

Shop employee killed in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A shop employee was killed by unidentified miscreants in Netrakona early yesterday.

Ashish Kumar Saha, 48, father of two daughters, used to work at a cloth store in the town's Boro Bazar area.

He was returning home in Purbapara village from his workplace, said Mohammad Fokhrurjaman Jewel, additional superintendent of police in Netrakona (Sadar Circle).

When he reached Saptamara area in Sadar upazila, miscreants hit him on the head with a brick, killing him instantly, he said.

Police did not find his cellphone on the spot. They sent the body to Netrakona Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Two persons were held for interrogation.



Samajtantrik Sramik Front brings out a procession on the capital's Topkhana Road yesterday, to press home various demands. It sought formulation of "Democratic Labour Act", Tk 18,000 as a labourer's minimum wage and rights to trade unions.

PHOTO: STAR

Poultry trader stabbed, robbed in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Muggers stabbed a poultry trader and robbed him of Tk 14.20 lakh in Kalai upazila of Joypurhat on Thursday evening.

The victim -- Ratan Fakir, 32, son of Mosharaf Fakir from Punat (Purbapara) in Kalai area -- took treatment at the upazila health complex.

After withdrawing the money from Joypurhat branch of Islami Bank, Ratan and his friend Mokhes Uddin were returning to Kalai upazila on a motorcycle, said Ratan.

When they reached Sorail village on Joypurhat-Kalai road, a gang of six muggers intercepted them and attempted to snatch the money.

As Ratan tried to resist them, they stabbed him and snatched the money.

Later, locals rushed him to the health complex.

Abdul Latif Khan, officer-in-charge of Kalai Police Station, said they are trying to recover the money and detect the criminals.

Zia's 83rd

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placing wreaths at the party president's grave, holding discussion and publishing special supplements in newspapers.

Born on January 19, 1936, at Bagbari in Bogura, Ziaur Rahman founded the party in 1978 and became the country's seventh president.

Party flag will be hoisted atop all BNP offices across the country today.

BNP leaders and activists will place wreaths at Zia's grave today around 10:00am.

BNP's associate bodies and the party's district, city, upazila and thana units will observe the birth anniversary with various programmes.

Tk 2,000cr project

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Dhaka Power Distribution Company will provide Tk 78 crore from its own funds to implement the project.

"Now we're preparing documents to float the tender to award contract for the job," he said.

He said it may take one or two months to complete the tender invitation process.

Power Division officials said the new project was undertaken as part of the government's current target to improve power distribution and transmission system after its success in power generation.

They said although the country's power generation capacity of 18,000MW, uninterrupted power supply in the capital city and elsewhere in the country is yet to be ensured due to poor distribution and transmission network.

"As a result, many areas face power outage despite surplus power generation," said a senior official at the Power

Division.

Officials said Dhaka Power Distribution Company mainly operates power distribution systems in Dhaka's central and south-west parts and major parts of Narayanganj city, and the project will be implemented in the two cities.

Officials said the project will facilitate uninterrupted power supply until 2030.

In addition, another new project will be required to continue such facility.

Under the project framework, a good number of old substations, each having 33/11kV capacity, will be replaced with new ones while 165km of new source lines will be built, 33,157 electric poles will be installed, and 1,642km of overhead lines will be renovated.

Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC) now distributes about 1,531MW of electricity among its 1.178 million consumers.

The electricity consumption in its command area has been witnessing about 12 percent growth a year.

Freedom fighter Ansar Ali passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Ansar Ali, a freedom fighter and a Jatiya Party leader in Thakurgaon, passed away at his residence in Panchagarh Sadar upazila early yesterday following a heart failure. He was 66.

He left behind his wife, three sons, three daughters and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

Ansar Ali was buried with state honour at Mirgarh village graveyard under the same upazila after a namaz-e-janaza.

Socio-political leaders paid tributes to the deceased and conveyed their sympathy to the bereaved family.



Construction Workers Union Bangladesh stages a rally in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, in observance of "Day for Raising Demands of Construction Workers". They demand workplace safety, pension scheme, rationing system and compensation for injured and dead workers.

PHOTO: STAR

Ensure justice

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protesting various irregularities in the RMG sector.

They alleged that "the police force of the newly formed Awami League-led government" had killed their co-worker Sumon.

Negligence of both the government and factory owners has created a disparity in the wage structure and the government has also failed to ensure coordination in the revised pay scale published on January 13, they claimed.

Speakers urged the government to fulfill various demands of garment workers to eliminate the crisis in the RMG sector.

After eight days of labour unrest, the government announced a revised pay structure for the garment sector -- with a slight increase in both basic and gross wages in six of the seven grades -- on January 13.

Actor, admaker Tanvir

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Tanvir was reportedly going through depression. "One and a half months ago, he suffered a stroke," the deceased's brother-in-law Ishtiaque Ahmed told reporters at the morgue.

A former student of Drama and Dramatics department at Jahangirnagar University, Tanvir was involved in ad filmmaking and was also an actor. He was not doing well professionally in recent times, said his coworkers.

