

Joint exercise by US, Bangladesh navies begins

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A naval exercise between the navies of Bangladesh and the United States kicked off in Chattogram on Sunday, said a press release yesterday. The two sides participated under the 24th naval exercise, titled "Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)", in Asia-Pacific region. A total of five ships, including a guided missile frigate and patrol crafts from the Bangladesh Navy, and a maritime patrol aircraft and a dry cargo ship from the US Navy, will conduct a series of cooperative evolutions ashore and at sea. Speaking on the occasion, Rear Admiral Joey Tynch, commander of Task Force 73, said, "The long-standing



Distinguished Fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya speaks to media at Cirdap Auditorium yesterday on the outcomes of the Youth Conference 2018. Present on the occasion among others were Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam, CPD Distinguished Fellow Prof Mustafizur Rahman, and educationist Rasheda K Chowdhury. The Citizens' Platform for SDGs organised the media briefing.

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WB to provide \$200m for forestry, Rohingya children's education

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government yesterday signed two agreements with World Bank worth \$200 million for increasing forest coverage and providing education to Rohingya children, said a press release. Both agreements were signed by Monowar Ahmed, secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD), and Qimiao Fan, World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal at ERD. The agreement on "Sustainable Forests and Livelihoods Project", worth \$175 million, will plant trees in 79,000 hectares of forest through a collaborative forest management system. The sudden influx of over 725,000 Rohingyas to Cox's Bazar caused the loss of nearly 13,000 hectares of forest. The project will restore trees in 19,925 hectares of land in Cox's Bazar. Another agreement on "Reaching Out of School Children Project II", worth \$25 million, will help about 350,000 Rohingya children and adolescents get basic education and psycho-social support.

N'GANJ FOUR-MURDER Probe team seeks 25 more days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
Although 12 days have passed, police could not yet unearth reasons behind the murder of four youths in Narayangani's Araihazar upazila. Araihazar police said they were still investigating the matter, while a separate probe committee, asked to file a report within seven working days, has sought 25 days more to complete its investigation. On October 24, the deputy inspector general of police (Dhaka Range) formed the three-member committee to investigate the murders and submit a report in seven working days. Talking to The Daily Star on Sunday, head of the committee and also the additional deputy inspector general of Dhaka Range, Abu Kalam Siddiq, said, "We have written to the authorities to give us 25 more days to complete the investigation." He declined to disclose any details until their probe is complete. Araihazar Police Station's Inspector Shafiqul Islam, the investigation officer of two cases in connection with the incident, said they were waiting for post-mortem and ballistic reports.

Ctg gas crisis likely to linger

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Residents in different areas of Chattogram city suffered gas shortages for a second consecutive day yesterday, and the crisis may linger for several days. The outage was triggered by a technical glitch at a valve of the LNG terminal since Saturday night, said officials at Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd (KGDCL). "As it is not known how long it would take to repair the valve it is uncertain how long the crisis may continue," said Khaiz Ahmed Mazumdar, managing director of KGDCL. Divers have been working continuously under water in the Bay of Bengal to repair the glitch, he added. Dwellers of Monsurabad, Bakalia, Askar Dighir Par, Mehedibag, Nasirabad, Jamal Khan and some parts of Halishahar have been suffering due to the crisis. "We couldn't cook anything at home in the last two days. It is very difficult for the middle-income people to buy every meal from the restaurant," said Shiftekar Uddin, a resident of Sonali Residential area in Halishahar. "A small amount of gas is available after midnight, and it continues till dawn. But in the morning, the supply line almost runs dry," said Nasima Akhter of Monsurabad. She said she had to cook the whole day's meals at dawn. Out of the supply of around 390 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) in the city, the LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal provides 300mmcf. After the crisis, KGDCL is solely dependent on the national grid, which supplies only 23 per cent of the required amount in the city.



As gas shortage hits parts of Chattogram city, CNG-run vehicles including cars and auto-rickshaws line up in front of a fuelling station at CRB Crossing where gas is still in supply. Inset, the gas station in Tigerpass area, one of the affected areas, remains shut.

President exchanges views with senior journo

BSS, Dhaka
President M Abdul Hamid yesterday exchanged views with senior journalists and editors of different print and electronic media at Bangabhaban. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, Prime Minister's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, chief editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) Abul Kalam Azad, Jatiya Press Club president Shafiqur Rahman, its general secretary Farida Yesmin and several newspaper editors including Editor of Kaler Kantho Imdadul Haq Milton, Editor of Bangladesh Protidin Noim Nizam and Acting Editor of the daily Jugantor Saiful Alam joined the meeting, followed by a dinner. President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) Molla Jalal and former president of Parliament Journalists' Association Ashis Saikat spoke on the occasion along with the information minister and the premier's media adviser. President's Press Secretary Joynal Abedin conducted the programme.

