

Pro-BNP leader's house attacked in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
Unknown people attacked the house and an adjacent shop of a leader of Shwechhasebak Dal in Baluchar area of Sylhet city on Friday night.
Shwechhasebak Dal city unit member Lahin Ahmed said a gang of around 20 people, stormed his house around 11:30pm, tied the family members, and vandalised household goods and furniture.
Armed with knives and sticks, they also looted Tk 1.5 lakh in cash, gold ornaments from the house and the shop selling kitchenware among other things, he added. The valuables were worth about Tk 13 lakh, he said.
Lahin filed a case for looting.
Officer-in-Charge of Shahparan Police Station Shakhawat Hossain confirmed that the attack took



Gonosanghati Andolon stages a sit-in in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding arrest of the human traffickers who are alluring people with high-paid jobs overseas, and eventually sending the victims to their deaths. It also called for creation of jobs so that the poor people, desperate to make a living, stay away from taking dangerous sea voyages.

Taskforce to protect Dhaka water bodies this month: DC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar
To protect environmental pollution and encroachment of water bodies in Dhaka district, a taskforce will be formed within this month, said Deputy Commissioner M Tofazzel Hossain Miah.
He was addressing a views exchange meeting "Environmental pollution - ways to resolve: Savar perspective" organised by Savar Upazila Parishad with the assistance of Nodi o Parishad Unnayan Parishad in the upazila parishad auditorium.
The committee will include the officials from local government organisations, Roads and Highways Department, the Department of Environment, ministries concerned, environmentalists, lawmakers, law enforcers, and political leaders, he told The Daily Star over the phone.
The DC, however, said they were yet to select the members of the committee.
Local lawmaker Dr Enamur Rahman was the chief guest while Superintendent of Police in the district Md Habibur Rahman was special guest.
Savar upazila nirbahi officer, the municipality mayor, DoE deputy director, RHD sub-divisional engineer, general secretary of the Corruption Prevention Committee, and all the Union Parishad chairmen in Savar were also present.
The taskforce will start functioning from June 1, the DC said, adding that it would conduct drives at least four days a week against such malpractice. The DC also called for another meeting after three months to explain the actions taken by the taskforce.

Heat wave intensifies across country

BSS, Dhaka
Heat wave is sweeping through the country forcing people to stay inside their houses or in cooler places to avoid scorching hot weather.
The searing heat intensified across the country with the mercury maintaining its upward trend. High daytime and night-time temperatures, high humidity, warm sunshine and a lack of winds are making lives miserable especially of those who have to work under the hot sun or live in non-air-conditioned houses.
Situation is even worse in rural areas, particularly in northern parts of the country, as people have to spend more time in their farmland during the blistering heat.
According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, the maximum temperature recorded in Dhaka city last night was 39.8 degree Celsius, which is the highest temperature recorded in the city since the start of the monsoon season.
In Dhaka city, day labourers were seen facing difficulties to continue their works and had to take breaks frequently.
City dwellers now prefer to rush to their houses soon after completing their daily works. But it was a day for the vendors and

Chunnu sees no shrinkage of legal migration channel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The state minister for labour and employment yesterday dismissed experts' observation that illegal migration from the country has increased because legal channels for going abroad for work have shrunk.
Mojibul Haque Chunnu said that when thousands of people went abroad legally, even then many resorted to illegal means due to low costs.
He said the government had taken several steps to stop human trafficking but it needed to do more.
"People are floating at sea. This is inhumane. It's not important whether they are Bangalee or Rohingya?" he told a roundtable, "Human trafficking: What measures should be taken to stop it?"
The daily Dhoop, Dignity and Dignity for Bangladeshis, organised the roundtable in Dhaka.
Several thousand people, mostly from Bangladesh, were gathered to the roundtable at the Dhaka Convention Centre.
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MINIMISING EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE Govt must take steps to assess buildings

Buet expert tells seminar
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government has to take immediate steps to conduct detailed engineering assessment of the existing buildings to minimise damage from possible tremors in the country, an expert of Buet said at a seminar on earthquakes yesterday.
The housing and public works ministry can compel owners of buildings, particularly those in earthquake-prone areas, to have engineering assessment of their structures through issuing gazette notification, said Prof. Md. Anwar Hossain, a professor at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).
A seminar on earthquake engineering and assessment of existing buildings was held at the Dhaka Convention Centre yesterday.
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Office of the Principal, Jessore Medical College, Jessore. Re-Corrigendum. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MHW) under the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a request from the Bangladesh Medical Council (BMC) for the re-issuance of the registration certificate of the medical practitioners who have been suspended from practice for various reasons.

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