



Student dies amid jaundice outbreak in Rajshahi univ

ANWAR ALL, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi University student died of kidney failure and jaundice at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Monday evening, say the hospital authorities.

Md Murad Ahmed Mridha, son of Abdul Sattar Mridha of Natore's Boraigram, was a final year student of mathematics department.

The death occurred when the number of students suffering from jaundice was going up. A total of 131 students were

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Members of Myanmar's Border Guard Police, who have sought refuge in Bangladesh to escape the battles on the other side of the border, being taken to Ghumdhum Government High School in Bandarban by BGB personnel. The photo was taken yesterday near Thaengkhalai Bazar in Palongkhali union under Cox's Bazar's Ukhiya upazila.

PHOTO: MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Woman, daughter gang-raped in Subarnachar AL leader arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a local Awami League leader on charges of raping a woman and her minor daughter in a village of Char Wapda union in Noakhali's Subarnachar upazila.

Two other men were involved in the rape.

The victim told law enforcers she recognised two of the three rapists -- Abul Khair Munshi, president of Char Wapda union AL unit and a former union parishad member, and a cattle trader named Harun.

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Daily illegal currency trade amounts to Tk 100cr

Finds ACC team raiding Dhaka airport

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh is being deprived of dollars equivalent to Tk 100 crore every day due to illegal buying and selling of foreign currency at the airport, said Mahbub Hossain, secretary of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The ACC has found evidence that some money changers inside the airport are involved in illegal buying and selling of foreign currency worth more than Tk 100 crore every day and money laundering, he said.

Thousands of expatriate workers and travellers arrive in Bangladesh every day

through the airport.

After receiving information from intelligence sources and following a specific written complaint, an enforcement operation was conducted yesterday under the supervision of the Deputy Director of the Commission Syed Nazrul Islam.

The ACC raids involved the booths of Janata, Sonali, Agrani, Mutual Trust, Pubali, Probashi Kalyan, Jamuna banks and the money changers Etiya Money Exchange and Imperial Money Exchange at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The team found the involvement of an

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More Myanmar troops take refuge

Myanmar envoy handed protest note; foreign minister says death of Bangladeshi unacceptable

STAR REPORT

At least 264 members of Myanmar forces and border guards had taken refuge in Bangladesh as of yesterday, fleeing the ongoing battle between Myanmar troops and the armed group called the Arakan Army.

As many as 114 of them crossed the border yesterday morning, and 35 others came later, according to Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui, director general of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

"We gave them shelter and provided them with food," he said, adding that eight of the 15 injured were taken to hospitals in critical conditions.

The shelter seekers include members of immigration police and other agencies, said Shariful Islam, public relations officer of the BGB, adding that the BGB members disarmed them and took them to safety.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday said it was unacceptable that people were dying and getting injured in Bangladesh because of the conflict in Myanmar.

In addition, a group of at least 24 Myanmar nationals with firearms went to the Palongkhali area of Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, around 10:30am, said local Union Parishad Chairman Gafuruddin Chowdhury.

"They had four machine guns. They shot a Bangladeshi, and hurt four others in a grenade attack when the villagers tried to stop them from entering," he said.

One of the locals, named Anwar, was taken to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital in a critical state.

It is unclear which group these men belong to, he said.

Shamim Hossain, officer-in-charge of Ukhiya Police Station, said some of the men could be from the Rohingya refugee camps.

As of last night the 24 men were detained at the Union Parishad building.

In Bandarban district, which has borders with Myanmar, officials turned Ghumdhum Government Primary School into a makeshift shelter for families who were forced to flee their homes because of the fighting at the borders.

The fighting rages on and mortar shells and bullets have been crossing the border in recent days.

Shah Mozahid Uddin, deputy commissioner of Bandarban, who

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The wreckage of two rickshaw vans and a motorbike after a BRTC bus ploughed into them in Dinajpur's Chirirbandar upazila yesterday morning.

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4 die as bus goes against traffic, runs over three-wheelers, bike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least four people were killed and six others injured when a bus, going on the wrong side of Dinajpur Rangpur highway, ploughed into pedestrians and hit two rickshaw vans and a motorcycle in Ranirbandar area of Chirirbandar, Dinajpur, yesterday.

The people who died are Abdul Mozid, 50, and Nazrul Islam Nazu, 40, of Chirirbandar; Latiaia Chakma, 52, and Myndo Chakma, 45, of Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar, said Tariqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Doshmile Highway Police Outpost.

Two of the deceased were on a rickshaw van.

He added that the injured, including a woman and child, were sent to hospitals in Dinajpur and Rangpur.

The people of the Chakma community were visiting the area for business purposes, police said.

The driver, his helper, and supervisor of the bus of Bangladesh Road Transport

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Personalities dominate Pakistan polls

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan goes to the polls tomorrow with the jailing of popular former prime minister Imran Khan, the winner of the last national election, dominating headlines despite an economic crisis and other woes threatening the nuclear-armed country.

The South Asian nation of 241 million people is reeling from decades-high inflation and an economy that has come to a grinding halt as it navigates a tough International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout programme.

Islamist militancy is on the rise and relations with three neighbours - India, Afghanistan and Iran - are frayed. But these matters have been mostly absent from the election fray, in which the parties of Khan and Nawaz Sharif, another former prime minister, are the main rivals.

"This election cycle has had little discussion of issues," said Husain Haqqani, a former Pakistani ambassador to the US, currently a scholar at Washington's Hudson Institute. "It has been a campaign dominated by personalities."

Millions of supporters of the jailed Khan are looking to rally behind him despite what they call a military-backed crackdown on him and his party.

The military wields enormous power in Pakistan but maintains it does not interfere in politics. Analysts say Sharif is being backed by the

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But despite being in jail and his party decimated by legal cases, Khan and his candidates, running on independent platforms, remain a force.

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