Save Ichhamati river Speakers say at discussion in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
The Ichhamati river, once considered the lifeline for Pabna, has now reduced to the size of a dying canal -- thanks to the ill-conceived planning before building sluice gates on it, indiscriminate dumping of liquid and solid waste and encroachment. The observation was made yesterday in Rajshahi city at a daylong discussion titled "Ways to save the Ichhamati river". Around 60 teachers, development activists, businessmen, social organisers and journalists attended the discussion organised by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), in association with Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). Akbarul Hasan Millat, acting editor of local daily Sonar Desh, chaired the discussion. In order to save the dying river, the speakers made a nine-point recommendation that included earmarking boundaries of the river's banks, removal of illegal structures that are preventing its flow and stopping its pollution and encroachment. In the keynote paper, SM Mahub Alam, convener of Ichhamati Nodi Uddhar Andolon, said the sluice gates, built on the river years ago, in Banglabazar area on the outskirts of Pabna is reducing the river's water flow. A survey conducted in 2003 revealed that over five kilometres stretch of the river between Mondolpara and Shalgaria Swashanghat in Pabna town, the river was encroached on by at least 285 encroachers, he said, adding that today the number of grabbers has increased manifolds. Besides, various factories, especially pharmaceutical and food processing factories are releasing untreated liquid waste into the river while others are dumping solid waste in it, Mahub said. Directives made by National River Conservation Commission to save the river are not being implemented either, said the speakers. Demanding immediate action, they said Bela issued legal notices to 19 government offices in 2017, but those notices gained little responses. Prof Redwanur Rahman of Institute of Environmental Science at Rajshahi University moderated the discussion while Water Development Board superintendent engineers SM Shahidul Islam and Md Amirul Haque Bhuiyan also spoke among others.

Unpaid workers ransack RMG factory

Take to street for two hours in Gazipur
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur
Garment workers, demanding salary arrears, yesterday ransacked their factory in Gazipur. Around 750 workers of Esteem Wears Ltd, located in Ujilab area of Sreepur, also blocked Sreepur-Mawna road for nearly two hours. The demonstrators alleged that they did not get their September and October salaries yesterday, as promised by the authorities. However, the authorities claimed otherwise. General Manager (Operation) Rajib Chandra Kuri said only 15 days' arrears of September were due. The workers did not have to work during those days, he claimed. Denying the claims, the demonstrators demanded payment for the 15 days, since they were present at work on those days. According to an October 25 pledge made by the factory authorities, the workers were supposed to be paid yesterday. In the morning, the workers were told that they would be paid in the afternoon, prompting them to engage in altercations with the factory officials. Noticing heavy police presence when the workers went to the factory for payment, they became suspicious and confronted the officials over their intension. The workers said such a move is unusual and it aroused fear of violence. The authorities, however, said they took the measure for security reasons. Being agitated, a number of workers damaged various equipment of the factory. Gazipur Industrial Police Inspector Iskandar Habib said police drove the vandals out of the factory. Later, the workers blockaded the road till around 4:00pm. They withdrew their blockade at the assurance, made by Additional Superintendent of Industrial Police Saheb Ali Pathan, that their payment will be made by next Monday.

3 Swechha-sebak League men arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Police yesterday arrested three activists of Swechhasebak League, on charges of involvement in the killing of an auto-rickshaw driver in Sylhet city on Sunday night. The knife used to kill the victim, Noyon Miah, was recovered from one of the arrestees, said Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Selim Miah. At around 11:00pm on Sunday, Noyon was stabbed by criminals in his vehicle near Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. Police said Noyon died at the hospital due to excessive bleeding.



Senior BNP leaders including Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir place a wreath at the coffin of former information minister and party standing committee member Tariqul Islam in front of BNP's Nayapaltn office in Dhaka yesterday.

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JAILER'S ILLICIT TRADE Probe body visits Ctg jail

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The three-member committee, formed to probe into allegations against suspended jailer Soheli Rana Biswas, yesterday visited Chattogram Central Jail. Jail sources said the probe committee, headed by Barishal Range Deputy Inspector General (DIG, Prison) Sogir Mia, arrived at Chattogram Central Jail around 11:00am. Other members of the committee are Kamal Hossain, superintendent of Jashore Central Jail; and Jannatul Ferdous, jailer of Khulna Jail. The committee has been asked to submit its probe report by November 12. Soheli was arrested in Bhairab Railway Station on October 26 with Tk 44 lakh in cash, fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) worth Tk 2.50 crore and 12 bottles of Phensedyl. He was travelling to his hometown Mymensingh from Chattogram by train. He is currently in Kishoreganj jail following completion of a two-day remand. Following the arrest, Soheli was suspended and two cases were filed in this connection. While in remand, Soheli told investigators that around Tk 2.47 crore used to be accrued inside Chattogram Central Jail each month and the lion's share came from dealing of drugs.

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Corrigendum Notice

The following corrections are hereby made on the Tender Notice of Procurement of Outsourcing Manpower (Re-Tender) for Chittagong Medical College Hospital in the fiscal year 2018-19 vide the office Reference No. CMCH/Tender/2018-19/Outsourcing/10672 Date: 22/10/2018.

Sl No.	Information	Existing Timeline	Correction made (Changed Timeline)
14	Last date of selling tender schedule	07/11/2018 during office hours	14/11/2018 during office hours
15	Tender dropping & closing date and time	Dropping date: 08/11/2018 Dropping time: from 09:00am to 12:00pm Closing time: 12:01pm	Dropping date: 15/11/2018 Dropping time: From 09:00am to 12:00pm Closing time: 12:01pm
16	Tender opening date and time	08/11/2018 at 01:00pm	15/11/2018 at 01:00pm

The other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.
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