Seizing of illegal liquor continues

Another container seized at Ctg port; Rab arrest 3 in N'ganj incident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Customs Chattogram and Customs House Intelligence seized another container of illegally liquor from imported

Chattogram Port yesterday. container imported by issuing a false declaration and using fake import permission of a Uttara EPZ-based company.

Meanwhile, Rab arrested three, including a clearing forwarding agent employee, in connection with illegal liquor seized Narayanganj on Saturday.

The arrestees are Md Nazmul Mollah (23), Saiful Islam (34) and Abdul Ahad (22). They were arrested from Wari and the Airport area of the capital.

Rab-11 seized containers of in Narayanganj. consignments released from Chattogram with forged documents on Friday night.

According to the press release, Rab conducted several drives and seized around one crore of local and foreign currency from a house at Wari Thana in the capital.

said Ahad, an SEE PAGE 4 COL 6



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Waste being dumped into the Old Brahmaputra River at Kalibari Puran Gudaraghat has become a regular occurrence. What's more alarming is that the municipal trucks are involved in polluting the already dying river.

Turning Brahmaputra into a dumping zone

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

The dumping of garbage Mymensingh municipal authorities into the Old Brahmaputra River at Kalibari Puran Gudaraghat has become a menace for residents and a serious threat to the already dying river's health.

Offloading garbage into the river has been going on for over a decade now, affecting the quality of life of around 1,600 families living in adjacent areas as well as 300 students studying at schools and colleges.

283-kilometre Brahmaputra from Jamalpur's Dewanganj upazila to the Meghna in Bhairab of Kishoreganj is one of the longest rivers of the

Many tributaries and small dependent on the Brahmaputra are also in crisis due to siltation, allege environmental activists.

Advocate Md Nazrul Islam Chunnu, convener of a civil forum Jonouddog, directly pointed fingers at the municipal authorities behind the river pollution.

"The authorities concerned he added.

Old are letting this menace continue despite continuous protests from concerned citizens," he noted.

Although the disposal of waste into the Brahmapurtra stopped for a while after the issue grabbed mainstream attention some years ago, it resumed shortly after the heat cooled off.

Following protests by locals, the garbage carrying trucks are not seen during the day anymore. The trucks visit the area at night now, said Anis Mia, a resident of

"Our continuous protests have been falling into the deaf ears,"

On the other side of the Brahmaputra Bridge lies the dedicated spot for garbage dumping -- Moilakanda at Char Kalibari.

But truck drivers avoid the bridge for traffic congestion, which may take up to two hours to cross, and prefer to dump at the Old Ferry Ghat instead, according to locals.

"We submitted memorandum to the deputy commissioner of Mymensingh and municipal mayor several times urging to stop garbage dumping into the river but no permanent action SEE PAGE 4 COL 8

Three of a family die in Cumilla road accident Two drivers killed in bustruck collision in Tangail

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Cumilla, three members of a family were killed as a private car fell into a ditch beside Dhaka-Chattogram highway at Saharpar in Debidwar Sub-inspector Premdhon Mojumder at

Eliotganj Highway Police Outpost said the driver lost control over the steering amid rain and hit a roadside tree. The vehicle then overturned and fell in a ditch. The victims -- Gias Uddin Mahmud Farazi (52), his wife Jahanara Akter (48), and his sister-in-law Salma Akter Nazma (45) -- were going to Feni from Dhaka.

The bodies were handed over to the families from the police outpost.

In Tangail, the drivers of a passenger bus and a goods-laden truck were killed and $1\overline{5}$ injured in a head-on collision between the two vehicles on Bangabandhu Bridge east link road.

Bus driver Mikail Hossain (35) from Aminbazar in Dhaka and trucker Manik Miah (25) from Harirampur in Thakurgaon died on the spot.

Jilkod Hossain, a sub-inspector Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station, said the accident occurred in Salla area of Kalihati upazila around 5:00am. On information, a police team rushed to the spot and rescued the injured. Of the victims, eight bus passengers were admitted to Tangail General Hospital.

The accident happened as the drivers might have dozed off, he said.

Following the accident, long tailbacks were created on the both sides of the road for a few



Chief Officer (Commercial)



This bridge on Elengjani river in Tangail remains without an approach road as it collapsed due to water pressure, snapping road communication of at least 10 villages with Delduar upazila and district headquarters. The authorities are yet to take any action while thousands continue to suffer.

US envoy visits RMP headquarters **Indian HC meets**

RCC mayor STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Ambassador Peter Haas visited different USsupported activities at Rajshahi Metropolitan Police headquarters vesterday

He flew to the northwest city in the morning beginning a three-day visit.

The ambassador exchanged views with senior police officials at the conference room of RMP Commissioner Md Abu Kalam Siddique.

The US Department of State Anti-Terrorism Assistance, under the supervision of the US Embassy, Dhaka, has been imparting regular training to RMP's Cyber Crime Unit and CRT members.

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A bridge with no approach road

Thousands suffer after one side of road collapsed in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The one side of an approach road of a bridge on Elengjani river in Silimpur area of Delduar upazila has collapsed due to water pressure, snapping road communication of at least 10 villages with the upazila and district headquarters.

Local people said the bridge's approach road on Silimpur-Babupur road area collapsed on Friday afternoon, causing immense sufferings to locals.

As there's no alternative road nearby, villagers are having to cross the river on boats, risking their lives, locals said.

Mobarak Hossain, a resident of Silimpur, said erosion hit the bridge's west side approach road a few weeks ago, when the water level started increasing in the river.

Since then no protective measures have been taken. Once the water level receded, the approach road collapsed, he said.

Dewan Tahmina Akter, chairman of Deolee union parishad, said several thousand people of the villages used to go to the upazila and district headquarters through the bridge for various purposes every day.

"The matter was already informed to the upazila engineer (LGED) and upazila nirbahi officer in Delduar," she added. Monir Hossain, former chairman of

the union parishad and also president of the union unit of Awami League, said extracting earth from the river is another reason behind the erosion, for which the road collapsed.

"Although the local administration was informed of the illegal practice, no steps had been taken against it," he alleged.

Abdul Based, upazila engineer (LGED) in Delduar, said he along with senior officials has already visited the bridge. Necessary steps will be taken in this regard as quickly as possible.

