



25 hurt as Chhatra Dal, police clash in Habiganj

UNB, Habiganj

At least 25 people, including 10-12 policemen, were allegedly injured in a clash between police and leaders and activists of BNP student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in Shayestanagar area of Habiganj yesterday afternoon.

A police van was vandalised during that time.

Habiganj Sadar Circle Additional Superintendent of Police Khalilur Rahman claimed 10-12 policemen were injured in the clash.

Locals said Chhatra Dal leaders and activists brought out a rally on the occasion of their founding anniversary. A clash broke out when police obstructed them in the city's Shayestanagar area.

District Chhatra Dal General Secretary Zillur Rahman said as part of the central programme, Chhatra Dal brought out a peaceful rally.

"At least 15 leaders and activists were injured in the police attack," he claimed.

NATIONAL POLLS

Fire guts camps of AL, independent candidates

STAR REPORT

Two election camps in Shariatpur-2 constituency -- one belonging to an Awami League candidate and the other to an independent -- were set on fire by unidentified arsonists yesterday.

However, activists of AKM Enamul Haque Shamim, the AL candidate, and Khaled Shawkat Ali, the independent candidate, blamed each other for the incidents.

Naria Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mostafizur Rahman said two separate fire incidents in the morning gutted the AL candidate's camp at Ahmad Nagar Bazar and the independent candidate's camp at Dhamaran Tripalli Bazar of Naria upazila.

Abul Kalam Azad, mayor of Naria municipality and the chief coordinator of the election campaign of AL candidate, said supporters of Shawkat Ali set their camp on fire.

Contacted, Shawkat Ali, a presidium member of the Jubo League, alleged that supporters of Shamim, deputy minister of water resources, set fire to his camp.

Both candidates lodged verbal complaints with the police.

OC Mostafizur said legal action would be taken against those responsible after an investigation.

'Divided' JP

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It will be difficult for the JP candidate to win, as Sumon has massive public support, said AL insiders.

However, Safir Uddin Ahmed, secretary of AL Ishwarganj upazila unit, said the scenario will change, as the upazila AL leaders have started campaigning for the JP candidate as per the party decision.

Preferring anonymity, a district-level JP leader and Raushan Ershad loyalist, said they are totally uninterested in the election.



Covering herself from head to toe, vegetable vendor Hasina Begum waits for customers to arrive at the kitchen market near Abu Naser Hospital intersection in Khulna's Khalispur on the first morning of 2024.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

M'singh-Birisiri road turns a death trap

Sand-laden trucks causing accidents regularly

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

With hundreds of sand-laden trucks plying daily, the Mymensingh-Birisiri road in Netrakona's Durgapur upazila has turned into a death trap with frequent road accidents.

At least 11 people were killed and seven others injured in four separate accidents involving sand-laden trucks on the road between November 13 and December 25.

On December 25, a Dhaka-bound train and a sand-laden truck collided at Shambhuganj Railway Crossing, leaving four persons dead and two injured. "Minor incidents are not reported, meaning we have details only of the more devastating ones," said Durgapur OC Uttam Chandra Dev.

He blamed trucks used in sand lifting from Someswari River for the situation.

Kamal Pasha, former Durgapur municipality mayor,



said, "Some 4,000 trucks and 1,000 sand-laden lorries ply the road round the clock, causing damage to it while making it risky for other vehicles. Also, road tailbacks and congestion have become regular on the route."

Absence of traffic police on the road adds to the menace, he added.

Mahmud Al Noor Salehin, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in

Netrakona, said, "The trucks are often overloaded, carrying 30-40 tonnes of sand each, ignoring the road's 16-tonne maximum capacity limit."

Contacted, Durgapur UNO Md Ariful Islam Prince said representatives of the National River Conservation Commission visited the spot after a report titled "Illegal sand mining killing Someshwari" was published in The Daily Star on October 21.

Regular drives are being conducted to stop illegal sand lifting and catch overloaded trucks, he said, adding that a weighing machine being set up on the road will be operational soon.

Meanwhile, a probe body, formed by Netrakona district administration to investigate the matter, has visited the spot but is yet to submit its report, said sources.



Hawkers in Gulistan selling winter clothing.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Hawkers

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support our families with this. As far as I remember, DSCC running mobile courts following the first month of their operation that year," said Tabarul.

Contacted, Md Mizanur Rahman, chief executive officer of DSCC, said, "We are planning a special heritage project in Dhaka. When we start the project, we will again evict the hawkers."

PADMA, GANGES Combined water measurement begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Like previous years, monitoring of water level at different points of the Ganges and Padma, the two major rivers of India and Bangladesh, kicked off yesterday morning under the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty 1996.

