

CANAL RECOVERY

Mobile court attacked in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A mobile court came under attack by a group of grabbers in Barishal while conducting drives to recover a grabbed canal yesterday.

The incident took place at Arjikalika Pur area in Babuganj upazila of the district some time in the afternoon.

Two of the grabbers were given three months rigorous imprisonment in connection with the attack and cocktail explosion, said officials.

Seven others, who were also involved in the attack, were released as they were minor, said Babuganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Nusrat Fatima.

“Abdul Halim built a structure on the century-old canal next to his house in the upazila’s Chadpasha union. In response to the locals’ request, a committee was formed to SEE PAGE 4 COL 1



A policeman grabs the backpack of a student protester, who was demonstrating in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday along with others, demanding a chance to sit for admission for a second time at public universities. The students staged a demonstration on the road for an hour. Police then dispersed the crowd using force.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

They can uphold country's image Say speakers about Bangladeshis in UN missions, expatriates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshis in UN peacekeeping missions and expatriates are two groups that can uphold the country's positive image across the globe, said speakers at a conference yesterday.

They said this at the inauguration of “World Conference Series 2023” on the theme “Branding Bangladesh beyond Bangladesh”, organised by Centre for NRB at a Dhaka hotel.

Addressing the conference as chief guest, Prime Minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Mashur Rahman said Bangladeshis who are going abroad for employment need to know the destination countries' rules and regulations properly.

He said Bangladeshi workers often have to pay hefty amounts for their migration, stressing that such costs should not be “unnecessarily high”.

He stressed on ensuring services for Bangladeshi expatriates so that they can remit money home at low cost.

The necessity of remittance appears to be “even more important” amid the economic pressure Bangladesh is facing, he said, adding that remittance is crucial since the country's import bills are higher than export earnings.

He further said illegal transactions, like through hundi, not only negatively affects remittance but also creates challenges in maintaining exchange rate.

In his opening remarks, MS Shekil Chowdhury, chairperson of Centre for NRB, said about 1.5 crore Bangladeshi expatriates live in over 160 countries, and that “positive image for Bangladesh” will SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

2 top militants of new outfit held

Claims Rab after arresting them in Cox's Bazar

STAR REPORT

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday claimed to have arrested two members -- the military-wing commander and the explosives expert -- of the newly surfaced militant outfit “Jama'atul Ansar Fil Hindal Sharqiya” from a place adjoining Kutupalong Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar, after a gunfight.

The arrestees are commander Mashukur Rahman, who goes by the aliases Ronobir and Masud, and expert on improvised explosive devices (IED) Abul Bashir Mridha, who goes by the alias Alam, Rab said.

Mashukur Rahman is also a member of the “majlish-e-shura (policy-making body)” of the militant organisation.

Rab seized one foreign-made pistol, two guns, three pistol magazines, 111 rounds of bullets, 11 cartridges, one blank cartridge, one phone and Tk 2.57 lakh during the raid.

Based on information from Maruf Ahmed alias Manik, deputy chief of the outfit's military wing, Rab members launched an operation at Block A of Rohingya Camp 7 around 5:00am. The drive continued till 10:00am.

During a raid in the hills of Bandarban and Rangamati on

October 20 last year, Rab arrested seven members of the outfit, including Manik, and three members of Kuki-Chin National Front.

During that time, Mashukur and Mridha moved to the nearby hills, sensing the presence of the elite-force members.

“As the Rab members started the operation there [camp-7], the armed men opened fire on them. Rab also fired back,” said Khandaker Al Moin, director of Rab Legal and Media Wing, at a briefing on the spot after the operation.

At one point, the two militants tried to escape when Rab arrested them, he added.

Moin said led by Mashukur, the militant outfit has been motivating youths to join militancy and providing weapons training.

He said so far 38 people of the militant organisation have been arrested.

Law enforcers will grill the arrestees to collect detailed information about the outfit and its activities.

Replying to a query, the Rab director said they were working to find out why the outfit members came to the Rohingya camp, and what are the connections between the militants and Rohingya people.

