

NEWS IN brief

PM to brief media today

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address a press conference today to brief journalists about the outcomes of her recent visit to Nepal for attending the 4th Bimstec summit.

The press conference will be held at her official residence Gono Bhaban at 4:00pm, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim said yesterday.

The prime minister visited Nepal on August 30 and 31 to attend the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) Summit.

Two arrested with 3,850 yaba tablets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) arrested two persons with 3,850 yaba tablets during a drive in Chittagong city's Cinema Palace area yesterday.

The arrestees -- Farid Miah, 22, and Abdullah, 20, -- are from Teknaf upazila in Cox's Bazar, said Shamim Ahmed, deputy director, DNC, Chittagong.

During primary interrogation, the duo admitted that they came from Teknaf to the port city with the yaba to hand over those to a person, he added.

Body of missing man found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday recovered the decomposed body of Moin Uddin, 31, in Fatikchhari upazila, 11 days after he had gone missing.

The vegetable vendor had been missing since August 21, police said, quoting family members.

Locals found the decomposed body in Dighir Paar area of Nishchitapur and informed police.

Family members identified the body, said Arif Hossain, sub-inspector of Fatikchhari Police Station.

Filing of a case was underway in this connection and the body was sent to Chittagong Medical College morgue for autopsy.

PUSHING PASSENGER OFF BUS

Helper arrested over businessman's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police Bureau of Investigation yesterday arrested the helper of a minibus in connection with a case filed over the death of Rezaul Karim Roni, a businessman from City Gate area near the port city, on August 27.

The arrestee, Mohammad Manik, 32, was held in Ramgati area of Laxmipur, said Inspector Santosh Chakma. He was hiding at his in-law's house.

On the day, following an altercation apparently over bus fare, the helper allegedly pushed Roni, 35, off the minibus in the area. He fell down and got stuck between the road and the vehicle. As the driver drove on, Roni was crushed under the rear wheels, his relatives said, quoting witnesses.

Shamsul Huda, Roni's cousin and member of Ward-9 of Salimpur Union Parishad at Sitakunda upazila, demanded that police arrest the driver immediately.

"We demand exemplary punishment for the driver and helper to avoid repetition of such incidents," he said.

On Tuesday night, Roni's uncle filed the murder case against Didarul Alam, 35, driver of the minibus, and the helper, with Akbar Shah Police Station.



A magistrate leading a BRTA mobile court presents flowers to a motorcyclist thanking him for having necessary papers and complying with traffic rules. The photos were taken in Wasa intersection area of Chittagong city yesterday.



INFANT AKIFA'S DEATH

Bus found abandoned, accused still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Law enforcers have recovered the bus that hit 13-month-old Akifa Yasmin and her mother in Kushtia on Tuesday, resulting in the death of the infant, but they were yet to arrest the accused driver, his helper and owner of the vehicle.

The bus was found abandoned in Faridpur New Bus Stand area around 10:00pm on Friday, said ASM Mehed Hasan, superintendent of police in Kushtia.

It was brought back to Kushtia yesterday morning, he said, adding, "We are trying to arrest the accused."

Akifa died of head injuries on Thursday at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. She was critically injured after she fell from the arms of her mother Rina Khatun who was hit by a Ganj-e-Raj Paribahan bus in Chourhas

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Arrests, obstructions as BNP celebrates anniversary

STAR REPORT

BNP activists yesterday came under attack, were arrested, and faced obstructions from law enforcement agencies in different parts of the country as they observed the party's 40th founding anniversary.

In Shariatpur, at least 25 people were injured during a clash between Awami League and BNP men in sadar upazila. The clash broke out when some local Jubo League and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists attacked the party's programme.

The district unit of BNP organised the programme at its General Secretary Nasir Uddin alias Kalu's house.

Utpal Biswas, sub-inspector of Palon Model Police Station, said police rushed to the spot when the Jubo League and BNP men were chasing each other. The situation was brought under control later.

In Mymensingh, police allegedly foiled BNP's anniversary programme at its Natun Bazar office.

Protesting the police action, the president of the district unit (south) of BNP, AKM Mosharraf Hossain, held a press conference at his house in the afternoon.

He said police took position near the office in the morning and barred

party leaders and activists from entering the office.

Police also chased away party activists at different parts of the city while they raided the houses of BNP leaders on Friday night.

BNP and its front organisations, however, could bring out separate processions in the city, marking the founding anniversary.

Denying the allegations, Mahmudul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police were on their regular duty, and no such incident occurred.

In Rajshahi's Charghat upazila, police foiled BNP's anniversary programme and arrested its 12 leaders including two top leaders.

The arrestees include Abu Sayeed Chand, upazila BNP president and chairman of Upazila Parishad, and Yunus Talukhdar, upazila BNP general secretary.

The rest are BNP activists, said police.

The local unit of BNP organised a discussion on the occasion at Solua Eidgah field with Chand in the chair. Soon after the meeting began at 5:00pm, some of the participants of the meeting threw a crude bomb on policemen, said Nazrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Charghat Police Station.

BNP men and witnesses, however,

denied the allegation and said no incident of blasting crude bombs occurred.

Rajshahi District Jubo Dal general secretary Shafiqul Islam Samapta was present in the meeting. He said police asked the meeting organisers to stop the programme and leave the venue when Abu Sayeed Chand began addressing the participants.

