

NEWS SNAPS

Woman dies hearing brother's death

**UNB, Rajshahi**  
A woman died of heart attack at Raninagar in the town on Monday night as she heard the death news of her elder brother.

Family sources said Asmani Begum, 55, suffered a massive heart attack as she heard the death news of her brother Aminur Rashid, 60, a former teacher of Sabitri Girls' School. She died instantly.

Accidental death of sawmill worker

**UNB, Pirojpur**  
A sawmill worker was killed when a piece of timber fell on him at Shachia Bazaar in Nazirpur upazila on Monday. The victim was M Mustafa, 33.

Boy freed on payment of ransom

**UNB, Jhenidah**  
A boy, who was kidnapped from village Zugir Huda in Moheshpur on Friday, was released after four days of payment of ransom amounting to Tk one lakh.  
Abducted Zahidul Islam, 5, was freed when his family gave the kidnapers Tk one lakh as ransom.

126 Bangladeshis killed by BSF, Indian intruders in last 20 months

**BSS, Joypurhat**

At least 126 Bangladeshi nationals were killed and 80 others injured by Border Security Force (BSF) of India and Indian intruders in last 20 months, official sources said.

About 50 people were kidnapped and their property were looted from July, 2001 to February, 2003.

Innocent Bangladeshis are being killed along Indo-Bangladesh border violating all agreed norms between the two neighboring countries.

BSF shot dead innocent Bangladesh citizens without any provocation while they were tilling their lands, harvesting crops, tending cattle, fishing or passing through near the zero line.

A number of kidnapped women were raped by BSF personnel and miscreants during the period, officials added.

Relatives of the victims along the northwestern frontiers told BSS that many families were ruined due to killing of lone earning member.

They said BSF troops opened fire all on a sudden on innocent Bangladeshi citizens without any provocation.

In 2001, BSF killed 13 Bangladeshi citizens in July, three in August, 12 in September, nine in October, five in November and seven in December.

In 2002, BSF shot dead three innocent Bangladeshis in January, 11 in February, five in March, four in April, three in May, 14 in June, six in July, seven in August, four in September, five in October, six in November and three in December.

This year BSF killed four Bangladeshis in January and two in February.

In almost all the cases, BSF took away bodies of the dead entering Bangladeshi territory and kept confined the injured inside their territory. BSF always showed dilly-dally attitude to return the bodies causing immense suffering to the relatives.

BDR sat in flag meetings with BSF to get back dead bodies and injured persons. Families of the

victims always got the bodies in mutilated condition.

BDR officials and jawans said they never opened fire on innocent Indians, even after provocation from the Indian side.

"But it is very unfortunate that BSF always did it and killed unarmed innocent Bangladeshi citizens," said one official to BSS.

In the BDR-BSF flag meetings the Indian side always tried to prove the victims to be miscreants, smugglers or anti-social elements which was totally false and baseless.

In the past, BSF always regretted for the killings and assured BDR of stopping recurrence of such incident in future.

But they never kept their commitment, a BDR official said to this correspondent adding they did not pay heed to the resolution of Director General (DG) level meeting of BDR and BSF. In the resolutions BSF was asked not to open fire on innocent people, but to arrest them if they cross illegally the demarcation line."

BDR sources said when they arrested any Indian citizen, they handed them over to BSF at the earliest upholding the values of human rights as per agreed norms between the two forces. Only criminals were handed over to police for legal action.

Pointing to recent push-in bids by BSF, BDR officials said such move by any trained troops are unprecedented. The push-in victims suffer a lot, they are seriously humiliated. It is a violation of Indo-Bangla joint border guidelines signed in 1975.

Talking to BSS, relatives of victims in Rajivpur, Roumari, Nageswari, Bhurungamari, Fulbari, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur and Chapainawabganj expressed their sorrow and anger over killing of their near and dear ones by BSF.

Most of the victims were day-labourers, fishermen and poor farmers, they said to BSS. They have appealed to international human rights organisations to look into the matter.



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New Colonel Commandant of the Artillery Corps Major General A N M Muniruzzaman is being adorned with the rank badge of Colonel Commandant at an investiture ceremony at Artillery Centre and School, Halishahar, Chittagong on March 8.

Power supply snapped in Jhenidah

Nor'wester kills one in Magura

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura**

Nor'wester lashed Magura and Jhenidah on Friday.

Anor'wester lashed 20 villages in Magura Sadar and Sreepur upazilas on Friday killing a woman and injuring 20 others.

The dead was identified as Malati, 65, of village Boroichara in Sadar upazila. Malati was killed on the spot when a house collapsed at around 12:45 pm. The storm lasted for about 15 minutes.

Nine others were critically injured in house collapse at villages Barunatail, Laskarpur, Rajarampur, Nandalalpur, Atharokhada and Adalpur in Sadar upazila.

They are Borun Kumar, 48, Tarikul 25, Rita, 9, Milton, 5, Akhironnesa, 60, Mazeda, 45, Monindir, 65, Reba Khatun, 50, and Hasan, 40. They were admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital.

At least 80 houses along with standing crops and five educational institutions were damaged. Many trees were uprooted and power lines were snapped in the storm which was accompanied by hailstorm.

The entire district plunged into darkness for about seven hours as 33 KV electric tower in Gopalpur area collapsed.

Power supply in Sreepur upazila was yet to be restored till filing of this report on Saturday afternoon.

Two other injured Asma Khatun, 17, and Tipu, 22, were injured by

lightning during the storm. They were also admitted to sadar hospital.

**Our Jhenidah correspondent reports:** About 14 persons were injured, one of them critically, in a tornado that swept over Jhenidah Sadar, Sailkupa, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Moheshpur upazilas on Friday afternoon.

Critically injured Mohabbat Ali was rushed to Magura Sadar Hospital, while others were undergoing treatment at Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

The tornado broke two towers of Power Development Board (PDB) resulting in disruption of power supply in Jhenidah, Sailkupa and Harinakundu upazilas for several hours.

The affected villages are Naidaga, Suat, Dogachhi, Ghorsal, Fursundi, Harisankarpur, Narikelbaria, Padmakar, Porahati, Kalicharanpur in Jhenidah Sadar and some parts of Nityanadapur and Abaipur unions of Sailkupa and Harinakundu upazilas.

Tin sheds of Narikelbaria police camp, Dogachhi High School, Dhananjoypur High School were blown away. Eleven houses of Azibar Mandal of village Kangshi in Jhenidah Sadar were totally damaged.

Banana plants on 27 bighas of land of a farmer, Shahdat Hossain of village Madhupur were razed to the ground.



Japanese Rover Scouts and local Rovers parade the streets at Bagirhat Bazaar in Amtoli upazila, Barguna in a procession to create awareness on different components of primary health care including conservation of nature. Seventeen Japanese Rovers recently took part in a work camp with 200 local Rovers, Scouts and Girl-in-Scouting in six villages of Barguna.