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Two students among The sudden disappearance

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Police seized the bus and detained its driver, he added.
In Brahmanbaria, two people were killed as a tractor plunged into a roadside ditch in Kasba upazila.
The deceased were identified as Pavel Mia, 18, helper of the tractor's driver and Delwar Mia, 30, a pedestrian.
Mohammad Mohiuddin Ahmed, officer in charge of Kasba Police Station, said the

tractor was heading towards Tinalakheer area. It fell into the ditch in Chandisar area in the afternoon as the driver lost his control over the steering, leaving helper Pavel seriously injured. It also hit pedestrian Delvar, leaving him dead on the spot.

Pavel died on the way to Kasba Upazila Health Complex, said the OIC. On information, police recovered the bodies and sent those to Brahmanbaria General Hospital morgue for autopsy, he added.

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Asked about their reluctance to use POS machines, some helpers claimed that the machines often go out of order, while others said the paper rolls run out quickly.

Wishing anonymity, a helper of Midline Paribahan (which does not have a POS machine), stated that the machines were taken back by his company.

"It was difficult and time consuming to operate the machines. Carrying it

constantly on our shoulders was painful as well," he said.

While talking with the correspondent, at least 10 passengers expressed their disappointment over the discontinuation of the service.

"When the service was launched, I thought it would give us relief," said Md Nurul Alam Shikdar, a resident of Mirpur 10.

Bangladesh Road Transport Owners Association's secretary general, Khandaker Enay

Ullah has announced to launch the third phase of the e-ticketing service in 947 buses under 59 companies in Dhaka from March 1. This will bring the total number of buses under the service to 3,307.

The first phase of the e-ticketing service began on November 13, 2022, with 1,643 buses under 30 companies operating on the Mirpur route. The second phase was launched on January 10, covering 717 buses under 16 companies.

Hindus living in fear after temples attacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The Hindu community in Kurigram's Ulupur municipal area is living in fear as police could not arrest anyone involved in the vandalism of two temples over the last two days. They fear further attacks as the culprits are still on the loose.

On Wednesday night, the Khewarpara Battala Kali Mandir in Ulupur Municipal area was attacked and its idol vandalised.

The next morning, miscreants broke into the Joddarpara Sannyasitala Kali Mandir and took its idol away.

Police could not recover the missing idol.

Sudipta Dev Dhrubo, general secretary

of Sannyasitula Kali Mandir Committee, said just like every other day, he went to the temple on Thursday morning but saw the gate broken and the idol missing. "We are panicking," he told this correspondent.

Soumendra Prasad Pandey Gaba, president of Ulipur Upazila Puja Udjapan Parishad, a group of criminals is carrying out these activities to create an untoward situation in the area.

He demanded the immediate arrest of the perpetrators.

Contacted, Sheikh Ashrafuzzaman, officers-in-charge (OC) of Ulipur Police Station, said they are trying to identify and arrest the culprits.

WDB digs canal, AL leaders sell

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Akhtar replied, "I'm doing this for the people of my locality."
The other members of the group refused to comment on the issue.
Meanwhile, Mostafizur denied his involvement with the syndicate. He said some of the earth from the project site was indeed used elsewhere as it could not be accommodated on

the canal bank. Contacted, WDB Executive Engineer (Brahmanbaria) Manjur Rahman said, "A show cause notice has been given to the contractor concerned over the matter. According to soil management policy, there is no scope of selling canal earth. The earth can only be used for development of khas land."

"The earth must be dumped on the canal's bank. If excess, it can be sold only through auction," he added.

Contacted, Md. Shahgir Alam, deputy commissioner of Brahmanbaria, said he has heard about the incident. "I have asked WDB executive engineer and UNO to take action in this regard."

A lifeline for low-income people

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quantities in comparison to regular grocery stores. She sells daily essentials in small polythene bags, which are available for Tk 10 to 30.

Another seller, Jahannara Begum, said the regulars depend on the market. It is critical for the customers to provide food for their families daily.

"The market's small shops sell items like cooking oil and lentils worth Tk 10, among other

items," she said.

Hena Begum, a housewife, recently visited this market to buy oil for Tk 10 and lentils for Tk 20. "It's the only place where I can buy food in such small quantities with the money I can spare," she said.

Hena said her husband, a rickshaw-puller in Tejgaon area, manages to earn Tk 200-Tk 300 by working for four-five hours in the morning. As the sole earning member of the family, he hands over the

earnings to Hena to buy groceries for lunch.

