



THE LITTLE OPPORTUNISTS ... Soaring onion prices have caused a frenzy across the country, but a group of enterprising street children in Chattogram are making the best of it. They pick up onions that slip through while unloading from trucks at the Khatunganj wholesale kitchen market, and sell those at nearby shops. They say they can gather five to 10kg of onions. The photos were taken last week.



PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

No bar to demolish part of cold storage on Karnaphuli

SC upholds HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday upheld a High Court order that cleared the way for Chattogram district administration to demolish a part of the Karnaphuli cold storage building, illegally built on the bank of the river.

A six-member bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain passed the order, dismissing an appeal filed by Karnaphuli Ship Builders Ltd -- owner of the cold storage -- challenging the HC order.

There is no bar on the administration to knock down the illegal part of the building following the apex court order, Advocate Manzill Murshid, lawyer for the administration, told reporters.

Following a petition filed by the administration, the

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JMB boosting organisational activities in Teknaf: Rab

Rohingya among 2 'operatives' of the banned militant outfit held in Ctg

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

JMB operatives are now trying to boost its organisational activities in Teknaf with the help of some Rohingyas, Rapid Action Battalion has claimed.

Rab-7 came up with the information after claiming to have arrested two members of the banned militant outfit -- one of them a Rohingya youth -- from Patiya upazila of Chattogram early yesterday.

Officials of the elite force said the arrestees were heading to Cox's Bazar. Rab members also seized organisational leaflets and books on jihad from their possession.

The arrestees are Md Abdullah Al Sayeed, 35, of Rajshahi and Md Ismail, 33, said Rab sources. Ismail, who is a Rohingya, is a resident of Noapara Camp (camp-1) in Teknaf.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Mashkur Rahman of Rab-7, who conducted the drive, told The Daily Star, "Ismail is a Rohingya. He and Sayeed were planning to distribute the leaflets and books among people in Cox's Bazar, but Rab foiled their attempt."

"On information, Rab members set up a check post on Chattogram-Cox's Bazar Highway on Wednesday night. They were also inspecting traffic in

Shantirhat area," he added.

The Rab official said after sensing their presence, Sayeed and Ismail got off a bus and started walking. Suspicious, officials detained them and found the materials in their bags.

ASP Mashkur said Sayeed has been travelling to Teknaf for the last two years with an aim to instigate locals to take part in anti-state activities.

"Ismail came to Bangladesh during the Rohingya influx in 2017. He used to work as an auto-rickshaw driver in Teknaf. Sayeed got introduced to him while travelling on the vehicle around that time," the ASP said.

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Woman found dead in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the body of a woman from a house in Ashulia's Gazirchat area yesterday.

The deceased, Sheuly Akter, 25, was three months pregnant, said family members.

She and her husband Saiful Islam, 32, rented a room in the house around three months ago, said police, quoting locals. Saiful is an RMG worker.

Nurul Huda, sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station, said they recovered the body around 11am

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Apollo Hospitals Dhaka organised a scientific seminar on diabetes at the hospital's auditorium. A rally was also held inside Bashundhara Residential Area to observe World Diabetes Day.

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Parked pick-up trucks take up almost the whole street, leaving only one lane for commuters in the capital's Tejgaon. The area has designated truck stands but these drivers rarely follow the rules.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Sharing success stories with youths

The Daily Star joins Rise Above All

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The Daily Star has joined hands with Rise Above All, a public speaking platform that brings together the youth and notable personalities from various fields.

The event will be hosted by Don Sundryan Facilitation and Consultancy. The theme for this year is "Beyond Boundaries", says a press release. The daylong event will be held this Saturday at the capital's Krishibid Institution Bangladesh.

The guest speaker line-up is an interesting mix of famous personalities from corporate, media, and government sectors.

From the corporate and development sectors, Abdullah Hil Rakib, managing director (MD) of Team Group; Asif Saleh, executive director of Brac; Kamrul Hassan, group CEO of Igloo; Mominalul Islam, MD and CEO of IPDC; and Sonia Bashir Kabir -- founder, chairperson and CEO of

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Three get life-term for 2011 murder, robbery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Khulna court yesterday sentenced three people to life imprisonment for killing Md Yunus Ali, manager of Satu Diagnostic Centre, in the city on June 13, 2011.

The convicts were also fined Tk 10,000 each for the murder, in default of which they would have to spend six more months in jail.

