

Six arrested with 85,000 yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police in separate drives arrested six people including three Rohingyas and seized 85,000 yaba tablets from their possession in Chattogram city on Wednesday night and yesterday morning.

The three Rohingyas were identified as Abu Taher, 22, Md Ismail, 28, and Md Mubarak, 27, hailing from Teknaf Jadimura Rohingya Camp. They were arrested with 50,000 yaba tablets from Bridge Ghat area. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted the drive around 10pm on Wednesday, said Md Mohsin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotwali Police Station.

Other arrestees -- Md Mamun, 24, Jubaer, 18, and Abu Bakar Siddique, 20 -- are residents of the city's Firingi Bazar area. They had 35,000 yaba tablets while they were going to Chattogram from Teknaf on a microbus at 8am, said OC Mohsin.

"During primary interrogation, the arrestees admitted that they carried the yaba tablets from Teknaf to sell those in Chattogram city and other parts of the country," he added.

FREEING TURAG Drive against illegal brick kilns underway



The Department of Environment partially demolishes a brick kiln built illegally on the bank of Turag river in Ashulia yesterday.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday began a drive against illegal brick kilns on the banks of Turag river in Ashulia of Savar.

A DoE team led by Executive Magistrate Tamzid Ahmed started the daylong drive around noon and partially demolished four brick kilns in Paragon area.

Those are Turag Bricks, Seven Star Bricks, Titas Bricks and Sony Bricks. The court fined Turag Bricks and Sony Bricks Tk 20 lakh each.

Owners of the other two brick kilns went into hiding, said Tamzid Ahmed. "Legal steps will be taken against them," he added.

Members of police, fire service and Rab assisted DoE during the drive.

Patuakhali teacher loses leg in road accident

Three teenagers among six killed across country

STAR REPORT

A primary schoolteacher lost his right leg as iron rods from a rickshaw-van hit him while he was riding a motorcycle in Patuakhali town yesterday.

The accident happened on Circuit House Road while Md Saifuzzaman, a teacher of Boprobighai Government Primary School, along with his brother Kamruzzaman was going to the town's new market after a meeting at upazila primary education office.

Kamruzzaman, another primary schoolteacher, said his brother was on the pillion seat. "The rods hit them while we were passing through Public Library Bhaban."

Both of them fell down from the bike, he said.

"His [Saifuzzaman's] right got severed from the thigh joint as a rod pierced through it," said Kamruzzaman, who sustained minor injuries.

Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Patuakhali Police Station, said Saifuzzaman was taken to Patuakhali General Hospital from where he was later referred to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barishal.

The driver of the motorised rickshaw-van managed to flee, said the police officer.

In Pabna, two women were killed and another was injured when a truck hit a battery-run three-wheeler in Shimultola area of Chatmohar upazila yesterday.

Hasin Bagum, 40; and Firoza Begum, 45; from the area, who were on the three-wheeler, died on the spot, said police.

Police seized the truck but the driver managed to escape.

In Chattogram, a man was killed as a bus hit him while he was crossing Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Shitakunda upazila yesterday.

The victim -- identified as Nasir Sawdagor, 48 -- was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said police.

In Madaripur, two teenage boys were killed as their motorbike hit a truck parked on Madaripur-Shariatpur road in Motherbazar area of Sadar upazila on Wednesday.

The victims -- Diganta Mollah, 17, son of Yunus Mollah from Tulasara village; and Sumon Sordar, 17, son of Khokhon Sardar from Baluchara village in Shariatpur -- died on the spot.

In Chapainawabganj, a motorcyclist was killed as a tractor and the bike collided in Kalinagar village of Sadar upazila yesterday.

Waliul Islam, 19, succumbed to his injuries on the way to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital, said police.

The driver of the tractor managed to flee the scene, said the law enforcers.

[Our correspondents from Patuakhali, Pabna, Chattogram, Faridpur and Chapainawabganj contributed to the report]

SNAPS & snippets

Mohiuddin's death anniv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 22nd death anniversary of Mohiuddin Ahmed, a Language Movement veteran and Liberation War organiser, says a press release.

Wreaths will be placed at his grave at the Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard in the capital's Mirpur at 10:30am today.

A milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at his Dhanmondi residence and various mosques in Pirojpur. On this day in 1997, Mohiuddin died in Dhaka.



Humanitarian award for Dr Ehsan

CITY DESK

Dr Ehsan Hoque, founder and executive director of US-based Distressed Children & Infants International, was given a humanitarian award by Tauri Foundation, said a press release on April 6.