For Hena and her family, this market is a lifeline.

One of the market's regular customers, Tania Begum, said, "I prefer shopping from there because I can buy as little as I want. It's not possible in other stores."

"I'm a day-labourer, and I cannot afford to buy large quantities of food at once. This market is a godsend for me," another customer, Rahim Mia said.

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results, he made the demand at a press conference at BNP's Nayapaltan Central office. Fakhrul alleged that ruling party's candidates were declared elected "illegally" and "unilaterally."

by a farce in the name of polls. "I demand holding a fresh election."

Bangabandhu Awami Aijnibi Parishad, the panel of pro-Awami League lawyers, won all the 14 posts of the executive committee of the SCBA polls held on Wednesday and Thursday.

Voting took place on Wednesday and Thursday amid ruckus, violence, clashes, police action, and the allegations of ballot theft.

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A ray of hope for Rohingya women

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"I am working in this factory to support my three children. I spend the money earned from here on their education, medicine, food and cloth. This work gave me the courage to start anew," she added.

The centre's manager Urbi Chakma said, "We prioritise hiring Rohingya women who have experienced sexual assault, and physical challenges and are widows. We don't let employees work more than four hours every day because we want to provide as many ladies as possible the chance to get employment."

according to Subrata Kumar Chakraborty, livelihood officer for UNHCR. "The initiative to use jute bags in Rohingya camps will do a remarkable job in protecting the environment as thousands of people live close together in a dense area at the Rohingya camps," said Mohammad Kamal Hossain, a former professor of the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Science at Chattogram University. In 2020, a High Court directed the concerned authorities to ban single-use plastic in coastal areas and all hotels and motels across the country. Besides, the Jute Packaging Act 2010 for six essential items

(paddy, rice, wheat, maize, fertiliser, sugar) promoted an alternative to plastic packaging.

Better

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Dr Md Easir Arafat Khan, associate prof of Buett, said public interest isn't given sufficient importance when making laws and regulations in Bangladesh, unlike in Singapore where a worker was compensated Tk 10 crore due to employer's negligence.

Dr Chowdhury Md Jabbar Sadeq, director of IPD, emphasised the need for the state to take immediate action in necessary cases and implement laws related to building and fire regulations.

Abul Mansur Ahmad's 44th

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He wrote about the language issue from early 1940s and contributed to the Language Movement as the editor of the Ittehad.
A very successful politician, Abul Mansur Ahmad played a key role in the formation of the Awami Muslim League. He served as vice president of the organisation from 1953 to 1958.
Abul Mansur Ahmad was the author of the famous Ekush Dafa (21-point programme) election manifesto of Jukta Front in the 1954 elections, through which the Muslim League was ousted from power.
The Ekush Dafa was the first comprehensive articulation of the political, economic and cultural

demands of the Bangladeshis of the then eastern part of Pakistan.

He was elected a member of East Bengal Provincial Assembly in that election, and served as health minister in the United Front cabinet under Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq. In 1955, he was elected a member of Pakistan Constituent Assembly.

He was the minister for education in the United Front government of East Pakistan in 1956 and the minister for commerce and trade in 1956-1957. After the promulgation of martial law by Ayub Khan in 1958, he was imprisoned and subsequently released in 1962.

He then retired from politics.

Abul Mansur Ahmad

was known for his strong stand in favour of regional autonomy of East Pakistan. He also made remarkable contributions to industrialisation of the long neglected East Pakistan. He always propagated secularism in a manner unparalleled in the forties, fifties and sixties.

Ahmad's publications include great satires like "Aina", "Asmani Purdah", "Gulliveri Safar Nama" and "Food Conference". He also penned insightful works on social and political history of Bengal such as "Bangladesher Culture". He has two autobiographical writings -- "Atma Katha" and "Amar Dekha Rajnitir Panchash Bachar".

He was born in 1898 in Dhanikhola village of Trishal, Mymensingh.

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4	803747	MPI/Rev/22-23/ PG-24	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (4112304) Welding shop			
5	803749	MPI/Rev/22-23/ PG-25	Supply of Desktop Computer for Multimedia Lab & Network Lab-2, Computer Science and Technology (4112304)			
6	803751	MPI/Rev/22-23/ PG-20-1	Supply of Electromedical Modern Equipment (4112304) Biomedical Instrument Lab			
7	803754	MPI/Rev/22-23/ PG-26	Supply of Desktop Computer Accessories for Multimedia Lab & Network Lab-2, Computer Science and Technology (4112304)			

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