

New sailors inducted into Navy

BSS, Khulna

Passing out parade of new sailors of Bangladesh Navy under batch A/2018 was held at BNS Titumir parade ground in Khalishpur of Khulna yesterday.

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Nizamuddin Ahmed reviewed the parade and took salute as chief guest.

The naval chief called upon the fresh recruits to attain competency based on the knowledge they acquired in the naval academy.

Admiral Nizamuddin urged the sailors to defend the independence and sovereignty of the country at any cost, being imbued with the spirit of the country's freedom fighters.

Principal staff officers of naval headquarters, commodore commanding of Khulna and high civil and military officials were also present at the programme.



Children frolicking at an artificial waterfall inside Café 24 Park in Chittagong's Bhatiari. The park, built by Bangladesh Army, is gaining popularity as it boasts captivating natural beauty.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

MYMENSINGH MARKET GUTTED BY FIRE

Traders seek govt loan to start over

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The affected traders of Ganginarpar Hawkers Market in Mymensingh city have expressed concerns about the possibility of reopening their businesses shortly and called upon the government to support them with bank loans on easy terms.

Talking to The Daily Star, the traders said that after the fire, most of them were passing days by borrowing from others, but it was impossible for them to restart business without government loan.

Apart from managing the daily expenses for their families, the affected businessmen are contributing to reconstruction of the market, said Khalilur Rahman Ratan, an elderly businessman.

"We never faced such a crisis in the last 44 years since the market opened. Many of us have moved our businesses to the adjacent streets to support our families," he said.

A fire ripped through the market on June 7, burning down 150 shops, mostly of clothing and footwear, of the market. The traders claimed that the extent of loss caused by the fire could be up to Tk 50 crore.

Established in 1974, the market used to cater to the middle and low-income group people of Mymensingh and other adjacent districts.

Ratan said he has already

spent Tk 50,000 to rebuild his shoe shop, and he will need Tk 70,000 more to complete the work. "Then the matter of capital for reinvestment will come up," he added.

Garments shop owner Ismail Hossain said, "I managed the money for constructing the shop on loan. I'll be in serious trouble if business does not pick up soon."

Many of affected traders are now reeling under the pressure of loans, which they had taken before Eid-ul-Fitr in the hope of good business on the occasion, but everything was lost, said Alok

Chowdhury, a cosmetics shop owner.

The traders said they mainly wait for Eid-ul-Fitr for good sales and earn the largest chunk of the year's income.

Talking to this correspondent, Abdul Motaleb Haque, president of Ganginarpar Hawkers Market Samity, said he faced a loss of around Tk 10 lakh in the fire, and now he is borrowing money for reconstruction work.

The traders will need over Tk 4 crore to rebuild the market and decoration of the shops, he said, stressing the need for govern-

ment loan.

He said they would apply to the district administration to manage loans for them.

Mohammad Hossain, district relief and rehabilitation officer of Mymensingh, said the administration gave the affected traders Tk 11.79 lakh and 393 bundles of corrugated iron sheets (tin) so far.

"We have also sent a proposal for Tk 11 lakh more to the ministry concerned (disaster management and relief) for the traders, but there has been no response yet," he said.



The reconstruction of Ganginarpar Hawkers Market in Mymensingh city is underway. A fire destroyed around 150 shops, mostly of clothing and footwear, of the market on June 7.

PHOTO: MD AMINUL ISLAM

10 lives lost in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least ten people were killed and 59 others injured in road accidents in four districts across the country yesterday.

In Khulna, a passenger bus plunged into a road-side ditch in Dumuria upazila around noon, killing at least five people and injuring 23 others, reports our correspondent.

The deceased are Razzak Gazi, 40, of Dakkhin Bedkashi village; Shariful Islam, 35, of Koyra; Abu Taleb Gazi, 50, of Bagali; Mostafa Gazi, 50, of Uttar Khapani; and Nur Islam Sarder, 39, of Paikgasa.

