

Snatched Jubo Dal leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Police yesterday arrested a Jubo Dal leader in Munshiganj, a day after he was snatched by his supporters from Sreenagar Police Station.

Additional Superintendent of Police Anisur Rahman confirmed last night that Tariqul Islam was arrested at Deulbhog in Sreenagar.

Three more Jubo Dal leaders were also arrested in this connection and Sreenagar Police Station OC Qaiyum Uddin Chowdhury was withdrawn and attached to the district police lines, police said.

The development came after some members of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement blocked the Dhaka-Mawa Expressway yesterday, demanding the arrest of those involved in the snatching incident.

They demonstrated near the Dhaleshwari Toll Plaza in South Keraniganj around 12:00pm, chanting slogans and demanding the arrest of those involved, said Hasara Highway Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Quader

Jilani.

The hour-long blockade caused a long tailback on the expressway, leading to significant public suffering.

Sazzadur Rahman, a resident of the Luhajang area traveling from Dhaka, said, "My elderly mother is sick at my village home. I'm going there to take her to Dhaka for admission to a hospital. But I've been stuck in traffic congestion for a long time."

A bus driver of Ilish Paribahan said, "What is our fault? Hundreds of passengers and transport operators are trapped here for hours..." After about an hour, the students cleared the expressway following assurances from senior police officers that immediate legal action would be taken against the perpetrators. Tariqul was arrested on Friday evening on charges of assaulting a person in the area. Around

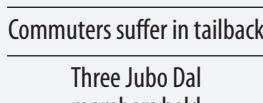
four hours after his arrest, some 200 Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal activists stormed the police station and snatched him away.

Police yesterday filed a case against 31

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Students block highway demanding arrest



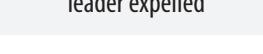
Commuters suffer in tailback



Three Jubo Dal members held



Sreenagar OC withdrawn



Accused Jubo Dal leader expelled



In the Kazirbazar area of Sylhet city, the Surma river is facing severe pollution due to the dumping of waste and garbage. Local businesses and households are contributing to this problem by discarding their waste into the river. As a result, the river's water quality has deteriorated significantly, with plastic and polythene waste causing artificial shoals to form and disrupting the natural flow of the Surma. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Two killed in Habiganj road accident

UNB, Habiganj

Two workers of a garment factory died and three others were injured after a truck collided with a battery-run autorickshaw in Habiganj yesterday.

The accident happened around 8:00am in the Dargah Gate area of the highway, said Mahmudul Haque, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shaistaganj Highway Police.

The identities of the deceased are yet to be confirmed, he said.

The deceased worked at the Pioneer Denim Factory of Badsha Group, said police.

Meanwhile, following the accident, the agitated factory workers blocked the road in protest against the death of the two RMG workers.

Later, police went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

"The workers locked in the

clash over a trifling matter and hurled brickbats and stones at each other, leaving over 50 injured. They also caused damages to the three factories' facilities. On information, police and army personnel came to the spot and brought the situation under control around 12:30pm," said Mohammad Solaiman, superintendent of Industrial Police in Chattogram.

Workers of several garment factories in CEPZ have been demonstrating over different demands including increase in wage since January 4, until most factory owners eventually fulfilled their demands.

"During an agitation on January 8, workers of JMS Garments Limited kept the CEPZ's main gate

closed till afternoon. This angered workers of a Korean factory Merim Co. Ltd as they remained stuck inside after working hours," said CEPZ Executive Director Md Abdus Sobhan.

The two groups engaged in an altercation, before Merim Co. Ltd's workers forcibly opened the gate and left the CEPZ premises. Infuriated workers of JMS Garments hurled brick chips at Merim Co. Ltd and vandalised windowpanes.

"Yesterday, the workers of the two factories clashed over this issue around 9:00am, hurling brickbats and making chases and counter-chases, turning the area into a warzone and causing injuries and vandalism," said Abdus Sobhan.

Workers of Merimo Ltd, a sister concern of Merim Co. Ltd, also joined the clash.

Workers of the two factories, however, blamed each other for the clash.

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Belayet Hossain, 65, cleans and then trims a date palm tree to collect the juice in a jar that he attaches to the tree. After working for 8-10 hours, Belayet is able to collect around 3.5 litres of juice, which he sells for Tk 250 in the local market. The photo was taken from the Dogolchira village in Jhalakathi recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Dry fish processing, a booming industry in Kishoreganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The processing and trading of dry fish have emerged as a profitable industry for thousands of people living in the haor (wetland) areas of Kishoreganj district.

Around 600 families along the Kali river in Kuliarchar upazila are engaged in dry fish production, which sustains them throughout the year.

"It has become a reliable source of income for families here," said Mahadev Chandra Das, a local dry fish trader.

Harimon Chandra Das, a producer, said rising dry fish prices,

driven by strong demand across the country, have boosted earnings in recent years.



The process begins in September when indigenous fish varieties like boal, ayre (catfish varieties), and gajar (snakehead) are harvested

from open water bodies and dried in the sun.

"These fish are then sold to traders after processing," said Md Masud Rana, senior fisheries officer in Kuliarchar upazila.

Producers also source fish from other haor regions, including Sunamganj and Narayanganj, to meet growing demand, he added.

The industry provides significant opportunities for women, with many engaged in fish cleaning and cutting.

I earn around Tk 50,000-60,000 every season, which has improved my family's financial

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One more death was reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to four this year.

The death was reported in the Mymensingh division (outside the city corporations), according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

During the period, 45 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, it added.

Of them, nine dengue patients were admitted to a hospital under Dhaka North City Corporation while 15 were hospitalised in Dhaka South City Corporation.

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