

Prof Yunus visits social businesses in Colombia

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Nobel laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus has recently visited social businesses working in the Amazon region of Colombia in the south-west of the country, not far from the Ecuador border.

The Yunus Environment Hub, founded by Prof Yunus, has incubated and supported thirty social businesses in different parts of Colombia, of which, 10 social businesses are set up in the Amazonian region -- dedicated to afforestation of continuously deforested parts of the Amazonia, and building circularity, reads a press release.

The area Yunus visited is Caqueta. Amazonia Empreunde (AE), a social business, is located an hour away from Florencia, a deep forest area in the hills of the rainforest. Their social businesses built nurseries which planted 18,000 trees and saplings.

AE runs a forest school SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



Professor Yunus visits the Amazonia Empreunde social business, which is afforesting deforested areas in the Amazon region in Caqueta of Colombia. PHOTO: COURTESY

'AL men attack BNP leaders' in Sirajganj, 20 injured

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At least 20 BNP activists, including its central leader Asifa Asrafi Papia, were injured when Awami League men allegedly attacked them after a BNP meeting at Kamarkand in Sirajganj yesterday, ahead of the party's December 3 Rajshahi rally.

The incident took place at Jamtoli area.

BNP leaders blamed AL men for the attack. Saidur Rahman Bachchu, general secretary of Sirajganj district unit of BNP, said they organised the meeting at Jamtoli BNP office. Central BNP leader Papia was present on the occasion.

'AL men suddenly swooped on us when we were leaving the office after the meeting, injuring 20 BNP leaders, including Papia and district unit BNP president Rumana Mahamud,' he claimed.

He alleged that the AL men also vandalised their vehicles.

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ROAD ACCIDENT 8 dead, 15 injured across country

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At least eight people, including five of two families, died and fifteen were injured in separate road accidents in three districts between Thursday night and yesterday afternoon.

In Gopalganj, three people died and fifteen were injured on Thursday night around 10:00pm.

The accident took place when a Tungipara-bound bus, Imad Paribahan, hit a truck from the rear on Dhaka-Khulna Highway at the Sadar upazila's Gopinathpur, leaving three dead on the spot.

The deceased are -- Ashiqur Jaman (24) of Tungipara upazila, Nizam Uddin Sardar (60) of Gopalganj Sadar upazila, and Md Sohag (30) of Faridpur's Boalmari upazila.

Ashiqur was the supervisor of the bus and Sohag was the truck driver.

Of the injured, four are currently in critical condition, said Abu Nayeem Md Mofazzel Haque, in-charge of Bhatiapara Highway Police outpost in Gopalganj's Kashiani upazila.

Md Monirujaman (44), a survivor of the accident who was in the bus, said, 'The bus left the capital's Gulistan around 7:15pm on Thursday. The driver was driving recklessly. We, the passengers, warned him, but he did not pay heed to us.'

Police seized the bus, but its driver managed to flee the scene, said police officer Abu Nayeem.

Meanwhile in Natore, three members of a family died after a passenger bus ran over them in Lalpur upazila yesterday. The deceased are -- Shahidul Islam (60), his son Sohag Mian (27) and grandson Ivan Ali (5) from Lalpur's Birpara village.

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Bird poaching: a difficult puzzle to solve

MINTU DESHWARA

Seeing migratory birds fly in the winter skies can captivate any individual -- be it the seasoned birdwatcher or an unassuming passer-by.

However, coming across these scenes have turned into a rare occurrence, as poachers are threatening the biodiversity.

Sylhet division sees a yearly migration of thousands of migratory birds. Despite continuous raids by mobile courts, setting fines and raising awareness, poaching is a

problem that keeps persisting.

According to the Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, the prevalence of bird hunters is highest in Hakaluki Haor, Hail Haor and Baikka Beel in Sylhet region, and various other haor-beels and field ghats.

Other than seasoned hunters, locals and villagers too partake in the hunting.

A persistent issue behind the unabated hunting seems to be a lack of awareness among the public. Either people don't

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'Why are you changing tune?' BNP slams PM for food sufficiency claims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has criticised the prime minister over her claim that Bangladesh is self-sufficient in the food sector, as the premier is now talking about famine.

'You [PM] have long been saying that Bangladesh is self-sufficient in the food sector; but now, why are saying that famine is coming?' said Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, secretary general of the party.

The BNP leader alleged that the ruling Awami League is 'seeing a famine', as it has been in power for more than a decade, indulging in corruption and looting.

Addressing a farmers' rally in front of the party's Nayapaltan headquarters, organised by Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal, the BNP leader said the government destroyed the farmers' spirit in a planned way. 'Farmers

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'Recruit more workers, IT professionals' Bangladesh requests Bahrain

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has requested his Bahrain counterpart for recruiting more skilled and semi-skilled workers, including IT professionals, from Bangladesh.

During his bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister of Bahrain Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al-Zayani, held in Bahrain's capital Manama on Friday, Momen briefed the Bahrain minister about the socio-economic development in Bangladesh.

He thanked the government of Bahrain for hosting a large number of Bangladesh expatriates living in the country.

Momen is also attending Manama Dialogue on 18-19 November 2022.

As delegation member, Secretary (East) of the Foreign Ministry Mashfee Binte Shams, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain Md Nazrul Islam and other officials attended the meeting.

Momen is visiting Bahrain at the invitation of Al-Zayani, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

They discussed mutual exchange of land for constructing embassies.

Momen thanked his counterpart for the cooperation of Bahrain government in facilitating Bangladesh community school in Manama.

The Bahrain foreign Minister appreciated Bangladesh government for its support in international forums.

The Bangladeshi foreign minister invited Al-Zayani to visit Bangladesh.

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