AL 'cadres' behind arson attacks: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday alleged that the ruling party cadres were indulging in arson attacks and various subversive activities to malign the opposition's ongoing movement.

Speaking at a virtual press briefing, Rizvi called upon the opposition leaders and workers to peacefully observe the nationwide 48-hour blockade that will be enforced at 6:00am today to protest against the national election schedule.

"The criminals to belonging League are indulging in anarchy every day to establish a reign of terror across the country under the patronage of the state," he said.

The BNP leader said the perpetrators of arson violence can easily run away from the scene after carrying out the attacks in the presence of law enforcement agencies."

"The deliberate inaction of the law enforcement agencies to prevent these arson attacks or to arrest the real culprits proves that the evil forces in power are involved in the ongoing subversive activities across the country," he said.

2 get life term for raping woman, daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A Habiganj court yesterday sentenced two persons to life imprisonment for raping a woman and her daughter in Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj.

The convicts Shakil Ahmed, 22, and Salahuddin, 20.

Mohammad Zahidul Haque, of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2, gave the verdict in absentia, said advocate Abul Mansur Chowdhury, special public prosecutor of the court.

The two were also fined Tk 1,00,000 each.

According to the case statement, on October 2, 2020, Shakil and Salahuddin entered a house in the village and raped a woman and her daughter.

Later on October 4, a victim filed a case with the Chunarughat Police Station in this regard.

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Workers setting up reflectors on the newly-constructed Port City roads to increase visibility at night and reduce the risk of accidents. The photo was taken on Outer Ring Road in Patenga area yesterday.

A son of the soil

76-yr-old Jhenaidah man continues to promote organic farming

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenaidah

Age is just a number. And Md Helal Uddin of Maheshwarchanda village in Jhenaidah's

Kaliganj upazila is a perfect example of that. The 76-year-old has long been promoting organic farming to his peers. And he is not showing any sign of slowing down. He still shows the same vigour and enthusiasm when it comes to maintaining soil quality through natural means.

Born into a humble household, Helal has had a rather bumpy ride.

"My father passed away when I was 16, and being poor, my family could not afford my education," shared the farmer.

Starting his journey with a goat, Helal was always passionate about animal rearing, finding inspiration from others around him. However, things changed when he inherited one-bigha land after his father's demise.

He later bought a cow, only to sell it off to buy another bigha of land for cultivating

oor. However, life turned around when Mahironnessa [his second wife] came into my life in 1966," said Helal.

In 1990, Helal met Dhaka-based agriculture scientist Dr MA Gul Hossain and participated in training on how to maintain the quality of soil through natural means.

Following Dr Hossain's advice, he pursued further training in vermicompost production. Eventually, he received training from Indian environmental engineer Kurian Joseph and Martin's Compost Farm in the US.

Garnering experiences and training, he soon started producing vermicompost and natural pesticides for local farmers who



fertility naturally.

Alongside adapting to eco-friendly agricultural measures.

He now grows around 80 varieties of medicinal plants that are beneficial for health and well-being.

As time went by, Helal's name became synonymous with someone people could trust and seek advice on eco-friendly agricultural practices.

But Helal did not stop there. He soon started training local women, empowering over 5,000 of them from 13 districts with the means to become self-sufficient.

Monoara Khatun, Sukhjan Bibi, and Rebeka Khatun are among many of his whenever needed."

wanted to preserve and maintain the soil's students who are now finally solvent through vermicompost production.

In 2009, UNDP appointed him to a project practices, he also started training others to regain the quality of soil by reducing the "My first wife left me because I was in the region, encouraging them to take use of chemical fertilisers and insecticides.

Helal received the Bangabandhu National Award for Agriculture in 2017 and the Bangladesh Academy of Agriculture's award in 2016. He also went to Nepal in 2018 for compost fertiliser training.

Asked about his vision for the future, Helal said, "I want to train more unemployed rural women to empower them financially.'

Lauding Helal's efforts, Md Mahbub Alam Roni, Kaliganj upazila agriculture officer, said, "Helal is an icon for the locals. We will always help and support him

Man killed while 'making bomb' in BCL leader's house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A man was killed and another injured in an explosion while "making crude bomb" at a house The explosion took place in Janatabazar area of

Lalmohan upazila, said police.

The deceased is Monir Bayati, 47, while the injured is Feroj, 35.

However, according to the statement of a case filed with Lalmohan Police Station by Monir's brother Belal Hossain, the incident happened at the house of one Azaharul Islam Majhi when unidentified miscreants threw a crude bomb into the house from outside.

Azaharul's son Shariful Islam Joy is general secretary of Dholi Gaurnagar union unit of Chhatra League.

Police said either a bomb was thrown at the house of Monir or they were involved in making

"We are investigating the incident," said Lalmohan Police Station OC Mahabub Alam.

Superintendent of Police in Bhola Md Mahiduzzaman said a bomb expert team is working to figure out how the explosion took

Meanwhile, locals alleged that Monir Bayati was a crude bomb maker. The victims were found injured outside Azaharul's house while the fence got blown away due to the explosion, they added.

Azaharul or his son Shariful could not be reached for comments.

One held for stealing 3 licensed firearms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police yesterday arrested a man with three licensed firearms and 42 bullets he allegedly stole from a retired government official's house at Arambagh in Patuakhali.

Moniruzzaman Munna, 44, who is a carpenter by profession, was held at the town's Arambagh, said Superintendent of Police Saidul Islam during a press briefing at his office in Patuakhali.

A foreign pistol, a single-barrel shotgun, a revolver, and 42 rounds of bullets were seized from his possession, said the SP.

Munna entered the house of one of his neighbours, who is a retired customs officer, by cutting grilles and breaking open the door on November 20, said the police official.

the householder went to Dhaka with his wife for treatment. Some other valuables were also stolen from the house. A Patuakhali court sent arrested Munna to jail

At that time, there was nobody at home as

vesterday afternoon.

The arrest was made after the former customs officer Kabir Uddin filed a case with Patuakhali

DHAKA TO COX'S BAZAR BR postpones advance ticket sale

Bangladesh Railway failed to start selling advance train tickets for Cox's Bazar Express, from Dhaka to Cox's Bazar, yesterday due to technical issues.

"We had to postpone selling advance train tickets for Cox's Bazar Express as our website is upgrading. However, we hope the sale will start by Thursday," said Sarder Shahadat Ali, additional director general (operation) of BR. BR has announced to start train service on

Cox's Bazar-Dhaka route by December 1.

According to the BR's rules, online ticket sales are supposed to start 10 days before the journey.



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Train link with north restored after 9hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Tangail

Train services between Dhaka and the northern region resumed after a 9-hour disruption caused by the derailment of the Dhaka-bound Rangpur Express train near Gharinda Railway Station.

The incident occurred around 4:57am, and a rescue train from Dhaka arrived there at 10:20am to assist.

The derailed compartment 1:53pm, rescued by allowing the Rangpur Express to depart for Dhaka at 2:30pm.

Rezaul the station master at Bangabandhu Bridge East Railway Station, said the derailment hampered rail communication between the capital and the northern region.

This suspension stranded several trains, including Dhakabound Ekota Express SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



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