

Youth stabbed to death in Chattogram

UNB, Ctg  
A 23-year-old man was stabbed to death in Chawkbazar area of Chattogram city yesterday noon.

The deceased was identified as Sourav Khan Sohag, a cable operator of the area.

The family of the deceased family alleged that two people – Shafiq and his son Sakib – stabbed Sourav indiscriminately near Mousumi residential area at Chawkbazar around 12:00pm, following previous enmity over business.

Later, he was rushed to Chattogram Medical College and Hospital (CMCH), where doctors declared him dead, said Sadiqur Rahman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of the Panchlaish Police Station.

Asked about the allegations against Shafiq and his son, police said they are looking into the incident.



With water level in Dhaleshwari river rising, businesses by the river are concerned that the land might get inundated soon. This photo was taken from Kuchiamara in Munshiganj yesterday.  
PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Two children drown after falling in canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two children drowned in a canal in Kolpolok residential area of Chattogram city yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Md Shamim, 10, son of Monir Hossen, and Rabiul Islam, 7, son of Ayub Ali, of Kolpolok residential area.

The two went missing after falling into the canal around 1:00pm while they were playing next to it, said Sadekul Rahman, inspector of Panchlaish Police Station.

On information, a team of fire service rushed to spot, rescued the duo from the canal around 1:30pm, the official said.

They were sent to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where doctors declared them dead, he added.

The bodies were sent to the CMCH morgue for autopsy, the police official also said. According to police, in the last six years, at least seven people, including two children, have died after falling into drains and canals in the port city.

On August 25, 2021, vegetable trader Saleh Ahmed went missing after falling into a drain in Muradpur area of the city. More than a year has passed but he has not yet been found.

Moreover, on June 30, an auto-rickshaw fell into the Chashma canal in Gate No 2 area of the city, killing two people.

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‘Ensure impartial probe’

Demands CHTC on Khagrachhari arson attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indigenous rights activists strongly condemned the recent arson attack on a jumma village in Khagrachhari, which burned down 37 jumma homes.

The attack occurred in Joysen Para of Maischari union, under Mahalchari Upazila.

It has been learnt that on July 5, 2022, a group of settlers numbering between 150 and 200 – led by a former union council member – attacked the jumma village to grab their land, said a statement sent by Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission (CHTC).

The statement said four jumma persons were also injured in the attack, while two had to be hospitalised.

The statement said this is the second attack on jumma houses in Maischari union this year, the first being on March 14, where nine houses of Joysenpara were burnt down.

CHTC demanded an immediate, impartial investigation, compensation for the victims, and justice to prevent further recurrence of such attacks.

“The commission believes this attack and other previous such attacks on the jumma people are results of the government and security forces’ failure to provide security for the jumma people,” it said in the statement.

Due to the non-implementation of the CHT Accord, the inactiveness of the land commission, and the existing culture of impunity – attacks on the indigenous people by settlers in CHT is rapidly rising, the statement read.

The letter was signed by 25 eminent citizens, including advocate Sultana Kamal, former caretaker government adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury, cultural icon Ramendu Majumdar, advocate Rana Dasgupta, rights activist Khushi Kabir, development worker Rokeya Kabir, and Dhaka University professors MM Akash and Robaet Ferdous.

Port city in FESTIVE MOOD



Port city residents thronged Patenga sea beach on Monday afternoon.  
PHOTO: COLLECTED

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Owing to the Eid holidays, residents of the port city snaggled the opportunity to visit recreational places around Chattogram.

Patenga sea beach was the most sought after destination as a huge number of holidaymakers were seen enjoying the afternoon during the Eid holidays.

Children took rides on horses, while many were seen taking a dip in the sea.

Newly married couple Ashit Barua and Suparna Barua came to Patenga beach on Monday. They said they had plans to visit Cox’s Bazar during Eid vacation but they postponed it and decided to enjoy the vacation with family members in the city instead.

Ariful Islam visited Patenga

beach on Monday with his wife. “Earlier I visited the beach with my friends but this time I’m spending time here with my better half,” he said smilingly.

A good number of people were seen visiting Parki sea beach in Chattogram’s Anwara upazila as well while hundreds thronged Foy’s Lake Amusement Park.

Tasnuva Binte Karim, a fifth-grader, came to the park with her parents. She said she was enjoying the park’s rides.

Her father Abdul Karim said, “I promised my daughter that I’ll bring her here during Eid holidays.”

Contacted, Biswajit Ghosh, deputy manager (marketing) of Foy’s Lake Concord Amusement World, said around 12,000 people visited the establishment in the

last three days. “If the weather’s favourable, we expect more crowd in the next seven days,” he said.

