

Dhaka North City Corporation conducted a drive to recover the Rupnagar canal in the capital's Mirpur yesterday. During the drive, DNCC officials evicted several illegal establishments occupying the land adjacent to the waterbody. PHOTO: COURTESY

Robbery gang

to get the victims unconscious, rob their belongings and then dump them outside Dhaka.

Sometimes they rob them at knifepoint and other times they form a liaison with the target before sedating and robbing them.

Liton Sarker, who arrived in the country on September 7 from Egypt after five years, is one of the victims of the gang.

When he was waiting for his car at the airport roundabout, five to six gang members intercepted him, snatched his luggage, handbag, gold ornaments and Tk 40,000 cash at knifepoint, according to the DB official.

The robbers then forced him onto their vehicle and threatened him not to report the incident.

A case was filed over the robbery on October 15.

Another victim -- Omar Sharif arrived in Dhaka from the UK on October 5. He was kidnapped from the airport area on his way to Natore's Boraigram. He was then released outside Dhaka after the gang snatched his luggage and passport.

However, the victims are unwilling to file cases as they have to go abroad and want to avoid all kinds of legal hassle, according to the DB official.

More than 50 expats have been targets of such robberies, and only seven have filed cases so far, he added.

201 more

FROM PAGE 3 FROM PAGE 3 According to the DGHS, The entire initiative is being funded by a 83 people have died of group of 500 people, mainly traders from dengue infection in the the area, but also some residents. country this year. Twelve people died in July while

34 have died in August and 23 in September and 14 in October so far. Among the deaths,

77 have died in Dhaka division, two in Chattogram division and

Khulna and one each in Rajshahi and Mymensingh divisions.

Though most of the patients who were hospitalised have so far been released, 844 are still undergoing treatment at hospitals in Dhaka, and 193 outside the capital, the

According to KCC, it has custody over 780m of the road. Officials said it comes has been done since its construction. DGHS data shows.

BNP key patron

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AL Presidium Member Matia Chowdhury chaired the event while joint general secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim, organising secretary Abu Sayeed Al Mahmud Swapan, office secretary Barrister Biplab Barua and lawmaker engineer Md Mosharraf Hossain addressed it among others

Illegal Hilsa Catching 37 fishermen jailed for 15 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A mobile court yesterday arrested 55 fishermen and convicted 37 of them for illegally catching hilsa from the Padma river in Munshiganj.

The court led by Executive Kawser Hamid, Magistrate Louhajang Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land), sentenced 37 fishermen to jail for 15 days, said Asaduzzaman Asad, senior upazila

Govt trying to implicate

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tradition to catch fish in dirty water. "The government placed the Holy Quran in the puja mandap of Cumilla," he alleged

Fakhrul claimed that criminals involved in Cumilla and Noakhali mandaps vandalisation puja belonged to the ruling party.

Regarding the audio-clip of BNP leader Amanullah Aman over the incident that spread on social media, Fakhrul said a vested quarter with support from the government is doing such heinous acts.

"When people of the country are suffering due to price hike of daily essentials, the government is trying to divert people's attention through these incidents," he further alleged.

Criticising the law enforcers' role, area

down to the lack of co-ordination between

of KCC, told The Daily Star they will call

tenders for works on their portion of the

Md Sabirul Alam said, "KDA doesn't have

funds to maintain the road, so we handed

over a part of it to KCC. We also issued a

etter to LGED to maintain rest of the road.'

but LGED didn't inform us about this,"

Sabirul said, adding that another letter will

road on June 2013 at a cost of Tk 20.48

letters to KCC and LGED, directing KCC to

take charge of the eastern part of the road

crore, said sources at the organisation.

"KCC recently took the responsibility,

Meanwhile, KDA had completed the

In December of that year, KDA issued

However, no renovation or repair work

Mashiuzzaman Khan, executive engineer

Meanwhile, KDA Chief Engineer Kazi

KCC and KDA

road very soon.

be sent to LGED soon.

and LGED the western part.

fisheries officer in Louhajang. 18 other fishermen, aged below

18, were released on bond, Kawser Hamid said During the drive from 2am to 10am, 120,000 metres of current net, 250kg mother hilsa and a fishing boat were seized, said the

official. The seized nets were burnt and the fish were distributed to 11 orphanages, he added.

the BNP leader said, "These sorts of incidents took place due to the indifference of the law enforcers. They played the role of silent spectators. Whenever Awami League comes to power, Hindu community people come under attack.

Party standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy said the ruling party is behind the recent attacks on temples.

"The Awami League benefited from these incidents [of attacks on Hindu temples]. If they can evict the Hindus, they get the lands. If the Hindus stay in the country, they [the AL] get their votes," he alleged.

Saying that the Cumilla incident is planned, he demanded arrest of the OC of the police station in the

of 65.

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and bring them under the law, irrespective of political identities. It urged all parties to leave "blame-game politics" over the incidents.

The WPB statement urged all progressive, democratic political parties, socio-economic organisations to work together to shape public opinion against such communal activities.

Meanwhile, rights group Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) also condemned the recent attacks on Hindu minorities in a statement yesterday.