Habil Hosen, officer-in-charge of Dumuria Police Station, said the accident occurred when the Khulna-bound "Moumita Paribahan" veered off the road and fell into the ditch in Boratia area under Dumuria upazila around 12:30pm.

The injured were taken to Khulna Medical College Hospital and Dumuria Upazila Health Complex, he added.

Rezaul Islam, 45, an injured passenger, alleged that ignoring passengers' request, the driver was driving recklessly. Rezaul is undergoing treatment at the health complex.

Police could not detain the driver or his helper as they fled soon after the accident.

In Bhola, a man and a 12-year-old boy were killed and six people injured following a collision between a human-haulier and a trolley in Helipad

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NEWSIN brief

Youth killed over 'family feud'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A youth died at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College yesterday, a day after he was admitted with critical injuries.

The deceased was identified as Shwapan Ahmed, 25, son of Late Ahmed Miah, resident of Moushumi Residential area in Mirabazar in Sylhet city.

Shwapan's cousin Sohel hit him in the head with stones following an altercation regarding property matters on Wednesday, Mosarraf Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station said quoting family members.

No case has been filed in this regard.

Freedom fighter Khalilur Rahman passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khalilur Rahman, a freedom fighter, died yesterday morning after a long battle with cancer, said a press release.

The seventy-two year old retired police officer breathed his last at his residence in Rajshahi.

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard after a namaj-e-janaza at Sardah Eidgah.

His son Mahfuzur Rahman Mishu is the special correspondent of Jamuna Television and general secretary of Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB).

DCAB President Rezaul Karim Lotus expressed his sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Qulkhwani of Nurjahan Goni

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Nur Jahan Goni, mother of Freedom Fighter Md Wahid Uz Zaman, former principal secretary of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and ex-chairman of Janata Bank Ltd, will be held today, said a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at the residence of her son at apartment-06, house-256, road-03 Mirpur DOHS, Dhaka.

Family members of the deceased have requested relatives, and well-wishers to attend the qulkhwani to pray for the salvation for the departed soul.

Nurjahan breathed her last on June 18 in Dhaka due to old-age complications.

3-day DC conference begins Sunday

UNB, Dhaka

The three-day annual conference of the deputy commissioners (DCs) will be held in Dhaka on July 24-26.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the conference at Prime Minister's Office, said sources at the Cabinet Division yesterday.

The deputy commissioners will also meet President Abdul Hamid at Bhangabhaban during the conference.

Besides, they will exchange views with ministers, advisers, state ministers and secretaries.

ICRC chief to visit

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His meetings in Myanmar will include those with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and U Win Myint, president of Myanmar, said a press release of the ICRC.

The ICRC president, who will arrive in Bangladesh on June 30, is expected to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, ministers and high government officials at the ministries of home and foreign affairs.

An estimated 700,000 people left Myanmar for Bangladesh after the violence of August 2017, and many others in Rakhine have been displaced. Access to food, healthcare, education and the necessities of life has been difficult for the refugees.

"Humanitarian organisations are doing their best to alleviate the suffering in very difficult circumstances, especially as the monsoon season advances. But ten months on, despite all the talking and all the efforts, too many people are still suffering too much," said Peter Maurer.

"While the emergency response continues, there must be urgent progress -- from humanitarians, development actors and the authorities -- on building sustainable solutions."

Maurer will also hold media briefings on both sides of the border.

Anti-narcotics drive continues in port city

Over 100 shanties demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police continued its anti-narcotics drive in Chittagong's Akbar Shah area, demolishing shanties set up allegedly by a drug dealer named Monir at Shahid Colony, and asked illegal dwellers to leave within a few days. Law enforcers also detained three individuals for hurting the driver of an excavator during the drive.

Police started the anti-narcotics drive at the slum -- on around 10 acres of grabbed land belonging to Bangladesh Railway (BR) -- installed by influential people. Around 100 shanties were demolished during the drive.

