Hindu temple desecrated in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five miscreants desecrated an idol of Bhairabtala Temple at Chalibandar in Sylhet on Wednesday evening, three days after Finance Minister AMA Muhith inaugurated the construction work of the temple's five-storey building.

The miscreants entered the temple around 8:00pm and hearing the temple priest's shout, people rushed to the spot and captured one of them, said locals.

He was identified as said Sohel Ahmed, officer-Police Station. "Locals handed him over to police," he added.

Meanwhile, Sylhet Puja Udjapan Parishad and Bhairabtala Temple Committee yesterday formed a human chain in front of the temple, demanding that the government should impose strict rules to stop these



Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President Saber Hossain Chowdhury in a meeting with Romanian President Klaus Werner Iohannis at Cotroceni Palace, Bucharest on Wednesday. Other than committing to deeper engagement and cooperation between the Romanian parliament and the IPU, the two underscored the increasing importance of parliamentary diplomacy in responding to global challenges as well as the role of parliaments in implementing Agenda 2030. PHOTO: COLLECTED

War Crime Trial against Habiganj 'Razakars'

Closing arguments begin May 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

enter the final stage as International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed May 10 to start hearing the closing argu-

Hearing the closing arguments, the tribunal will either keep the verdict waiting or fix a date to deliver it.

Haque with members Justice Md Shahinur Islam and Justice Md Shohrowardi fixed the date on completing

Khagaura village, also the seventh defence witness, testified that the accused were not involved with Razakar Bahini.

Rahman Angur Mia and Abdur Razzak of Baniachang upazila pleaded not guilty to the four charges. A total of 12 prosecution witnesses, including the investigation officer, have testified.

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Kuwaiti PM due on May 3

2nd Edition

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is looking forward towards greater cooperation with Kuwait on all fronts, including trade and investment as the Gulf nation's prime minister, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, is scheduled to arrive on May 3 on a threeday visit.

Issues, including Kuwaiti investment in Bangladesh, especially in crude oil refinery and increased manpower export to Kuwait, and signing of a number of agreements will

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18 'robbers', 2 'gun runners' held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday busted a gang of robbers with the arrest of its 18 members while they were plotting a robbery in Jatrabari area of the capital. Tipped off, a Jatrabari police team raided a six- storey

arrested them, said Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner (Wari Division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), at a press conference at DMP Media Centre. In the primary investigation, the robbers confessed to

their involvement in robbery and mugging in different areas of the capital. Police also seized 40 mobile phones, 2 laptops, 2

machetes and 5 knives from their possession.

Meanwhile, in another raid in Motijheel on Wednesday, DMP police arrested 2 illegal arms traders with 2 pistols and 4 bullets.

confessed to their involvement in illegal trading.

Senior Assistant Police Commissioner Md Snigdha Akhter conducted the drive around 5:30pm.

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Obituary

BNP lawmaker and

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NEWS_{IN} brief

Academic activities of honours courses at Cuet to resume May 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The academic activities of the Honours courses at the Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) will resume on May 3. Residential halls of the university will open on May

2, said Fazlur Rahman, assistant director (public relations), Cuet. The authorities of Cuet suspended the academic

activities of Honours for an indefinite period on April 7 following students' agitations.

The agitators claimed that Student Welfare Director Prof Ashutose Saha harassed them at a human chain which was

formed after a Cuet student died in a road accident.

Hefajat leader Harun remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday placed Hefajat-e Islam leader Mufti Harun Bin Izhar on a two-day remand in a violence case.

The order came after detectives sought a 10-day remand for him in the case, court sources said. The case was filed with Kotwali Police Station on May 13, 2012, over an attack on police during a rally of the BNP-led 20-party alliance in city's Kazir Dewri. Mufti Harun was shown arrested in the case as he was rearrested at Chittagong jail gate immediately after his release on bail in four other violence cases on Tuesday.

Sylhet can listen to Dhaka FM now

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Dhaka FM 90.4 inaugurated its official broadcasting in Sylhet yesterday.

Ehsan Mahbub, director (marketing) of Dhaka FM, declared the official broadcasting of the radio channel during a dialogue at a restaurant in the city.

The radio channel decided to spread its network countrywide and launching in Sylhet is a part of the coverage. The channel will work to promote Sylhet's folklore culture in different ways, he said.

ACC won't spare corrupt

Alaul Haque (now deputy secretary of the public adminis-

tration ministry), former deputy secretary of Finance Division Abdul Mannan, former assistant secretary of Finance Division Prashanta Kumar Das and former deputy secretary of the health ministry Abdul Motaleb Mia. According to the charge sheet, they misappropriated Tk

20 crore by creating fake documents. ACC also filed a charge sheet against Moslem Uddin

Bhuiyan, a bench assistant (now sacked) of Additional Session Judges Court of Dhaka, for creating fake bail certificates and another against senior assistant police commissioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police Sheikh Joynuddin for failing to submit his wealth statement within stipulated time.

Meanwhile, ACC yesterday arrested Project Implementation Officer (PIO) Bagerhat's Rampal Upazila Swapan Kumar Brahma for alleged financial irregularities in constructing a Shaheed Minar in Hurka Union during 2011-12 fiscal.

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