

## NEWS SNAPS

**Boy runs over by power tiller**

**UNB, Patuakhali**  
A little boy was run over by a power tiller at village Badura in Sadar upazila on Monday.

Police said Sohag, 12, son of Abu Zafar, was killed as he went to play along with his friends to a paddy field. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

**Tk 15 cr uplift work goes on**

**UNB, Comilla**  
Thirty roads, eight bridges and some culverts are being constructed in Meghna and Homna upazilas at a cost of 15 crore taka. Industries Minister M K Anwar was informed at a review meeting on various infrastructure development projects at Homna upazila parishad building on Tuesday.

**Listed criminal nabbed**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**  
Detective Branch (DB) of police of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) on Friday night nabbed a listed criminal named Monir Hossain, 35, from a slum at Dola Khola. Police recovered two pipe guns from his possession. Monir is an armed cadre of BNP. He was wanted in different criminal cases, police said.

**Two held with fake notes**

**UNB, Natore**  
Two people were arrested along with 17 fake notes of Tk 500 denomination from Tebaria cattle market in Natore town on Sunday. Police said they arrested Aminul Haq and Islam of Lalpur upazila while they were giving the fake notes to a cow seller after purchasing a cow.

# Crack down on illegal toll collectors

## Raw hide traders in Kushtia demand

**UNB, Kushtia**

Raw hide traders of Kushtia district went on an indefinite strike on Tuesday, demanding crackdown on extortionists.

According to leaders of the district Raw hide Traders' Association, a gang of extortionists

demanding toll from owners of 30-35 leather godowns on Sir Iqbal and SB roads on Monday.

After being refused, the extortionists hacked one trader, Momin.

The leaders said the criminals threatened to shut down all of their godowns if the association fails to give them Tk one per piece of raw

hide.

They also brought out a procession in the town demanding actions against the illegal toll collectors.

Expressing their solidarity to the strike of the association, meat traders in the town and its adjoining area also refrained from selling meat.

## BBCP activist's body found in Kushtia

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

Daulatpur thana police in Kushtia district on Friday recovered the beheaded body of an outlawed party activist from a fallow land at village Khalisha Kundu.

Mizanur Rahman Chokha, 32, the slain person was the son of farmer Abdul Mannan of Nauda Azampur in Mirpur upazila in Kushtia.

Police said Mizan surrendered to police in 1999 along with his fellow party activist Laltu of Chuadanga district. After getting bail from court Mizan was provided with a job in the Ansar department. But he deserted the job and again joined his underground party Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) last year. Since then he was having strained relations with most of his party cadres on policy matters, police said.

## Polling in one centre in Kushtia postponed

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Polling in one centre at Kushi union in Kushtia was postponed following trouble, officials said.

Awami League (AL) candidates fared well in comparison with the candidates of the ruling BNP and its allies in the recently held union parishad (UP) elections in Habiganj and Kushtia.

Four pro-Awami League, one pro-BNP and another Jatiya Party-backed candidate were elected chairmen at six unions in Lakhai upazila of Habiganj.

In Mirpur upazila of Kushtia district five pro-Awami League, four pro-BNP, one pro-JP and one Jamaat-backed candidate were elected chairmen.

UNB reports from Habiganj: Elections to 24 unions in Habiganj were completed peacefully.

According to unofficial results, 13 pro-BNP candidates, nine pro-Awami League and two pro-Jatiya Party candidates were elected chairmen in the elections.

**Another report from Kushtia**

## UP election in B'baria Opponents' houses ransacked

**UNB, Brahmanbaria**

Supporters of an elected female union parishad (UP) member ransacked 10 houses and looted valuables of their opponent group at village Ghariala in Ashuganj upazila on Sunday.

Witnesses said supporters of the reserved seat woman candidate brought out a procession soon after her victory in Durgapur union parishad election. They suddenly swooped on the houses of supporters of the defeated candidate. They also ransacked a health centre.

Upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Ashuganj and officer-in-charge (OC) of Ashuganj police station visited the spot. A case was filed.

