

# MPO teachers to boycott classes again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MPO-listed secondary and higher secondary teachers from private educational institutions once again will boycott classes, this time for two days, starting today.

They took the decision amid their indefinite hunger strike that waged into the 12th day yesterday. Earlier, they boycotted classes on January 21, 23, 24 and 25.

Demanding nationalisation of their institutions, they started the hunger strike on January 15 at the Jatiya Press Club under the banner of Besarkari Shikkha Jatiyakaran Liaison Forum.

"Still there is no positive response from the government regarding our demand. So, we have decided to boycott classes for the next two days," said GM Shawon, joint convener of the forum, yesterday.



A colourful procession was brought out in the capital yesterday, marking International Customs Day. It was arranged by Bangladesh Customs. The photo was taken in Kakrail. PHOTO: STAR

# NEWS IN brief

## Customs day observed in Benapole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

International Customs Day was celebrated in Benapole yesterday. To mark the day, the customs house in Benapole chalked out elaborate programmes including a procession and a seminar.

Jatiya Sangsad Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Miah was the chief guest at the event.

Lawmaker Sheikh Afil Uddin, National Board of Revenue member AFM Sahariar Mollah, Customs Commissioner Belal Hossain Chowdhury, Benapole Mayor Ashraf Alom Liton, Jessore Customs Commissioner Sowkat Hossain and president of Benapole C&F Agents' Association Mofijur Rahman were also present.

## 41 fishermen held for illegal netting of Sundarbans crabs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

The Forest Department held 41 fishermen and seized two trawlers with 50 maunds of crabs in Kanchi canal area of Chandpai range of the east Sundarbans yesterday.

The fishermen were held for violating the ongoing two-month restriction on netting crabs from the Sundarbans which will remain in effect till February 28 to boost breeding. The seized crabs were released into different canals of the forest, he added.

## Youth's body found in Meghna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth, aged around 30, from the Meghna river in Ashuganj upazila of Brahmanbaria on Thursday.

The body was found floating in the river in Patharghat area. The youth was wearing jeans and T-shirt.

Being informed, police sent the body for autopsy.

## Two DB impostors arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police arrested two detective impostors in Mymensingh Central Jail area on Thursday evening.

Impersonating constables of the Detective Branch of police, Mir Hossain, 40, and Rony Mia, 32, both from Mymensingh town's Sankipara area, were demanding money from the family of a prisoner when some police members noticed them. They threatened the family that they would block the release of the prisoner from jail if they did not get the money, said police. A Mymensingh court sent the two to jail.

The two are accused in several cases including theft and mugging, said police.

# EU to mount pressure on Myanmar

## Says envoy about Rohingya repatriation

UNB, Dhaka

The European Union is likely to come up with a more genuine pressure on Myanmar in February so that it acts promptly and creates an environment for the sustainable return of Rohingyas to their homeland from Bangladesh.

"I am sure there will be new (EU) council conclusions on Myanmar in February. I hope there will be more pressure. The only thing is to put more pressure on Myanmar," EU Head of Delegation Ambassador Rensje Teerink told the news agency in an interview.

In last October, the council of the EU in its conclusions said it might consider additional measures if the situation did not improve.

The EU envoy, however, said she is yet to know what the conclusions will contain -- whether it will be arms embargo or targeted sanctions on Myanmar government and army.

Ambassador Teerink, who arrived in Bangladesh four months back, also said there will probably be more individual targeted sanctions on some of the generals.

On Wednesday, Asean Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) on the Rohingya crisis laid emphasis on imposing arms embargo and targeted sanctions on Myanmar and its senior officials respectively to create a safe environment for Rohingyas to return to their homeland from Bangladesh.

"I think it is time to impose an arms embargo on the Myanmar army, including targeted sanctions against the generals who are behind these atrocities," APHR Chairperson and Malaysian MP Charles Santiago said seeking efforts from India, China and Russia, who sell arms to Myanmar.

Santiago also sought steps to deploy peacekeeping force to oversee the movement of Rohingyas.

He said repatriation will be difficult without the presence of peacekeeping force, in other words, it will be almost impossible. "The repatriation should be safe and voluntary one", he added.

Giving her second observation on the Rohingya situation, Ambassador Teerink said they can put pressure on the Myanmar government but the question is how they can convince

people in Rakhine State to welcome Rohingyas.

"What we understand the Rakhine people are not very happy to have them (Rohingyas) back. So, you can try and integrate but there is a negative public sentiment. It is very worrying," she explained.

The EU ambassador said they could imagine that many Rohingyas are afraid of going back to Myanmar.

The idea is on the Myanmar side is to build a township to welcome returnees, she said recalling the situation of IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camp which has no freedom of movement.

On January 16, Bangladesh and Myanmar signed a document on "Physical Arrangement" which will facilitate the return of Rohingyas to their homeland from Bangladesh.

The 'Physical Arrangement' stipulates that the repatriation will be completed preferably within two years from the start of repatriation.

Asked about the way-out if repatriation process fails and subsequent third-country settlement, the EU

# Youth found dead in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth in Sadarghat area in Chittagong city last evening.

Both of his hands were tied up from behind and marks of injuries were found all over the body, said Inspector (Investigation) Ruhul Amin of Sadarghat Police Station.

The youth might have been killed by a mob on suspicion of theft, he said.

# Ctg residents choked

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various diseases including cough, skin diseases, conjunctivitis, dandruff, tonsillitis, viral fever, bronchitis and abdominal diseases.

Children, pregnant women and the elderly are especially at risk, he said.

Sudip Basak, executive engineer of CCC, told this correspondent that the repair work of Arakan Road, Oxygen-Muradpur Road and Bahaddarhat-Karnaphuli Shah Amanat Bridge Road was going on.

"We've completed repair work on two to three kilometres of Oxygen-Muradpur Road... It's taking time to prepare the surface of Arakan Road... All the work on these roads will hopefully be completed within a week."

About the Agrabad Access Road, he said it will take several months to finish its repair work as it was in an extremely poor condition.

"Japan International Cooperation Agency is funding the Tk 60-crore project and drainage repair work on both its sides is going on," he added.

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