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One killed by insane son

UNB, Mymensingh
Aman was killed allegedly by his insane son at village Khoirati in Ishwarganj upazila on Saturday.

Police said Abdur Rahim hit his father Abdus Sobhan, 75, with a sharp weapon when he tried to resist him (Rahim) from ransacking furniture.

Abdus Sobhan died on way to upazila health complex. Police arrested Rahim.

Contractor abducted

UNB, Kushtia
A contractor was abducted for 5 lakh taka ransom at village Adabaria in Kumarkhali upazila on Friday.

Locals said a gang of miscreants numbering 22 swooped on the house of Amzad Hossain, 45, and abducted him at gunpoint. They also threatened to kill him if his family failed to give 5 lakh taka as ransom within seven days. Police could not rescue him till Saturday.

One arrested with gun

UNB, Munshiganj
A man was arrested along with arms from Patabhog union in Srinagar upazila on Thursday.

Police said they arrested Bahar Sikder along with a gun during the election in the union. A case was filed in this connection.

Physicians' work stoppage at Burirchong in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

Physicians of Burirchong Upazila Health Complex observed work stoppage on Saturday morning.

They were protesting the incident of injuring one of their colleagues by a group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists.

The doctors alleged that the activists led by upazila JCD general secretary Zamal Hossain attacked Dr Ashish Kumar Das as he refused to give certificates as per their demand on Friday night.

The activists beat Dr Ashish and hit him with a sharp weapon, they said.

Health Complex sources said the doctors withdrew their work stoppage at noon after a meeting with high officials including Additional Deputy Commissioner SM Faisal and upazila nirbahi officer (UNO).

The district Bangladesh medical Association (BMA) authorities demanded arrest and exemplary punishment to the hooligans. Local member of parliament (MP) Prof Mohammad Yunus assured the doctors of taking proper action against the attackers.

A noble gesture!**Irish, Bangladeshi relieve four children of certificate case**

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

Because of noble gesture of two gentlemen, an Irish and a Bangladeshi, four innocent children in Magura were relieved of certificate cases.

A story titled, "Innocent Victims of Certificate Case", was published on January 19 this year on the National Page of The Daily Star. It drew the attention of the Irish citizen named Mark Hurley who was on a business tour in Dhaka. He is the sales director of G P Kelso Limited, manufacturers and distributors of men's and boys wear, at Robinhood Business Park, Naas Road, Dublin, Ireland. Reading the article he at once went to the Head Office of BKB at Motijheel, Dhaka and talked to the

officials there. The loan amount was settled at 11,200 taka which he paid on January 21.

On January 22, Mahtab Rahim, a Bangladeshi citizen and chairman of Rahim Aloy Steel Mills, Dhaka paid 10,000 taka to BKB. Both the noble men jointly repaid 21,200 taka. Rest of the total loan was exempted by the bank authorities, officials said. In January 2003 the loan including interest and expenditure of the case stood at 31,561 taka.

The story was that the children's father Nayeb Ali Molla of village Kalinagar in Sadar upazila, Magura borrowed agricultural loan amounting to 10,000 taka from the main branch of Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), Magura on December 3, 1989. The last date of repaying

the loan was December 3, 1990. He failed to repay the loan on time due to abject poverty. He died of hydrophobia in 1993. Before death he repaid 600 taka only. Ultimately four of his innocent children Moina, 9, Chaina, 10, Phool Mia, 12 and Rahela, 14, fell victims of the case as Nayeb's wife Hasina failed to repay the same.

Hasina personally came to the residence of this correspondent and informed him with tears of joy that her children were finally relieved of the loan. She expressed her gratitude to him. The BKB authorities also handed over the copies of documents to this correspondent where it was stated that the four children were totally relieved of the case.



PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

A girl carries fuel wood after collecting it from a jungle at Jafong in Sylhet. Fuel woods are available in plenty in the jungles here.