Besides, each convict was handed an additional seven years' imprisonment and fined Tk 5,000 in default of which they would have to serve six more months, for looting Tk 1,70,000 from the diagnostic centre, said court sources.

Another three convicts of the case were handed two months' imprisonment and fined Tk 10,000 each for concealing information.

Additional Metropolitan Judge Rozina Akhtar pronounced the verdict yesterday.

The life-term convicts are: Md Sabbir Hossain, Sheikh Rubayet Hossain, and Md Sohel Sheikh. The other three convicts are Rana Kabir, Hafizur Rahman and Pankaj Shil.

All the convicts except Rana were present in the court during the verdict. Victim's brother Amzad Hossain had filed the murder case with Khulna Sadar Police Station, the day after the murder.

Kazi Mostaq Ahmed, the then sub-inspector of Sadar Police Station and investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet against six people on September 7, 2011.

Public Prosecutor Sabbir Ahmed represented the case's complainant.

Newborn stolen from clinic, mother claims

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A newborn was allegedly stolen by miscreants from Marie Stopes Clinic at Basail area in Narsingdi town on Wednesday.

Sakhina Begum, wife of Shah Alam and a resident of Kumradi village under Shibpur upazila, was admitted at Marie Stopes Clinic on Saturday noon.

Sakhina gave birth to the baby girl on Sunday morning.

On Wednesday, she went to the bathroom to wash her hands after having a meal when an unidentified woman took her baby and fled the scene, Sakhina claimed.

Police have visited the spot and are now trying to rescue the baby.

Imran Hassan, sub-inspector of Narsingdi Sadar Model Police Station, said that the newborn's mother and the clinic authorities are blaming each other over the incident.

Legal action will be taken after thoroughly investigating the matter.

Drug Act to be amended

Health minister tells parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken an initiative to amend the existing Drug Act, incorporating provisions for stern punishment, and to make it time-befitting in a bid to prevent irregularities in the medical sector.

"Approval of the amended Drug Act is under process," Health Minister Zahid Maleque said in a scripted answer to a query of Awami League MP Samil Uddin Ahmed Shimul.

State minister for public administration Farhad Hossain, while answering a question from BNP MP Rumeen Farhana, said it is a matter of great concern that patients are taking antibiotics without prescription from registered physicians.

"The government will instruct businessmen and pharmacies to not sell antibiotics without proper prescription from registered physicians," he said.

The state minister said patients often die due to antibiotic resistance, which happens as they take antibiotics frequently without advice from registered doctors.

During the question-answer session, a number of MPs from the opposition bench expressed their resentment due to acute shortage of doctors in their respective upazila hospitals and community clinics, which they said is causing suffering of people.

Jatiya Party MP Mujibul Haque Chunnun and Gonoforum MP Sultan Mohammad Munsur, among others, raised the issue.

"There is an operation theatre in my upazila hospital. But no surgery was carried out in the last 10 years due to shortage of doctors," Mujibul Haque Chunnun said.

"Every time I visit the hospital, authorities give the excuse that their respective doctors remained absent as they were in deputation and attachment," the JP MP said.

In reply, the state minister said the government has issued an instruction that newly appointed doctors must stay at upazila level for at least two years.

In reply to a query from Awami League MP M Abdul Latif, the health minister said the government has plans to establish orthopaedic hospitals at all divisions in phases.

Once established, these will reduce pressure on National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation in the capital, he added.

Four expelled from school 'for hairstyle'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Four boys have been expelled from a government school in Rajshahi, allegedly for their hairstyle.

All of them are ninth graders at Rajshahi Government Model School and College.

Students alleged that they were verbally abused and beaten by the institute's principal before being handed transfer certificates (TC) and driven out from the school on Tuesday.

"It is not true that we gave them TC for only their hairstyle. There are other reasons," Akbar Hossain, the institute's principal said when contacted yesterday.

Asked about other reasons, he said he cannot explain over phone and said he wants to clarify the matter in person on the next working day.


Meanwhile, the expelled students said, "Minutes after our classes started on Tuesday, we were called to the principal's office."

They waited an hour after arriving at the office, he said, adding that the principal hurled abuses at them as soon as they entered the room.

He repeatedly asked why their hair was "not like normal students" and why they have long hair, claimed a student. "He slapped me once and hit others," he said.

He said he was earlier warned about the hairstyle by the principal, and had recently got a haircut following his instruction, yet he was given TC.

Talking to The Daily Star, the principal denied the allegations of hurling abuses and beating students.



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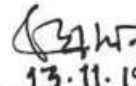
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