Swadhinata Complex, which is also known as Mini Bangladesh, also saw a huge turnout.

Mohammad Ali, the complex’s manager, said they were satisfied with the visitor turnout in the last three days. “The daily turnout in the park is around 2,000 during Eid holidays,” he said.

“The Chattogram Zoo also saw a good visitor turnout. Over 30,000 people visited the zoo during Eid,” said Shahadat Hossain Shuvo, the zoo’s deputy curator.

Besides, Naval Academy Road, Karnaphuli Park, Kazir Dewri Park and Butterfly Park were also crowded.

Momen remembers Shinzo Abe

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday said former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe had played a significant role in developing comprehensive relations between Bangladesh and Japan.

“We have developed a very warm relationship, which helped Japan to come forward in implementing mega projects in Bangladesh,” Momen said, recalling Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s visit to Japan and a return visit by Abe in Dhaka.

The foreign minister made the remarks after signing the condolence book at the Japanese embassy in Dhaka.

“It’s [the killing] unbelievable, especially in a country like Japan, where laws are followed strictly. We are deeply shocked,” he said.

Bangladesh on Saturday observed state mourning, showing deep respect to its friend and Japan’s longest-serving prime minister, who was shot dead on Friday while delivering a campaign speech.

All the government, semi-government, autonomous and private institutions, and Bangladesh missions abroad raised Bangladesh’s national flag at half mast

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‘Not even a plate of rice this Eid’  
Kurigram flood victims yet to receive VGF ration

S DILIP ROY

Rokeya Bewa (56), a flood victim from Hatia union of Kurigram’s Ulipur upazila, waited for the Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) rice on Eid day. However, she did not get it and had to borrow half a kilo of rice to cook a meal.

Moksed Ali (62), another flood victim from Begumganj union, had to spend the Eid day without any rice being cooked in his house as he also did not get the VGF rice allotted before Eid.

Most of the flood victims in Ulipur are yet to receive their share of flood rations even though 863 tonnes of VGF rice was allotted for 86,315 poor families on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

Local representatives alleged that the allotted rice was not delivered in time due to irregularities and the corruption of warehouse officials.

“We got the VGF rice supply on Saturday afternoon, the day before Eid. A few VGF cardholders were able to get the rice but we could not distribute rice among most of the beneficiaries. I will distribute rice among all of them on Wednesday,” said Hatia Union Parishad Chair Shayekhul Islam.

Chairmen of Dhamshreni and Begumganj Union Parishads Rafiqul Islam and Bablu Mia echoed the same.

“The rice stored in Ulipur food warehouse was damaged, hence we could not distribute it. Later,

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Sreemangal’s tourism takes a hit due to flood

Tourists’ misinformation on affected areas clog revenue

MINTU DESHWARA

Not only did the Sylhet flood cause devastating harm to the lives of residents there, it also put a massive dent in the tourism business of Moulvibazar’s Sreemangal upazila, but not in the way one might assume.

The floods did not actually touch Sreemangal, but even then, tourists were hard to find throughout the last month.

Many rooms booked in advance were cancelled, so most of the resorts, hotels and motels were empty during Eid time. As a result, people in the tourism business are facing great financial loss yet again.

Those who run such businesses claimed that crores are being lost as a result of the overarching flood situation. If Sreemangal is not branded separately in tourism sectors, it will be difficult to get back up.

Tour guide Saju Marshiang said, “This time, we have provided our services to very few tourists, which is quite strange, especially considering Eid vacations.”

Rajon Hazra, a tea trader, said usually, more than 50,000 people go to Sreemangal per day during Eid.



Sreemangal is usually full of tourists during the holidays. But as people are misinformed about which areas of the north-east are actually flooded, they have refrained from going to the upazila.  
PHOTO: STAR

Bagerhat welcomes droves of tourists

UNB, Bagerhat

All tourist spots in Bagerhat, including Shat Gambuj Mosque, came alive with the footfalls of tourists and visitors during the Eid vacation.

Eid vacation was celebrated from Friday to Monday. But the holiday mood continued, as many extended their vacation.

People from all walks of life thronged the area’s heritage sites and enjoyed their scenic beauty. Children were enjoying the most in a number of recreation centres and amusement parks.

The authorities in charge of the recreation sites and amusement parks have embellished the places on the occasion of Eid.

During a recent visit to Shat Gambuj Mosque, Hazrat Pir Khanjahan Shrine, and Barakpur Sundarbans Resort on Tuesday, the UNB

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
JULY 13  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17  
JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45  
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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