

NEWS SNAPS

One killed in Barisal road mishap

BSS, Barisal
One person was killed and 52 others were injured in a road accident here on Monday.

Police said Jalaluddin Howlader, 32, died on the spot and another person was seriously injured when a truck hit a rickshaw from behind at Lakutia in the town at 3 pm. The injured was admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Two arrested at Faridpur

UNB, Faridpur
Two persons were arrested from Faridpur town on Monday.

A college student was arrested along with 80 bottles of phensidyl from a bazaar here on Monday. The arrested was Emran, 25, of Gopalpur and a student of Habibullah Bahar College in Dhaka. On the same day, police arrested another youth, Zahed, from Ambikapur in the town.

50 houses gutted

UNB, Rangamati
About 50 dwelling houses were gutted in a fire at Ranirhat near Kaukhali upazila on Tuesday.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire originated from a kitchen. It soon raged through the adjacent houses, burning down property worth about 50 lakh taka.

Firefighters rushed to the spot and put out the blaze with the help of local people, police and army.

Book fair opens

UNB, Kishoreganj
A weeklong book fair, marking the International Mother Language Day, began here on Monday.

Deputy Commissioner Fazle Kabir inaugurated the fair on the premises of Kishoreganj Girls' High School.

Two arms seised arrested

UNB, Shariatpur
Two miscreants were arrested along with a shutter gun and six rounds of bullet at village Panchgaon in Naria upazila on Wednesday.

The arrested were Shamsul Alam, 25, and Nazmul Haque Shamim, 21.

Six held from bus

UNB, Noakhali
Police arrested six people from a passenger bus in Begumganj upazila on Wednesday.

Police also recovered a gun from their possession.

The arrested were Imam Hossain, 22, Anwar Hossain Monju, 23, Sohel, 20, Zahid, 25, Nurul Amin, 25, Masud Hossain, 20, and Liton, 19.

None recalls sacrifice of three martyrs of mass upsurge

BSS, Rajshahi

February 18, the day of martyrdom of three heroic sons of Rajshahi during the historic mass upsurge in 1969 passed quietly on Tuesday.

Martyrdom of Prof Shamsuzzoha, a teacher at Rajshahi University, was observed at the university campus on Tuesday through a programme. But no programme was chalked out to commemorate the martyrdom of two other martyrs. They were killed in protest processions in the Shaheb Bazaar area on the same day. The processionists were protesting the murder of Dr Zoha.

The mass upsurge culminated in the fall of military dictator Field Marshal Ayub Khan.

The martyrs are Shahid Nurul Islam, an intermediate student of Rajshahi City College and Shahid Abdus Satter, a class ten student of Rajshahi Government High Madrasah.

Nurul Islam was a student leader belonging to Chhatra Union. He was active in Dhaka during the 11-point movement in 1969. He played a pioneering role in a pro-

cession carrying the body of Shahid Matiur in Dhaka at that time.

After the organisational works in Dhaka, Nurul Islam returned to Rajshahi. On February 18, Dr Shamsuzzoha was killed near the main gate of Rajshahi University. The entire town burst into protests following his killing.

Curfew was clamped down to quell the protesters. But violating the curfew, thousands of people, especially young students took to the street chanting slogans against the killing. Nurul Islam was leading a procession at Shaheb Bazaar. The Pakistani forces opened fire

Woman's body recovered

UNB, Faridpur

An unidentified woman was found dead on a paddy field at village Komorpur on Monday night.

Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. The woman might be killed after rape.

on the procession near Sona Dighi mosque injuring seriously Nurul Islam.

Injured Nurul Islam was dragged from the road by police and Pakistani forces. They kept him at a room of the old municipality building. He succumbed to his injuries due to over bleeding.

Abdus Satter was also killed in firing on another protest procession beside Rajshahi Collegiate School on the same day. The present generation has no idea about Abdus Satter.

Nurul Islam's father Abdul Quddus was a railway employee. He was killed during the Liberation War by some non-Bengalis. Nurul Islam's mother died in abject poverty after the war. His two brothers including Siddiqur Rahman turned deranged due to poverty and both of them committed suicide in the 1980s.

After the liberation, some organisations used to place wreaths at the graves of Nurul Islam and Abdus Satter. But for the last 15 years no one recalled their sacrifice.

Ekushey observed in Rangamati

UNB, Rangamati

Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day was observed in Rangamati on Friday.

The programme started with placing of wreaths at the Shaheed Minar by the chairman of Rangamati District Council just after midnight.

Later, Chittagong Hill Tract Regional Council, Deputy Commissioner, Police Administration, Pura Administration and different political and cultural groups placed wreaths at the Shaheed Minar.

The daylong programme included discussion meeting on Amar Ekushey and cultural functions.

Special prayers were offered at mosques, temples, churches and other religious institutions for salvation of the departed souls of the language martyrs.

42 outlawed party members held in Khulna

UNB, Khulna

About 42 members of an outlawed party were arrested from Bhandarpara union in Dumuria upazila on Sunday.