Deputy Commissioner (West) Faruk Ul Haque of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) said with the help of BR authorities, police conducted the anti-narcotics drive in Shahid Colony.

"Shahid Colony, which was set up on illegally grabbed railway land, is one of the major spots for drug trade," said DC Faruk, adding that police have also asked the residents of the area to leave the government property.

While visiting the spot, people of the area were seen blocking the street -- staging demonstrations against the drive. Some of them also threw stones targeting the driver of the excavator, leaving him injured.

Assistant Commissioner (Double Mooring) Asikur Rahaman of CMP said police detained three of them and sent them to police station.

"Due to the drive, most of the residents willingly left with their belongings," said the AC.

DC Faruk said the drive would continue in the area until the entire government property has been recovered, adding that around 40 additional police personnel were deployed in the area to check for the drug traders.

Bangladesh for greater economic ties with India

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Syed Muazzem Ali yesterday said Bangladesh and India should combine their synergies in the areas of connectivity, trade, commerce and energy for the mutual benefit of the two neighbours and the region.

"Connectivity offers a game-changing opportunity," he said while speaking as a guest of honour at a seminar on "Political Economy of Bangladesh" at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India. The seminar was organised by the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS). JNU Vice-Chancellor Prof Jagadeesh Kumar presided over the seminar while CSAS Chairman Prof Sanjay Bhardwaj conducted it.

Md Abul Kalam Azad, principal coordinator (SDG affairs) at PMO, Bangladesh; Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman, chairman of Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation; Prof Chintamani Mahapatra, JNU rector; and Sheikh Fazle Fahim, senior vice president of FBCCI, attended the seminar.

KURIGRAM 4 CONSTITUENCY

Why gazette should not be scrapped: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday questioned the legality of Election Commission's decision of demarcating Kurigram-4 constituency to include Chilmari area.

The court issued a rule asking the commission and the government to explain in four weeks why the gazette notification issued by the Election Commission on June 10 demarcating Kurigram-4 constituency to include Chilmari area, should not be scrapped.

The Chief Election Commissioner, secretary to the Election Commission, deputy commissioner of Kurigram, district and regional election officers concerned have been made respondents to the rule.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Shahidul Karim issued the rule following a writ petition filed by Abdul Hye Sarkar, president of Rajipur upazila Awami League.

As per their rules, the Election Commission has to consider the communication and geographical position of the areas during delimitation of any parliamentary constituency, said Advocate Syed Mamun Mahub.

Chilmari is situated on the other side of Brahmaputra river from Roumari-Rajipur area, he said.

It is also a remote area, he added. The Election Commission itself excluded it from Kurigram-4 (Roumari-Rajipur) constituency in 2013, said Advocate Syed Mamun Mahub.

Influenced by a vested quarter, the Election Commission has issued a gazette notification on June 10 on Kurigram-4 (Roumari-Rajipur) constituency, including Chilmari, in violation of the Election Commission rules, the lawyer added.

Rangpur DC office staff 'beaten by cop'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A staff member of Rangpur Deputy Commissioner's office was picked up and allegedly beaten by police yesterday morning.

Shahzada Miraj, 40, was released around noon. He is undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said his wife.

This correspondent spoke to Miraj at the hospital in the afternoon. He said he and his wife were returning from Primary Teachers' Training Institute in the city when Md Rahim, a sub-inspector of Rangpur Sadar Police Station, intercepted them and allegedly attacked him.

Later, he took Miraj to the police station and beat him, he alleged.

Officer-in-Charge Babul Mia said Miraj was brought to the police station over a land dispute. He was later released. He, however, denied that Miraj was assaulted. Sub-inspector Md Rahim could not be contacted for comments.

When asked, DC Enamul Habib said action will be taken after an inquiry.

The staff at the DC office protested the incident.

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