



INUNDATED BANGLADESH

Clockwise from left on top, families load boats with their belongings looking for shelter yesterday as their houses were flooded in Katakali area of Goaland upazila in Rajbari. A portion of Char Gobindapur Governemnt Primary School's building in Shaghata upazila of Gaibandha was lost to bank erosion by the Jamuna river. Fish farmers try to repair an iron net that was damaged by flood leading to fishes escaping from Lalmonirhat's biggest fish nursery "Dalai Lama Beel" in Aditmary upazila, costing farmers loss of crores of taka. From left at the bottom, Gobindaganj Upazila Health Complex in Gaibandha flooded hampering healthcare services. Four unions of Bianibazar upazila in Sylhet went under water after the river Kushiara overflowed breaking many embankments in the upazila. About 150m of Lalmonirhat-Fulbari road was devoured by the river Dharla in Kulaghat area of Lalmonirhat.

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NEWSIN brief

1,012 undocumented cellphones seized in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court backed by Rapid Action Battalion seized 1,012 cellphones, which had no procurement documents, from 10 shops at Bashundhara City Shopping Mall in the capital yesterday.

The shops were also fined Tk 2 lakh in total, ranging from Tk 5,000 to Tk 40,000, said Executive Magistrate Sarower Alam, who led the drive associated with Bangladesh Telecommunication and Regulatory Commission.

25 hurt in Sylhet bus robbery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least 25 bus passengers were injured when robbers attacked them during a bus robbery at Burni in Companiganj upazila of Sylhet on Thursday night.

Locals said when the Dhaka-bound bus of MR Paribahan reached the area, a gang of robbers threw stones at the bus to stop it and attacked its passengers with bamboo sticks, leaving 25 of them injured.

Later, the criminals looted valuables and fled.

The injured were rushed to Companiganj Upazila Health Complex and Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Nasim attends seminar on global partnership impact in New Delhi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim spoke at the two-day "Global Call to Action Summit 2015: Global Partnership Impact" in New Delhi, India yesterday.

Addressing the seminar, Nasim, who is in India on a four-day visit, stressed that the private sector can play a vital role in Bangladesh's next five-year health sector programme.

Meanwhile, the health minister had a bilateral meeting with his Indian counterpart Jagat Prakash Nadda and discussed bilateral issues relating to the sector.

Discussion

Bdnews24.com will organise a discussion on Safe Internet. Venue: Redisson Hotel, Time: 3:00pm

Rakhi Bondhon

The Academy for a Better World will organise a three-day programme on Rakhi Bondhon. Venue: Academy

auditorium, Tikatuli. Time: 6:30pm

Colloquium

The Department of Political Science and Sociology of North South University (NSU) will organise a colloquium on Gender and Development. Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Time: 9:30am

Kazi Zafar's family wants to bury him on JS premises

STAR REPORT

Family members late Kazi Zafar Ahmed, chairman of a faction of Jatiya Party and former prime minister during HM Ershad's regime, sought the government's permission to bury him on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises in the capital.

He passed away on Thursday morning at the age of 76. "We are waiting for government's decision", said Golam Mostafa, his personal secretary.

Woman 'gang raped for having live-in partner'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local men allegedly gang-raped a woman "as a punishment for being in a live-in relationship with a man" in Nondipara of the capital's Sabujbagh early Wednesday.

But the man said he married the 26-year-old woman in Comilla two months ago and since then they had been living in the capital. It was her second marriage and the two came back from Oman some five months ago.

According to him, 10 local youths went to their house around 11:00pm and demanded Tk 1 lakh as a fine "for living without marriage".

As the couple protested, the gang sought their marriage certificate and as the two

requested for one day to bring it from the village, the miscreants abducted her wife and raped her in an under-construction building, he said.

They also beat the man and snatched away Tk 1,300 and a mobile set.

The woman, warned by the gang not to disclose the matter, returned home one and a half hours later.

The couple suspect that their neighbour Josna, who is familiar with the victim's estranged husband whom she divorced for plural marriage, spread the rumour among the locals.

Josna was trying to convince the victim to return to his former husband and also

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Trader found dead at home in capital

Murder case filed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A businessman was found dead in his house in the capital's Motijheel yesterday evening.

The hands and legs of Majed Mollah, 36, owner of an Arambagh printing press, were tied up, said Motijheel Police Station Sub-inspector Mohammad Almas.

A gag was also put in the mouth and a lungi was wrapped around the throat, he added.

On return from Manikganj, the victim's wife found their flat locked from outside on the sixth-floor of a multi-storey building, said Almas.

With the help of neighbours, she broke open the door and found the body lying on the floor, the SI said.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for an autopsy.

It could not be ascertained immediately whether any valuable was missing from the house.

A murder case was filed against some unnamed persons.



A large number of bananas has started to arrive in the capital as farmers are harvesting the fruit early fearing a rot as the trees are dying due to the ongoing flood in different parts of the country. The photo was taken at a warehouse in Jatrabari yesterday.

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