[According to the World Health Organization, some of the warning signs of suicide are: threatening to kill oneself;

making indirect statements such as "no one will miss me when I am gone", or referring to death as a place to go; looking for ways to kill oneself (e.g. seeking access to pills, firearms, pesticides); describing suicide as a solution to a problem; giving away valued possessions; saying goodbye to close friends or family members.

If you or anyone you know are exhibiting these signs, contact Kaan Pete Roi, an emotional support hotline, at: 01779554391, 01779554392, 01688709965, 01688709966, 01985275286, 01852035634, 01517969150]

Hope of Rucsu polls

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for the polls, the general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League at RU, Faisal Ahmed Runu, said, "We are ready for the polls. The authorities may arrange it any time."

After being founded in 1953, RU organised the first election to its student union, then known as Rajshahi University Students Union, in 1962. The student union was later renamed as Rucsu and its last election was held in 1989.

Innovation

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subsequently assist that person.

There is also a device for visually-impaired people, especially students, consisting of audio books in Bangla and English.

Besides, the stall is also showcasing a "smart cane" to assist visually-impaired people walking alone in new environment. The cane takes inputs through an obstacle sensor and provides feedback through a vibration motor.

The stall is also selling solar-powered LED lights.

In addition, volunteers at the stall are helping people download applications such as "JOY" (an app for women and children to seek law enforcers' help) and "e-Parking" (an app to find parking spots).

The stall is generating much curiosity among visitors, particularly youths, who were seen browsing through the products.

"It's a good initiative by the government. But it has to be patronised properly so that everyone could be benefited from the innovations," said Zahid Hossain, a private university student.

Export Promotion Bureau under the Ministry of Commerce has been organising the trade fair since 1995.

NEWSIN brief

Man held with 1,005 yaba pills

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested a man from Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur district with 1,005 yaba pills.

The arrestee was identified as Md Abu Sayeed, 42, hailing from Atrai village under the same upazila, said Major Masud Rana Prince, commanding officer of Rab 13.

"Abu Sayeed is a yaba trader in the area," Major Masud claimed.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-13 led by Major Masud Rana conducted a drive at South Harirampur Government Primary School ground in Parbatipur upazila and arrested Abu Sayeed with the contrabands.

The elite force also seized a motorbike from the spot, Major Masud added.

Abu Sayeed was handed over to Parbatipur Police Station and a case was lodged under the anti-narcotics act in this connection.

70 maunds of jatka seized in Bhola

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Coastguards seized around 70 maunds of jatka (young hilsa less than nine inches in length) in Bhola yesterday.

On information that a huge amount of jatka was being sent to Barishal on a trawler, a team of coastguards conducted a drive in Velumia area of Sadar upazila and made the seizure.

Those who were carrying the jatka fled the scene sensing their presence, said Lt Commander (south zone) Nuruzzaman Sheikh.

Dr Rakibul Islam passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Rakibul Islam Litu, a renowned cardiologist, passed away at a private hospital yesterday after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 50.

Rakibul, one of the owners of Lubana General Hospital, left behind his wife, three sons, a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers, reports BSS.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at the mosque in sector-13 in the capital's Uttara.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haq Inu and General Secretary Shirin Akhtar expressed profound shock at his death.

Man killed under train in Rajbari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was killed under a train in Tragore Nawpara area under Baliakandi upazila of Rajbari yesterday, police said.

The deceased was identified as Md Akkas Ali, 45, a three-wheeler driver of Rajdharpur village under the same upazila, said Md Akbar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Rajbari Railway Police Station.

The accident took place when Akkas' vehicle was crossing the rail line in Nawpara area. As there is no level-crossing bar, Akkas could not see the Rajshahi-bound train approaching, the OC said, adding that the train hit Akkas' vehicle, killing him on spot.

A case was filed with Rajbari Railway Police Station in this regard and the body was handed over to the victim's family, the OC added.

Woman found dead at home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman was found dead at her residence in Chattogram's Patiya upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased is Pritilata Mallick, 21, of Karankhine village, said police.

She was declared dead at Chattogram Medical College Hospital, said Assistant Sub-inspector Alauddin Talukder of CMCH police outpost. She might have taken poison following a quarrel with her husband, he said quoting family members.

Police are investigating the incident, he added.

Model UN conference begins at DIU

CITY DESK

The three-day "Daffodil International Model UN Conference 2019" began at Daffodil International University (DIU) on Thursday, said a press release.

Humayun Kabir, former ambassador of Bangladesh to the US, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest.

Ari Gainities, senior communication adviser, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, Dhaka, was present at as the guest of honour.

Dr Md Sabur Khan, chairman, board of trustees of the university, presided over the programme, which was addressed among others by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof SM Mahubul Haque Majumder.

About 250 student delegates are participating in the conference themed "Engaging Youth for Initiating World Peace through Peace Dialogue".



Students and guests pose for a photograph on the occasion of model UN conference at Daffodil International University on Thursday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

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