completed in 2018.

রেয়াতের সুবিধা নিয়ে, পর্যটন হোটেল-মোটেল-ঘুরে আসি বর্ষায় সবাই মিলে!

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