### Saint Martin's faces threat to existence: Anisul

Tourists' movement to be limited from March next year

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud said no tourist will be allowed to stay overnight at the Saint Martin's Island from March next year as the only coral island of the country is facing threat to existence.

Besides, people's movement will be limited in the island in daytime, he said while addressing as the chief guest at a workshop organised by the Department of Environment (DoE) in Cox's Bazar town yesterday.

Saint Martin's Island, a priceless natural resource of the country, is now facing serious threat, Anisul said, adding that the government has taken a number of decisions to save the island which has been a unique attraction for the tourists for years.

The illegal infrastructures built in the island will be removed soon, he said, adding that his ministry will work to settle any legal obstacle to dismantling the structures.

Secretary of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry Al-Mohsin Chowdhury presided over the meeting. Speakers at the workshop said the environment and biodiversity of the coral island are facing destruction.

The environment ministry at an inter-ministry meeting on September 9 took some short, medium and long term plans to save the island.



Buddhist devotees bring Kathin Chibar (robe woven with hard labour) on a wood and bamboo-made elephant statue to offer it to monks at Sadhonapur Lumbini Ban Bihar in Rangamati Sadar upazila yesterday. The two-day-long traditional Kathin Chibar Dan festival of the Buddhists ended at the monastery with prayer for global peace, prosperity and happiness. PHOTO: STAR

#### Bhashani univ classes begin today

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

The classes of different departments at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) will begin today while the semester final examinations on October 31.

It was decided at a meeting of deans of all faculties, registrar, department chairmen, hall provosts, controller of examinations and proctor with Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Alauddin in the chair yesterday, says a

press release. The classes and examinations were suspended on October 13 until further order as per decision of the academic committee due to unavoidable reasons, it added.

#### PM's promise to 4th grader still unmet

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali** 

Feasibility study of a proposed bridge on the Payra river on Patuakhali-Binapani road via Mirzaganj and Betagi upazilas has not completed, even two years after the prime minister's instruction to build the bridge.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina assured taking steps to build a bridge on the Payra river in Mirzaganj upazila after Shirshendu Biswas, a Class-IV student at Patuakhali Government Jubilee High School, wrote to her in August 2016, requesting for construction of a bridge there.

After instruction from the PM's office the bridge department undertook step to build a bridge on the Payra river, said sources at Patuakhali Roads and Highways Department (RHD).

A seven-member team led by a high official of Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) visited the area for selecting the proposed bridge site on November 3 in 2016. As per report of the team, BBA prepared a draft design for the

kilometre approach roads on both sides and sent it to Patuakhali RHD office on April 19 in 2017. To prepare the final design, BBA also asked Patuakhali RHD to send survey map, soil test report, hydro-morphological study report and navigation

1,316-metre-long and 10.25-metre-wide bridge including one-

clearance certificate from Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority. Later on November 24, RHD Barishal divisional office sent a letter to the chief engineer of RHD, asking for allocation of Tk 50 lakh to conduct a feasibility study including hydro-morphological study but

RHD did not make the allocation and all the activities got suspended. Shah Mohammad Shams Mokaddas, executive engineer of Patuakhali RHD, said, "I joined here recently and I learnt about the matter on Thursday. I will try my best to take necessary step regarding this."

## Elderly man assaulted by sons

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur** 

A man was assaulted by his two sons over family dispute at Bhobanipur village in Sadar upazila of Rajbari on Friday.

The victim is Rob Munshi, 70, of the village. He is now under treatment at Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

"Rob wanted to sell his 15 decimals of land as he is not able to work and his two sons do not look after him and his wife. So his sons Akram Munshi, 35, and Limon Munshi, 24, beat Rob Munshi with an iron rod. He was taken to Rajbari General Hospital but the onduty doctor referred him to Faridpur Medical College Hospital as his condition worsened," said Rofikul Islam, son-in-law of Rob.

"On getting information, we rushed to the spot but did not find anyone as they went into hiding after the incident," said Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Swapan Kumar Mazumder.