Housewife allegedly killed by husband

UNB, Laxmipur

A housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband and other in-laws for dowry at village Charchamita in Sadar upazila on Thursday night.

Police said Mahfuzul Islam and his family members beat his wife Shamsunnahar Daizy, 22, when she refused to bring 3 lakh taka dowry from her parents.

The on-duty doctor declared her dead when she was brought to sadar hospital.

Police filed a case against her husband, father-in-law Abul Bashar, mother-in-law Kauser Begum and sister-in-law Lucky under Women and Child Repression Prevention Act and arrested Mahfuz.

Father of the victim Abdul Wahab said Mahfuzul Islam, who married Daizy two years back, used to torture her for money although he took 40,000 taka as dowry after their marriage.

Cold spell affects tomato farming

UNB, Thakurgaon

Tomato cultivation in Thakurgaon has been affected by cold spell that swept over the country in last two months.

The Department Agricultural Extension (DAE) said farmers cultivated tomato in the Bengali month of Ashwin-Kartik in advance as cultivation of aman paddy was

hampered during the season.

Farmers started selling tomato, which yielded 120 to 150 maunds on one bigha of land at the advent of Poush. In the middle of the month leaves of the plants curled due to persisting cold and dense fog.

In this situation, the production hampered seriously. The farmers were unable to realise the production cost.

Farmers in Thakurgaon also brought 62,000 hectares of land under wheat cultivation with an output target of 1.51 lakh.

Of the total, 22,100 hectares of land was cultivated in Sadar, 12,900 hectares in Pirganj, 10,000 hectares in Ranishankoil, 8,000 in Haripur and 9,000 hectares in Baliadangi.

Dacoity in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Bandits injured seven cloth traders in Garudaha Kheya ghat area of Sadar upazila on Wednesday.

They looted cash and valuables worth over 1 lakh taka.

Police said the robbers intercepted the cloth traders of Royganj upazila while they were returning home from Shajadpur bazaar. They looted 52,000 taka in cash and other valuables.

10 including Shibpur UP chairman sued for killing one in B'baria

UNB, Brahmanbaria

A murder case has been filed against 10 people for killing Bijoy Shil.

The accused persons include chairman of Shibpur union parishad (UP) and his family members. Bijoy Shil of village Shibpur in Nabinagar

upazila was killed in broad day light on Thursday. His postmortem was done the next day at the sadar hospital.

Police said UP chairman Nazrul Islam Monsur, his wife Monwara Begum, son Polish and daughter Jonaki have been accused along with six others in the case filed on

Thursday.

The chairman, his wife and daughter were caught by locals while they were fleeing from the area just after the shooting incident. Later they were handed over to the police.

Police said the main accused Polish went into hiding.

Two youths killed by assailants in Bagerhat

UNB, Bagerhat

Two youths were killed by assailants in Fakirhat and Kochua upazilas on Thursday and Friday.

Police said Al Amin Morol, 24, a night guard of a shrimp enclosure and son of Norim Morol of village Saidabad in Rampal upazila was killed at the enclosure at village Shuvadua in Fakirhat upazila on Friday.

On Thursday, Nurul Amin Mollik, 25, was killed by unidentified miscreants at village Dakkhin Mandartola in Kochua.

In another incident, at least 10 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of Sarwar and Manik Fakir over a disputed land in the Mazar area of Khan Jahan Ali Road in the town on Saturday.

Obituary

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Samiul Ahmed Khan Fatik, a veteran language movement activist and local journalist, died of old age ailment at his residence at Pouratola Khan road in the town on Friday morning. He was 72.

Late Fatik worked in Dainik Purbadesh, Dainik Barta, Dainik Millat and weekly Robbar. He was arrested during the language movement on February 21, 1952.

He left behind wife, four daughters and two sons, relatives and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

With the news of his death local political leaders, representatives of social and cultural organisations and journalists went to his house to pay their last respect to late Fatik.

They prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.