Prof Golam Rabbani, chairperson of Neuro Development Disability Protection Trust, Ministry of Social Welfare; Chowdhury Manzoor Liaquat, managing director, Union Capital Ltd; AKM Akhtaruzzaman, director, Abdul Momen Ltd; and Ashfaq-Ul-Kabir, executive director of Tauri Foundation, handed over the award at the 15th annual cultural programme of School for Gifted Children.



Move to knock down

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"Concerned authorities say that a huge amount of government money will be wasted if the plan is canceled but this is just an excuse... They need to understand that money will return but the heritage building won't if it's destroyed," she said.

Former Institute of Architects Bangladesh president Prof Abu Sayeed M Ahmed said any hundred-year-old building that becomes an iconic structure should be protected.

Mustafa Shahzaman Chowdhury Bahar, spokesperson of Nagorik Samaj of Sylhet, said, "We visited another site for the hospital under the supervision of former finance minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith so that the government can preserve the heritage of Sylhet."

Presenting a research paper on the historic building, Kaushik Saha, a professor of architecture at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, said the building, which was constructed between 1850 and 1860, is a witness to history.

On January 30 last year, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid foundation stone of the hospital along with 20 other projects in Sylhet. PWD started the project on July 9, 2018 with a timeframe of 24 months, and the construction work on the land started in March.

A safe Pahela Baishakh

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The campaign will give a new hope for stray dogs, she added.

The campaign targets at least 150 dogs for vaccination and will conclude today.

A team of BNCC (Bangladesh National Cadet Corps) of Cox's Bazar Government College is helping the animal lovers carry out the campaign.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT

SC appoints four jurists for opinion on meaning, tenure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday appointed four eminent jurists as "amicus curiae" (friend of the court), for hearing their expert opinions on the meaning and tenure of a convict's life imprisonment.

The experts have been requested to place their legal interpretations on whether life term means jail sentence of a convict for 22 and a half years after omitting seven and a half years' remission from 30 years or until natural death of the convict.

Under Section 57 of the Penal Code, life sentence refers to 30 years' prison term.

The four appointed amicus curiae are: Advocate AS Hasan Ariff, Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud, Advocate Abdur Rezak Khan and Advocate Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury.

The Supreme Court requested them to place their expert opinions over the issue before it on May 9.

A six-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC -- headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain -- passed the order while hearing a review petition filed by one

Ataur Mridha.

Mridha challenged an apex court verdict that on February 14, 2017 had commuted his death penalty to life imprisonment in a murder case.

The Appellate Division bench headed by the then Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha had said life imprisonment means jail sentence until natural death of the convict.

The same year, Mridha submitted the petition to the Supreme Court seeking review of its judgment.

Citing the review petition, Mridha's lawyer Advocate Shishir Monir told The Daily Star that as per relevant section of the law and according to another apex court judgment, a convict has to serve jail sentence for 22 and a half years after omitting the highest remission if he or she is sentenced to life imprisonment.

The review petition came up before the Appellate Division for hearing yesterday.

Attorney general Mahbub Alam prayed to the apex court to settle the petition on whether life imprisonment is jail sentence until death or 22 and a half years in jail.

CRP to donate prosthetic leg to Russell

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) has announced that they will donate a prosthetic leg to Russell Sarkar, who lost a leg after a bus ran him over in April 2018.

Russel went to CRP yesterday morning and the primary assessment tests for attaching the artificial leg were completed.

Initially, a Swiss-made leg will be set, which will later be replaced by a German-made prosthetic, said Mohammad Shafiq, head of CRP's prosthetic and orthotics Department.

"The process will take four weeks," he said, adding that doctors will start the full infusion process on Saturday.

Md Shafiq-ul Islam, executive director of CRP, said they are hopeful that Russell will

be able to move at ease after the addition of the artificial leg.

He told The Daily Star that CRP will bear the cost of this procedure.

Talking to The Daily Star, Russell also expressed optimism that movement will be easier with the prosthetic leg.

Russell, 26, was knocked down by a Green Line bus near Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in the capital's Dholaipara on April 28 last year.

The incident happened after an altercation broke out between Russell and the bus driver over rear-ending his car. As Russell chased down the bus, the bus driver ran him over.

Green Line Paribahan yesterday handed Tk 5 lakh to Russell following an HC order and is expected to pay another Tk 45 lakh in 30 days.

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