

Many children

FROM PAGE 5 were seen empty. Although there are three sections in the seventh grade, classes took place in one classroom due to low attendance.

Meanwhile, the second floor of the school is still being used as a shelter by some locals. They said they are still staying at the school as their primary accommodations are damaged and repairs have not been completed yet.

A similar scenario regarding student attendance was seen in other schools in the area including Kariyaish Govt Primary School, Dharmapur Kalagazi Shikhar Govt Primary School and Rasulabad Govt Primary School.

"Out of 149 schools in our upazila, most were severely affected by the flood. After cleaning and repairs, most schools are now resuming academic activities again," said Golam Mahub, primary education officer of Satkania upazila.

"Today [Thursday, August 17] I visited 25 schools and found very low attendance of students. Teachers of these schools assured me that the attendance would increase within a week," he also said.

"After two weeks of closure, we have reopened about 95 percent of schools in the upazila from Wednesday. The remaining schools, where the extent of damage is higher, will reopen within this week," said Satkania Secondary Education Officer Salim Uddin.

According to Chattogram District Administration, at least 577 educational institutions were affected by the recent seven-day flood, which started on August 4, in three districts of Chattogram division.

4-yr-old Roja fighting

FROM PAGE 3 child alone in the hospital, he added.

"When the fire erupted, her father, Sohag, rescued Roja first. However, she already sustained 30 percent burns by that time. After placing her on one of the neighbour's lap, Sohag went back into the house to rescue his wife, daughter, and other family members," Farhad recalled.

Sohag, however, could not find anyone inside and suffered 75 percent burns while trying to save them. Both Sohag and Roja were rushed to the burn institute, where he succumbed to his injuries, he also said.

Impersonating ACC

FROM PAGE 3 The arrestees are -- Selim alias Tanver Islam alias Shafiqur Rahman, Sohag Patwari, Abdul Hai Sohag and Azmir Hossain.

The DB team also seized seven mobile phones, 10 SIM cards, a microphone of a TV channel, newspapers, and seven fake ID cards of the Human Rights Commission and ACC.

The team also seized 12 ACC investigation reports against various individuals, and three notebooks containing phone numbers from them.

Nurunnabi said the team conducted the drive after ACC Deputy Director Syed Nazrul Islam filed a case under the Digital Security Act with Ramna Police Station on August 13 on bribery and extortion charges in the name of ACC.

He said among those arrested, Selim once worked as a construction worker. Then he became a contractor. And Sohag Patwari used to work as a

BNP to hold mass

FROM PAGE 3 leaders and activists distributed leaflets in front of its Nayapaltan office and nearby areas.

The leaflets read the party's demands -- including release of its Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her advanced treatment abroad.

The turnout of BNP leaders and activists in the leaflet distribution programme, however, was very low compared to other recent events, exposing organisational weaknesses,

Bangladesh working

FROM PAGE 3 is highly dependent on transboundary rivers and may face consequences in the future, the report further read.

Noting the upcoming national polls, Sehebi said the ministry has formed an election observer facilitation centre to facilitate foreign observers' visit to Bangladesh.

"We think we need to work in a more active way as there might be more propaganda ahead of the polls," she said.

The ministry and Bangladesh missions abroad have long been

Three burnt

FROM PAGE 3 Sabina suffered 40 percent burn injuries in another blast "caused by gas cylinder leak" at their tinshed house in Ashulia, Dhaka, on August 12. Five members were also injured in the blast. She died around 4:00am, Tariqul

Besides, Minarul, a section officer at the National University, died at 10:00am as he suffered 95 percent burns in an explosion from a "gas leak" at his house in Board Bazar, Gazipur on August 13, added physician Tariqul.

BNP to hold mass

FROM PAGE 3 said party leaders.

BNP recently announced leadership changes to the party's student and youth wings -- Chhatra Dal and Jubo Dal -- alongside other organisational actions to intensify its movement.

In the coming days, senior leaders will instruct activists on intensifying efforts to press home the party's demands, said BNP leaders.

Tomorrow, on the final day of the programme, BNP will hold road marches across the country.

Bangladesh working

FROM PAGE 3 working to uphold the country's position with the host countries from where disinformation and misinformation are being spread, she mentioned.

"A committee, comprising three ministries -- information, law, and foreign affairs -- is working on it," she added.

SSC, HSC

FROM PAGE 3 The exams are being conducted for full marks, but with a curtailed syllabus for all subjects, except Information and Communications Technology, which will be assessed for 75 instead of the usual 100 marks.

This year, 1,108,594 students are expected to take the HSC exams, 98,031 for Dakhil, and 152,717 for vocational tests under the technical education board.

Among them, 688,887 are boys and 670,455 girls.

Hidden canals pose fatal threat

FROM PAGE 5 follow the signal flags we put on the beach. If there is a red flag, they should not go swimming in the sea beyond knee deep water."

"Awareness among the tourists is a key factor to ensuring their own safety. These hidden canals will remain till winter," said Imteaz.

This type of canal is created due to the wind patterns and sedimentation in Cox's Bazar, said Md Hashibul Islam, principal scientific officer and Head, Chemical Oceanography Division, Bangladesh Oceanographic Research Institute.

He said tourists have to remain cautious when they go to the sea for swimming. Most tourists to Cox's Bazar, like Farid Mia of Dhaka's Jatrabari area, said they have no knowledge about the hidden canals.

Mohammad Sadek, a local youth, who along with four friends went to swim in the sea, said they know

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about the hidden canals.

However, claiming themselves to be good swimmers, Sadek said they are not afraid to swim during the high tide.

The existence of the canals is of much concern as thousands of tourists were seen visiting Cox's Bazar when this correspondent went there recently, although the monsoon is not even the peak tourism season.

Many of them were seen taking baths deep into the sea, defying warnings of lifeguards.

KMCH interns

FROM PAGE 5 The students had locked the offices on Wednesday.

The incident began on Monday, when a student at the medical college locked into an argument with a shopkeeper of a drugstore in front of the college, over allegedly charging extra money for medicines.

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