"Chand hurriedly ended his speech and asked all BNP and its front organisation to leave the venue," Samapta said.

As the meeting participants were leaving the field, a huge number of policemen started arresting the BNP activists, Samapta said. When Chand protested, police arrested him and Yunus on charge of obstructing police duty, he said.

In Comilla, police detained 14 BNP leaders and activists in Chaudhagram upazila.

BNP leaders claimed that the activities were arrested when they gathered at the place to join the anniversary programme.

However, Shuvoranjon Chakma, inspector (investigation) of Chaudhagram Police Station, said the activists were arrested because they assembled on Dhaka-Chittagong highway to carry out sabotage activities.

Peaceful movement to oust govt

BNP leaders tell Ctg rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

BNP leaders in Chittagong yesterday threatened to launch a mass movement to oust the current government.

The protests will be peaceful and non-violent, they said while addressing a rally in Kazir Dewri area of the port city, marking the party's 40th founding anniversary.

Speaking as the chief guest, BNP Vice Chairman Abdullah Al Noman said people would take to the street anytime and start a mass uprising. "The country is facing an explosive situation. There will be an outburst anytime," he said.

Noman said, "The government is well informed about it. That's why they are conspiring against Tarique Zia and Khaleda Zia."

He said Chittagong has shown the nation many a time the way out of chaos. "This time, we will launch the anti-government movement from Chittagong," he added.

Reiterating their demand, he said BNP would not go to polls unless party Chairperson Khaleda Zia is freed from jail.

The senior leader also threatened to resist with full strength the new "scheme" of the government to rig the election through electronic voting machines (EVMs).

Urging party activists to forge strong unity forgetting discord, he said there is no alternative to a movement. "We need unity to wage that movement."

Another vice-chairman of BNP, Mir Md Nasir Uddin, said the EVM has been banned in many developed countries. Not only that, India is also facing backlash for using the device as it gives immense opportunity for rigging, he added.

The "EVM plot" is designed by the Awami League to grab power once again through rigging, he alleged.

Presiding over the rally, Chittagong city unit president of BNP Dr Shahadat Hossain said before implicating BNP senior vice-chairman Tarique Rahman in the August 21 grenade attack case, Awami League should

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Wearing bright shirts and holding colourful paddles, people take part in a traditional boat race in the Titas river in Brahmanbaria while hundreds of locals cheer from the banks. The event was organised yesterday by the district administration.

PHOTO: MASUK HRIDOY

Water and sanitation challenges

FROM PAGE 4

Torres presented biogas as a firewood alternative.

A biogas plant is generally composed of six latrines and one kitchen. While 120 people benefit with access to latrines, only five households benefit from the single kitchen that six latrines provide gas for. This means that not all the latrine users can benefit from the kitchens.

In order to ensure equitable access to kitchens, a roster system needs to be put in place. This requires a consultation process, in which, apart from agreeing on the roster, the community will also agree to care for and maintain the latrines and kitchens.

There are only about 150 biogas kitchens in the camp, which benefits

only a small fraction of the camp population. But however small that is, the kitchens contribute to reducing the impacts of firewood collection on the environment and safely disposing of human excreta.

Until recently, the Bangladesh government restricted construction of permanent infrastructure at the camps, such as biogas latrines, which Torres pointed out was the reason that such plants had not been built at the campsites.

The other reason behind not building biogas latrines, Torres said, was that they are more expensive, take more time to build and need a larger space than a regular latrine. So, in the context of the high number of refugees and urgency of sanitation facilities,

biogas latrines are not prioritised.

Moreover, users' feedback shows that they are not very supportive of the biogas kitchens. The users complain having to share kitchens, the smell of biogas and about the irregular supply because the system requires a steady number of users to ensure a continuous flow, which is difficult to control.

Most of these issues could be resolved with better design, monitoring and management, said the expert.

This is a solution that has a lot of potential since it is sustainable, poses little danger to the environment and ecosystems and improves the wellbeing of the communities. "So hopefully we will see more of these latrines in the future at the Rohingya camps," Torres said.

Cop sent to jail over yaba peddling

CU CORRESPONDENT

A Chittagong court yesterday sent Sub-inspector (SI) Bodruddoja Mahmud to jail after rejecting his bail prayer in connection with a case filed over yaba peddling.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Rabiul Alam Chowdhury passed the order after hearing the bail petition filed by the police official.

SI Bodruddoja was shown arrested in a case filed for his alleged involvement in transporting 29,000 yaba pills to Dhaka, said Sairul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mirsarai Police Station.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-7 seized the contraband tablets from a truck in Mirsarai upazila and arrested its driver and helper, police said.

After primary interrogation, the duo claimed that the drugs belonged to SI Bodruddoja. "We were instructed by the police official to transport the tablets to Mohammapur area in Dhaka," the driver claimed.

On Friday, the SI was detained at Dampara police lines, said Shakila Sultana, additional deputy commissioner (public order management) of CMP.

He was suspended from the District Detective Branch (North) in Dhaka and attached to CMP Police Lines at Dampara a month ago after his wife sued him for domestic violence under women and children repression act, she said.

"If he is found guilty, we will take actions against him," she added.

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