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KHANDAKER AL MOIN

Rab Legal and Media Wing Director

On the run for 24 years Murder convict arrested in Ashulia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the last 24 years, he did not use a cell phone to keep his identity hidden.

Sohrab Hossain, now 45 years old, did not even communicate with his family members for the last two decades to avoid getting arrested after being sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case.

He even managed to stay miles away from his home town Jashore during this period.

Using a different identity and in the guise of a different profession, he lived in Mohammadpur for four years, Tejgaon for three years, Mirpur for seven years, and in Savar for the last 10 years.

However, his days on the run came to an end when Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-2) finally arrested him from the Ashulia yesterday.

Confirming the development, Md Anowar Hossain Khan, commander of Rab-2, also an additional deputy inspector general of police, told The Daily Star that Sohrab used to work as a driver for livelihood.

“Sohrab confessed to his crimes during primary interrogation,” he said.

Sohrab was given life imprisonment in a murder case filed with Kotowali Police Station in Jashore on June 4, 1998.

According to Rab-2 officials, Sohrab,

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Sust doubles admission fees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sparkling criticisms, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) almost doubled its fee for undergraduate admission for the 2021-22 session scheduled for January 23-25.

The fee has increased from last year's Tk 8,060 to Tk 15,000 this year.

The move has been met with criticisms among admission aspirants, who think many students have been thrown into uncertainty regarding their education amid the financial crisis with this move.

However, the university administration said the academic council has taken this decision to incorporate the university's cost structure, considering the admission fees of other universities under the cluster of 22 GST (General and Science-Technology) universities.

After completing initial admission processing, the university recently declared its date for final admission. However, out of 1,666 seats in three units, 108 seats remain vacant.

In the notification of the final admission circular, the admission committee asked students to deposit another Tk 10,000 by January 23-25. The circular also mentioned that the Tk 5,000 initially deposited by students will be adjusted accordingly.

Prof Md Rashed Talukder, head of the admission committee, said, “The academic council has fixed the admission fee and informed us. I think there will be no impact on the admission of students due to the increased fee as other universities charge even more.”

Seeking anonymity, an admission aspirant of the department of statistics said, “When we were asked to SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Rangpur Medical College Hospital director transferred

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Following the agitations and 24-hour ultimatum issued by interns and fourth-grade employees, the director of Rangpur Medical College Hospital was transferred yesterday.

The transfer order was issued in a notification signed by Alamgir Kabir, senior assistant secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, yesterday afternoon by the order of the president.

The director, Shariful Hasan, has been posted as divisional director (health) in Rangpur division, as per the notice.

Earlier, intern doctors and fourth-grade employees of the hospital staged a demonstration demanding removal of the director, accusing him of corruption and mismanagement.

After the protest, they handed over a memorandum to various officials, including the president of the hospital's health committee and local MP.

The protesters had then issued a 24-hour ultimatum. There are around 266 intern doctors at the hospital on duty round the clock, but they hardly got any better service from the authorities.

The interns had alleged that many of them still do not have their identity cards. Also, there is an accommodation and water crisis for the interns at the hostels.

These issues have been placed before the director several times, but things remain unchanged, Kishor Hasan, general secretary of the Intern Doctors Parishad of the hospital, told The Daily Star yesterday.

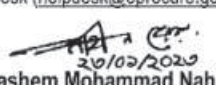
Shariful Hasan could not be contacted for comments.

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IUB partners with Sweden for climate action

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Sweden and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) have launched a four-year partnership to strengthen climate action in Bangladesh, said a press release.

Tanweer Hasan, vice chancellor of IUB, and Maria Stridsman, head of cooperation and deputy head of mission of the Embassy of Sweden in Dhaka, yesterday signed the agreement on behalf of the two parties.

The project, “Capacity Strengthening of Multi-actors to Limit Climate Change Impacts and Enhance Resilience”, will be implemented by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development of IUB.

The cooperation also aims to improve collaborations among actors to develop common and coherent approaches to address

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