## Two jailed in Chandpur for possessing illegal arms

**UNB, Chandpur**

Two people were sentenced to different jail terms by a court here recently for possessing illegal arms.

Al Mamun was sentenced to 10 years in jail while Mujibor Rahman seven years.

Mamun and Mujibor were caught with country-made firearms when they attacked a vegetable trader here on the night of November 13, 2002. Later, they were handed over to police.

After examining the records and witnesses, the judge found them guilty and handed down the verdict.

**adds:** Election results of 11 unions, out of 12, in Mirpur upazila of Kushtia district were unofficially announced on Sunday.

## Seven shops in Narsingdi gutted

**UNB, Narsingdi**

Seven shops were gutted in a fire at Panchduna Bazaar in Sadar upazila on Tuesday morning.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at the shop of Mashkur Miah at about 5am and it soon raged through adjacent shops.

On information, firefighters rushed to the spot. They had to struggle for about two hours to put out the blaze.

The extent of damage was said to be Tk 15 lakh.



PHOTO: JOGLUL HASAN

A tribal woman extracts raw rubber from a tree of a jungle at Matiranga upazila in Khagrachhari hill district. Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) is the largest rubber producing area in the country. CHT Development Board has undertaken an uplift settlement project aimed at rehabilitation of landless families. One thousand landless families have been given settlement to extract raw rubber from 400 acres of land in Sadar upazila, Bandarban and in Matiranga upazila of Khagrachhari this fiscal.

## 'Tipu bahini' leader arrested in Feni

**UNB, Feni**

A listed criminal, said to be a Juba Dal activist, was arrested from village Banshpara in Chhagalnaiya upazila on Tuesday.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the village at noon and nabbed Riazul Huq Tipu, leader of 'Tipu bahini', a notorious gang.

Tipu was wanted in 18 cases, including murder, extortion, women repression, mugging and robbery.

One of his associates, Saiful, was picked up recently by the joint forces and he died in custody.

## Father-in-law kills old man in Kushtia

**UNB, Kushtia**

An old man was killed allegedly by his son-in-law for dowry at Amla Syedpur Bazaar in Mirpur upazila Monday.

Police said Abdul Halim aided by his brother chopped his father-in-law Ishaq Ali to death while he was returning home from the bazaar.

Halim married Ali's daughter Ripa three years ago and he had been pressing Ali for dowry since then.

In another incident, Khepa Das allegedly slaughtered his wife Buri Das, 45, at village Balirdia in Daulatpur on Sunday night. It was not clear why Khepa killed his wife. Separate cases were filed.

## RAKUB files 105 certificate cases in Dinajpur

**UNB, Dinajpur**

The outstanding loans amounting to over Tk 1.25 crore of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) remained unrealised in Dinajpur district.

The bank has filed about 105 certificate cases against the defaulters.

According to the official sources, Tk one crore was lying outstanding with Fulbari branch,

Tk 18 lakh with Barai branch and Tk 8 lakh with other branches of the bank.

However, a source alleged that despite repeated instructions from the RAKUB head office, the certificate cases could not be settled. The amount could not be realised also due to negligence of an assistant of the certificate section in Fulbari branch. He has been serving here for the last 17 years.

## Poetry recital evening in Chittagong

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A two-hour poetry recital evening titled "Jugol Danaey Sonali Sandha" was held at Chittagong Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Chittagong recently.

Prominent cultural personalities Dilwar Hassan and Suchorita Barua jointly presented the recitations organised by Muktaadhani Abritti Sangsad, a local cultural organisation. The entire programme was dedicated in memory of great poet Michael Madhusudan Dutt.

Nasrin Sultana Khanam and Mashrur Hossain conducted the function, while Utpal Barua

supervised the programme.

Dilwar Hassan, a prominent radio and TV personality established Abbritti Sangsad, the first ever poetry recital organisation in Bangladesh and set up it on a sound footing in the cultural arena.

Suchorita Barua is such a personality who dedicated her golden time in cultural activities, especially in poetry recital programme.

Earlier, noted cultural personality Golam Mostafa and director of Nazrul Academy poet Abdul Mannan Syed wished success of the programme.



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