

NEWS SNAPS

Tragic end of mill worker's life

UNB, Munshiganj
A rice mill worker met the tragic end of his life after being trapped in the mill's machine at Mirkadim in Sadar upazila on Friday.

Witnesses said the mishap occurred when the 'lungi' of Siddique, 20, was wrapped with the chain of the mill. He died instantly. Siddique worker of Bismillah Rice Mill in Firingi Bazaar area hailed from Kurigram.

Van passenger killed by pedestrians

UNB, Khulna
A rickshaw van passenger was killed in an attack by a few passers-by following an altercation with them in Dighila upazila on Friday night.

Police said Hemayat Mollah, 35, came under attack by pedestrians when he tried to mediate their quarrel with his van driver. The quarrel ensued when the van suddenly hit the pedestrians while passing Madhupur-Dighinala road. At one stage of hot exchange of words the passers-by hit Hemayat resulting his death.

54 newcomers win UP elections in seven upazilas in Satkhira

ABU AHMED, Satkhira

Many new faces won the Union Parishad (UP) elections in seven upazilas here this year.

Fifty four newcomers were elected and only 21 old sitting chairmen were reelected in seven upazilas.

Thirty one out of 75 elected chairmen were BNP candidates, while 24 victorious candidates belonged to Awami League (AL), six belonged to Jatiya Party, three from Workers' Party and two from independent candidates.

Election to Koila and Langaljhara unions in Kalaroa upazila and Champaphul union in Kaligonj upazila could not be

held due to non-expiry of tenure in these unions.

In Tala upazila, five BNP leaders were elected as chairmen, while three Workers' Party (WP) leaders, two Awami League (AL) leaders, and one each from Jamaat and Jatiyo Party were elected.

In Kalaroa upazila, five BNP leaders were elected chairmen, four AL leaders and one Jamaat leader were elected as chairmen.

In Sadar upazila, seven BNP leaders were elected as chairmen, while four Jamaat leaders, one each from Jatiyo Party, AL, one independent candidates became chairmen.

Tapan murder case

Alleged killer confesses to raping 2 women in Bagerhat

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A killer suspect has confessed before the magistrate that he had raped two female members of a slain farmer in Bagerhat.

Idris Sheikh, also a Jubo Dal activist arrested on charge of killing Tapan Bhattacharya gave his confessional statement to a magistrate's court in Bagerhat recently.

He confessed before magistrate Matiur Rahman that he had gang-raped both the wives of slain farmer Tapan Bhattacharya and his younger brother.

The magistrate recorded his confessional statement under Section 164.

A gang of 15 killed Tapan and raped three members of his family on the night of March 8 at village Komorpur in Bagerhat.

Moazzem Hossain, an expelled president of Bagerhat

Sadar thana Jubo Dal, Harun Sheikh, a Union Parishad (UP) member, Faruque, a cadre of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) and Haider, a BNP activist, were accused in the murder case.

Harun is also the incumbent general secretary of Jatrapur unit of Jubo Dal and an accused in a murder case of 1996.

Mahadev Dutt, a jeweller, disclosed names of the persons who sold gold ornaments, looted from the house of Niranjana Bhattacharya, elder brother of Tapan, on March 8, to him.

BSS reports: Two more accused in the murder case, Anis and Kalu, also confessed recently before a magistrate's court that they had killed Tapan. The two were placed on remand on March 17 and made their confessional statements when they were produced before the court afterwards.

Separate incidents claim five in Habiganj

UNB, Habiganj

Five people were killed in separate incidents in Habiganj in first 20 days of this month.

Police said an unidentified man was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck in Ramganga tea

garden area of Chunarughat upazila on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Wednesday.

On March 17, Selim, 16, a minibus helper died on the spot when the vehicle plunged into a roadside ditch on Baniachang-Habiganj road.

Police recovered the body of

Abdul Hai, 30, from village Andiura in Madhobpur upazila on March 11.

Razia, 4, was burnt to death at village Bokterpur in Bahubal upazila on March 5.

Abdul Kadir, 25, of Boiljora in Nabiganj upazila was run over by a bus on March 1.

HATE CHEATING IN SSC EXAMS



PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

(Top) State Minister for Education Ehsanul Huq Milon talks to female students at Tulatuli High School in Kuakata and addresses a grand rally (bottom) at Patuakhali on Saturday. The Barisal divisional rally was aimed at holding the ensuing Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations in a healthy atmosphere. He visited different educational institutions in Gournadi, Kuakata and Patuakhali as part of his motivational programme to hate cheating in examinations.

Charge sheets one year after incidents

UNB, Natore

Charge sheets of 11 cases including murder filed following political rivalry between BNP and Awami League were submitted on Saturday nearly after one year of the incidents.

A number of Awami League and BNP leaders have been accused in the charge sheets.

Police said 12 people including Awami League leader Zakir Hossain have been accused in the charge sheet in BNP leader Alim murder case and 15 others including BNP leader Aatur Rahman in Awami League leader Dr Aynal murder case.

Leaders and workers of BNP including Boraigram upazila BNP President Ekramul Alam and upazila Jubo Dal President Saver Uddin have been charge sheeted in nine other cases filed for setting fire to 47 houses and looting goods.

BNP leader Alim Mollah was first shot dead on March 28, 2002 in Bonpara. In an instant protest, angry supporters of BNP went on rampage in the locality and hacked Awami League President Dr Aynal to death. The protest continued on the following day by setting fire to 47 houses and business establishments and looting goods.

Both the groups filed 16 cases.

Girl yet to be rescued

UNB, Ithenidah

A 20-year-old girl, who was kidnapped from village Parbatipur in Harinakunda upazila on March 16, could not be rescued till Saturday.

Police said a gang of eight kidnapers came to the village in a microbus and picked up the victim. Police arrested three of her alleged kidnapers Sushanto, Arup, Zayanto and Badsha from Dhaka on Thursday but could not rescue the girl. A case was filed.

Dormitory for female students of Victoria College

UNB, Comilla

A 100-bed dormitory for female students will be constructed at Comilla Victoria College here at a cost of Tk 2.30 crore.

Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain laid its foundation stone on Saturday. Facilities Department of Ministry of Education has been implementing the project.