DEATH OF JASHORE AL LEADER

### Hospital staff beaten

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

At least seven people, including two members of the staff of Ibne Sina Hospital in Jashore town, were assaulted by the aggrieved relatives, following the death of a patient at Jashore General Hospital on Friday night.

The relatives and supporters of deceased Harun-ur-Rashid, 50, vice-president of Chachra Ward Awami League, also vandalised a windowpane of the hospital.

Harun's nephew Sekender Ali said when his uncle, who had been suffering from pain in his waist, was taken to Ibn Sina Hospital on October 20 a broker took them to Doctor KM Atiqul Islam.

The doctor then told the patient's attendants that Harun would need to go through an urgent surgery in Dhaka. According to the doctor's advice, Harun was admitted to

Crescent Hospital in the capital the following day and underwent an operation there on October 22 before being released two days later. As Harun's condition deteriorated, he was admitted to

Jashore General Hospital on October 26 and died while undergoing treatment on Friday night.

Doctor Atiqul said it was a complete misunderstanding and there is nothing to blame him for as the patient died due to internal complications.

Being informed, police went to the spot and brought the situation under control, Officer-in-Charge of Jashore Kotwali Police Station Apurba Hassan said.

#### Youth found dead in Rangamati hotel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A youth was found dead in a residential hotel in the Reserve Bazar area of the town yesterday.

The deceased is Abdul Halim, 26, son of late Abdur Rashid of South Forest Colony in the hill district town, said Sub-Inspector Muhammad Abdur Rahim of Kotwali Police Station.

Sub-Inspector Rahim said Halim rented room No 102 of Al-Helal Hotel on October 25 and his body was found hanging from a ceiling fan in the hotel room yesterday morning.

The police officer said the youth might have committed suicide by hanging himself with a belt from the ceiling fan of the room.

He said police sent the body to Rangamati Sadar Hospital for autopsy.



Sadar Hospital in the town.

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#### NILPHAMARI MEDICAL COLLEGE ACTIVITIES BEGIN

# Classes from January 10

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Nilphamari Medical College has started its academic activities on the ground floor of the 250-bed Sadar Hospital in the district town.

A total of 44 students from the national merit list have been enrolled to the medical college up to October 23, while six more seats will be filled up later from the waiting list.

Minister for Health and Family Planning Mohammad Nasim announced on August 26 that the prime minister had given final recommendation to set up five new medical colleges in Nilphamari, Chandpur, Naogaon, Netrakona and Magura, alongside the 31 exist-

ing government medical colleges. After the announcement, the health ministry started functioning of the new medical college by admitting students from this session.

the department of anatomy in Khulna the 250-bed hospital, the medi-Medical College, was appointed the cal college may be shifted to first principal of Nilphamari Medical newly constructed three-storey College on September 20. Dr Rabiul is extension building of the local conducting all administrative activi- diabetes hospital at Polashbari ties from his temporary office at the village. The authorities have Sadar Hospital building. offered us to use it without rent," "Classes of the first batch will start

from January 10 and at least three teachers having rank of assistant professor and associate professor on anatomy, physiology and biochemistry will be appointed soon," Dr Rabiul said.

"We also need nine lecturers for first-year classes, including tutorial, practical and dissection. A few doctors of Nilphamari 100-bed Modernised Hospital have agreed to take classes as lecturers until appointment of regular lecturers," he said.

"At least 10 classrooms and two

Dr Md Rabiul Islam Shah, head of classes. If there is any problem in the principal added.

The second floor of the diabetic hospital will be used as a male students' hostel and local guest house of foreign NGO Danish-Bangladesh Leprosy Mission as a girls' hostel, he added.

Nilphamari Civil Surgeon Ranjit Kumar Barman said his office handed over 30 acres of land at Polashbari to the authorities concerned to build the medical college and hospital complex buildings.

Tender will be called in December to start construction of hall rooms are necessary to run the complex, he added.

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