"It was the government's duty to ensure people's [religious] rights and take action," the statement said. The forum demanded that all instigators and perpetrators be brought to book after their identification through fair investigation.

It also said that local administrators should be made accountable for their failure to contain the attacks and ensure safety of Hindu minorities, temples, and mandaps.

The statement also said the people of the country should know why the government could not prepare for the incidents, as police authorities had prior information regarding possible violence.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

FROM PAGE 3 in 1928. He was the eldest son of the late Sved Mustafa Ali, an official of the Assam Civil Service, and nephew of famous litterateur Syed Mujtaba Ali.

SM Ali

Ali started off as a reporter with the Pakistan Observer while he was student at Dhaka University. He went on to hold important positions in various publications in Pakistan, Hong Kong,

Thailand and Singapore. He was the managing

director of The Hong Kong Standard and The Bangkok Post. He joined the Press

Foundation of Asia as its executive director in the 1970s. In the mid-1980s, he became Unesco's regional communications adviser for Asia and the Pacific based in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

Ali returned home in 1989 and had a brief stint with the Bangladesh Observer as editor.

He launched The Daily Star in 1991 and worked tirelessly to establish it as a leading national daily. He injected a new life in the English language

journalism of the period. He died in 1993 at a Bangkok hospital at the age

উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয় কালীগঞ্জ, লালমনিরহাট

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির আংশিক সংশোধনী

organisers told this correspondent they are using sand and brick chips on a one kmstretch of the road. They have also hired a roller to crush the materials into size, so that the road regains at least some of its navigability. He said though they understand this is a

temporary fix, there's little else to do given the authorities' negligence to respond to their innumerous requests.

The four authorities Khulna ---Development Authority (KDA), Khulna City Corporation (KCC), Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and district administration -- under whose domain the road falls said lack of coordination between them is the main issue.

Action borne out

Requesting anonymity, one of the

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak at a press briefing at Bangladesh Computer at Shishu Academy Mosque at 1:45pm Council auditorium in the city's Agargaon area vesterday

needs, will be awarded the "Sheikh Russel

Gold Medal" for their contributions to the

fields of education, fine arts, literacy and

culture, sports, science and technology, said

Sheikh Russel

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to join the inaugural and award giving ceremony of the Sheikh Russel Day virtually as the chief guest at Bangabandhu International Conference Center at 9:30am, the state minister said.

The ICT Division and the Sheikh Russel Shishu Kishore Parishad will jointly place floral wreaths at Sheikh Russel's grave at Banani graveyard at 6am and at his portrait in front of respective ministry, division, office, agency and institution at 7am.

Besides, the division will organise a seminar at 3pm and a concert at 6pm at the BICC on the day. Law Minister Anisul Huq will join the concert as chief guest.

A milad and doa mahfil will be organised while a photo exhibition will be arranged at Sheikh Russel Gallery of the academy at

Besides, the Bangladesh Shishu

Academy will organise a book exhibition

on Bangabandhu and Liberation War.

Children's film will be screened at Shishu

Academy Auditorium at noon.

2pm. To mark the day, ruling Awami League will place floral wreath at the graves of all martyrs, including Sheikh Russel, of the 15 August carnage in 1975 in the city's Banani graveyard at 8am.

A discussion will be held at 3:30pm on October 19 at AL central office in the city's Bangabandhu Avenue area.

AL President Sheikh Hasina will preside over the discussion through videoconferencing.

The day also will be observed at Bangladesh missions abroad while different dailies will publish supplements highlighting the significance of the day.

Dhaka University Professor Dr Abdul Halim presented the keynote paper at the event, moderated by Al Relief and Social Welfare sub-committee member secretary Sujit Roy Nandi.

Later, Quader distributed scholarships and donations from the "poor fund" and study material among the students.

1 killed, 2 hurt

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storied Hazi Hashem Colony mosque building.

Law enforcers and officials visited the spot after the incident

Rownakul Islam, engineer, Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company said, "Our team is working on the incident. We found the gas oven intact."

Md Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge, Bayezid Bostami Police Station said the room where the explosion took place lacks ventilation.

The body was sent to the CMCH morgue for autopsy, informed Kamruzzaman.

Home minister

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his post as his forces did not obey his direction and misguided him," said Zafrullah.

"If you cannot resign from your post then go visit the homes of the four who died in Chandpur. Besides, tell all imams to announce 'Hindu Muslim Bhai Bhai' (Hindu, Muslim are brothers) before every call for prayers," he added.

He said he and other freedom fighters seek apology on behalf of the home minister for the failure to save lives.

Zafrullah also said the government will have to provide compensation to the temples that came under attack.

Support centre

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Under the allowance scheme, some 295 differently-abled children of migrant workers will get a monthly allowance of Tk 1,000 each for five years. The allowance will be sent to the beneficiaries' bank accounts, according to ministry officials.

Shoaib Ahmad Khan, joint secretary and director (finance and welfare) of WEWB, said they received 495 applications for the allowance but 200 applications were not accepted due to faults.

WEWB director general Hamidur Rahman, among others, addressed the event.

Some selected family members of migrant workers also received bank cheques from the minister on behalf of their differently-abled children during the ceremony.

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