A two-member Indian team comprising of Ankit Dudeja, executive engineer of India's Central Water Commission, and Mukesh Kumar Sharma, assistant director of the commission, along with Bangladeshi experts started measuring water level at 4,500 feet upstream of the Hardinge Bridge point of the mighty Padma in the morning, said Md Rezaul Karim, executive engineer of regional hydrology department, Pabna.

A four-member Bangladesh team headed by Md Riadur Rahman, executive engineer of Joint River Commission, started measuring the flow of water in Ganges at the Farrakah point of India, he said.

"Under the Ganges water sharing treaty, the experts of the two countries monitor the flow of water in Ganges and Padma from January 1 to May 31 every year," said Rezaul Karim.

ILLEGAL WEALTH ACC sues RCC councillor, wife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Anti-Corruption Commission on Sunday night filed a case against Rajshahi City Corporation ward-17 councillor Shahadat Ali Shahu for illegally amassing wealth worth over Tk 7 crore.

The ACC also filed another case accusing Shahu's wife Nazma Ali for illegally amassing wealth worth over Tk 1 crore.

Aminul Islam, deputy director of ACC Rajshahi divisional office, lodged both the cases with the Coordinated District Office in Rajshahi.

Shahu gave his statement of accumulating both movable and immovable assets worth Tk 9,68,53,505 while his wife Nazma stated properties worth Tk 1,96,54,377.

But later, the ACC during investigation found Shahu owned properties worth Tk 11,93,15,505 while Nazma owned properties worth Tk 2,36,34,626. Here, Shahu concealed wealth amounting to Tk 2,24,62,000 and Nazma Tk 39,80,249.

If found guilty of the offences, the law has provisions for the highest three years of imprisonment and fines against the accused persons for each of the two offences.

Two killed in bike collision

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Two people were killed and two others injured in a head-on collision between two motorcycles in Jhenidah yesterday.

The accident took place in Gurdah area under Shyamkur union of Maheshpur upazila around 11:00am, said police.

Liakat Ali, 25, from Seja village in Maheshpur; and Riad Hossain, 16, son of Hafizur Rahman from Shyamkur village died on the spot.

The injured were admitted to Maheshpur Upazila Health Complex, said Dattanagar Police Camp Sub-Inspector Ashish Das.



Sunflowers in bloom in Narsingdi.

PHOTO: STAR

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TENDER INVITATION

Tender is invited from the bonafide / intending suppliers/firms for the following items:

- Procurement of 04 different types of Laboratory Instruments for the Department of EEE

The schedule of the item with terms and conditions (hard copy) can be obtained from the Finance & Accounts Department (1st floor) of the University up to **24.01.2024** during office hours (up to 03:00 p.m.) on working days. The price of the tender schedule (non-refundable) is **Tk.500/-** (excluding online service charge for e-tender process).

The interested bidders are requested to submit the tender schedule by 25.01.2024 within 02:00 P.M. Hard copy of the tender must be dropped in the tender box kept at the 2nd floor of the Office of the Treasurer (Room No-316) of the University. The tender(s) submitted within the deadline will be opened on the **same day (25.01.2024) at 02:30 P.M.** at the Conference Room (4th floor) of East West University in the presence of the bidders (if any) by ensuring health safety.

The University will remain closed from 02 to 08 January 2024 due to Semester Break.

The bidders must mention the "name of the item" at the top of envelope. Otherwise, the bid document will be treated as cancelled.

East West University authority reserves the right to accept any tender in full or part of it or reject all tenders without mentioning any reason thereof.

Chief of HR & Logistics

Teacher show caused for campaigning

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The election inquiry committee on Sunday issued a show cause notice to a government primary school teacher for participating in electioneering for a candidate in Pabna.

Md Ashraf Alam, an assistant teacher of Handial Government Primary School in Chatmohar upazila, allegedly participated in an election campaign for independent candidate Abdul Hamid of Pabna-3 constituency and breached the electoral code of conduct, said the notice.

The committee's chairman and Pabna's Joint District Judge, Md Tazul Islam, issued the notice.

The teacher has been asked to submit his reply by today.

Awami League's Handial union unit president and secretary submitted a written complaint against the teacher. According to the electoral code of conduct, Ashraf, as a public servant, cannot join any election campaign for any candidate or political party.

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. NSU/23-24-T14

North South University is inviting sealed offers from bona fide/ reputed organizations/ producers/ suppliers for making and supplying convocation items, in various lots as mentioned below and described in the tender schedule.

Detail of the items:
Lot: 1- Convocation attires
Lot: 2- Gown bag
Lot: 3- Certificate folder

Interested bidders may collect a schedule of tender within banking hour from Southeast Bank Ltd. Bashundhara Branch, on all working days till **January 23, 2024** by paying non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule.

The bidders must submit **earnest money @ 2.5%** of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on **January 24, 2024** by 2.15 p.m. at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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