Police said they arrested the cadres of New Biplobi Communist Party along with 28 motorbikes when they gathered there for campaigning in support of Union Parishad (UP) chairman candidate Shafiqul Islam.

One of the arrested, Gafur Mollah, is an accused in a murder case, police said.

Clash over land leaves one dead in Cox's Bazar

UNB, Cox's Bazar

A man was killed and another wounded in an armed clash over a land dispute at Ghona in Chokoria upazila on Thursday.

Police said Saiful Islam, 22, was gunned down and Minhazuddin injured when two rival groups locked in the clash over transplantation of boro saplings on a disputed land.

Two alleged traffickers arrested

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Two people were arrested from village Proshadpur Hotatpara in Gomostapur upazila on Thursday for their alleged involvement in trafficking women.

Police arrested Kamal Hossain, 25, of Barisal district and Shirin Akhter Priya, 16, of Proshadpur Hotatpara.

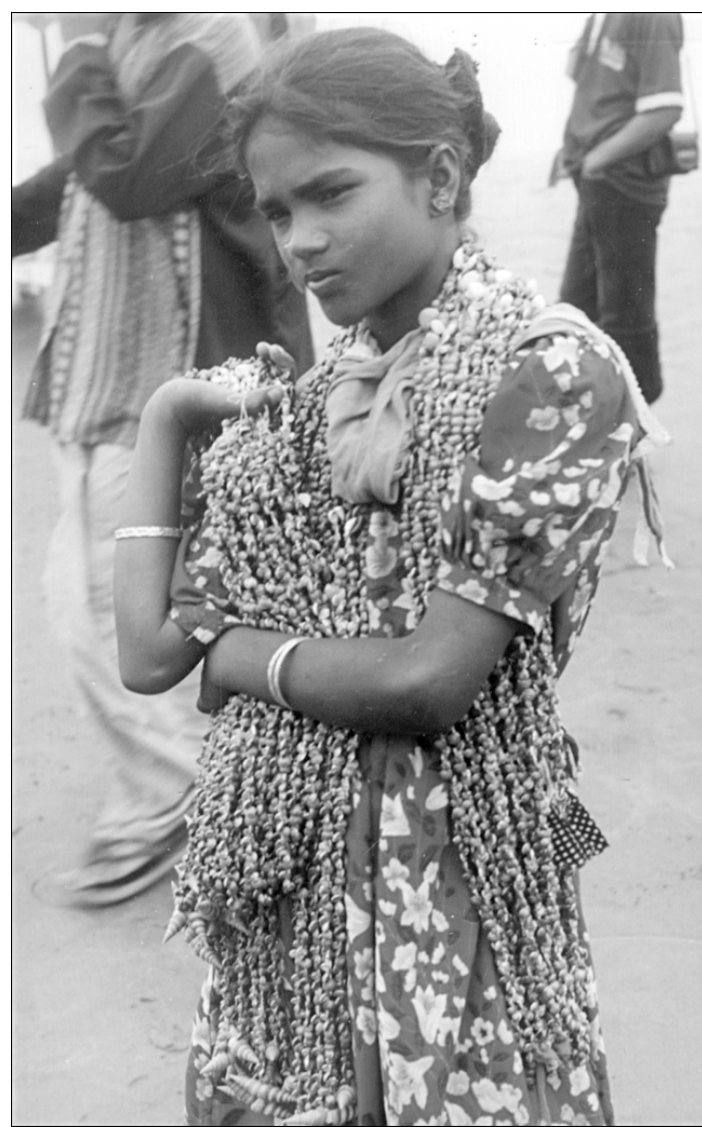


PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

A girl in Cox's Bazar sells conch-made fancy products to tourists in the sea beach. These products are very popular among the visitors.

Post-polls violence leaves 10 hurt in Feni

UNB, Feni

At least 10 people were injured in a post-election violence in Sonagazi upazila on Saturday.

Police said the trouble erupted when the supporters of newly elected chairman of Motiganj union Nurul Islam Sarker came under attack as they arranged a programme to give a reception to the new chairman at Boktermunshi Moazzem Hossain High School.

Insecticide poisoning kills one

UNB, Thakurgaon

A young farmer allegedly got poisoned and died recently while spraying insecticide on crops of a land at village Gopinathpur in Rani Songkoi upazila.

Belal Hossain, 24, an employee of Shamsul Haq of the village, got poisoned through a wound in one of his hands on February 10 and died afterwards on the day, according to a delayed report.

Shamsul Haq filed an unnatural death (UD) case with local police station.

The victim's brother, Sohrab Ali, filed another case against four people for their alleged negligence to shift him to hospital.



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Andrew L Fawthrop, President and Managing Director of Unocal Bangladesh (left) inaugurated last week a new section of the Red Crescent Maternity Hospital in Sylhet. The Chairman of the Red Crescent Hospital, Ariful Haque Chowdhury (extreme right) was present. The new section with five spacious rooms including a labour room was built last year with Unocal's support to facilitate childbirth and nursing of newborn babies.