

## NEWS SNAPS

**Lightning claims 10**

BSS, Joypurhat

Ten persons were killed and 14 seriously injured by lightning in seven northern districts since March 11.

According to official sources, nor'wester with thunderstorm and rain are frequently lashing different areas of the northern region that claimed 10 lives and injured 14 persons during this period. Some damages to standing crops have also been reported from different places.

**One killed by man-eater**

BSS, Satkhira

A man eater tiger killed one person in Kasikata forest area in the Sundarbans in Shyamnagar upazila on Wednesday.

According to family sources, Faruque Gazi, 30, son of Keramat Ali Gazi of village Choto Bhetkhali in Shyamnagar upazila along with his relatives Nesar Ali, Surat Ali and Omed Ali went to Sundarban for cutting Golpata with legal permit. When they were cutting Golpata suddenly a man eater tiger attacked Faruque Gazi and took him away in the deep forest. Later his relatives with the help of forest guards recovered the decomposed body from the deep forest on Thursday.

**Nor'wester claims collegestudent**

BSS, Joypurhat

At least one person was killed and five others were wounded in a nor'wester accompanied by torrential rains and thunderstorms that swept over the northern districts on Sunday.

The victim, Emran Hosain Nipu, 20, a college student of village Purbo-Matapur in Akkelpur upazila died on the spot in a lightning during the nor'wester official sources said. His brother Taherul, 24, Bachchu Mandal, 40, his son Zamirul, 20 and daughter Riva, 8, received serious burn injuries.

**Feni road mishap kills boy**

BSS, Feni

A little boy was killed and 11 others injured in separate road accidents in Feni on Sunday.

Police said, Faisal, 12, was hit by a Dhaka-bound bus near Dudmukha bazaar on Dagonbhuyian-Basurhat road while he was crossing the road. Faisal, son of Md Mostafa of village Eakubpur in Dagonbhuyain thana died on the spot. Local people attacked the bus.

**Two listed criminals held**

BSS, Chittagong

A special team of detective branch (DB) under Chittagong Metropolitan Police arrested two listed criminals from Bagarbil area in Bakolia police station here on March 31.

The arrested were identified as Mohammad Farhad alias Shafi, 28, son of late Badan Mia, and Mohammad Nasir Uddin, 27, son of late Sultana Ahmed of Fatikchari upazila. A contingent of detective branch (DB) of police raided a rented house of Jahangir Alam at Shantinagar residential colony in Bagarbil area at about 2 pm and arrested the culprits.

**Evicted landless living under****open sky**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Hundreds of landless people who were evicted by influentials from the government railway khas land near Sadar police station in Sirajganj a few months ago are now leaving a sub-human life under the open sky.

They informed local journalists that a few years ago they took shelter on the government khas land and constructed kutcha houses where they lived with their family. But unfortunately influentials evicted them from their places in collaboration with local touts.

**21 shops evicted from Ctg port area**

BSS, Chittagong

The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) in a drive evicted 21 out of 50 shops of a market in the restricted area of Chittagong port on March 31.

CPA cancelled licences of 50 shops of the market in July last year for ensuring security of Chittagong Port.

**Two Chandpur SIs given forced retirement**

UNB, Chandpur

Two Sub-Inspectors (SIs) were given forced retirement due to negligence of their duties on Saturday.

The action was taken as per instruction of police headquarters. They are: M Lutfar Rahman, SI of Faridganj Thana who hailed from Noakhali and Shatyendra Kumar Das, SI of Sadar Police Court, an inhabitant of Sylhet.

Besides, Mohammad Nasir of Sylhet, a police constable of Sadar police headquarters, was also given forced retirement early this month.

**Power failure a common phenomenon**

UNB, Narail

Frequent power disruption and fluctuation of voltage are causing immense sufferings to the inhabitants of Narail town

School and college students are the worst sufferers.

Erratic supply of power and load-shedding are also seriously hampering production in mills and factories causing loss to the entrepreneurs.

Abnormal fluctuation of voltage is badly affecting various electronic household materials like TV sets, cassette players, CD players, fans and refrigerators.

Activities in hospitals are being seriously hampered due to frequent power failure and load-shedding is causing sufferings to the patients.

Locals said power goes off after sunset almost everyday keeping the entire town in darkness for hours.

They alleged that miscreants, taking advantage of the situation, are committing various crimes including kidnapping, armed robbery, stealing and snatching.

**Mymensingh growers expect good wheat production**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The farmers of Mymensingh are expecting a good production of wheat this year due to favourable weather.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Mymensingh sources said to this correspondent, a total of 16,000 hectares of land was brought under wheat cultivation with a production target of 35,000 metric tons (MTs) of wheat in 12 upazilas of Mymensingh.

DAE sources said, 1,200 hectares of land were brought under wheat cultivation with a production target of 2,700 MTs of produce in Sadar upazila, 1,500 hectares in Muktagachha with a production target of 3,375 MTs, 2,500 hectares in Phulbaria with 5,635 MTs of production target, 800 hectares in Bhaluka with a target of 1,800 MTs of wheat, 1,000 hectares in Gafargaoan fixing a target of 3,350 MTs of wheat, 3,350 hectares in Nandail with 5,625 MTs of production target, 1,000 hectares in Iswarganj with a production target of 2,250 MTs, 800 hectares in Gouripur with a production target of 1,800 MTs, 1,500 hectares in Phulpur fixing a target of 3,375 MTs of wheat, 1,400 hectares in Haluaghat with a target of 3,150 MTs of wheat, while 800 hectares of land were brought under wheat farming in Haluaghat with a production target of 1,800 MTs of produce.

**Outlawed party activists create a reign of terror in five districts**

HOSSAIN SERAI, Magura

Panic grips Jhenidah, Satkhira, Chuadanga, Khulna and Bagerhat as the outlawed party activists have created a reign of terror in the region killing people and committing various crimes including rape.

Here is a description of their criminal activities from February 5 to March 11 this year.

On the night of February 5, police constables AK Fazul Haq and Abdul Mutalib were stabbed to death by the outlawed party activists near Itagachha police outpost in Satkhira Sadar upazila.

On February 17 night, armed gang of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party shot at Union Parishad (UP) election campaigners at village Kuthi-Durgapur in Jhenidah Sadar Upazila killing five people identified as Jamal 38, Khokon 40, Saidur 38, Ishaq Ali, 38, and

Islam Uddin, 45.

On February 27, constable Shaheb Ali of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) was murdered by miscreants in Khalishpur area.

Traffic sergeant Ariful Islam of KMP was critically injured in a bomb-attack and died on the way to hospital on March 1.

Awami League leader and former UP chairman Bazlu Biswas and BNP leader and renowned businessman Amirul Islam Bakul were killed in a brush fire by the outlaws at Gangni Bazaar in Chuadanga on March 2.

An armed gang chopped to death a farmer identified as Tapan Bhattacharya, 43, and raped three of his family members at village Komorpur in Bagerhat on March 9 night.

Two police constables of KMP identified as Ramesh and Shariful were

killed in a series of bomb blasts by miscreants in Sheikhpara area in Khulna city on March 11 night.

On the same night, two youths identified, as Jewel Rahman, 27, and Asha, 32, were slaughtered by outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party in Ghoramara Bridge area in Chuadanga municipality.

A poll campaigner identified as Nizam Uddin, 50, was shot dead by miscreants at village Baniapara in Kumarkhali upazila of Kusthia in the early hours of March 12.

Another election campaigner was slaughtered by outlawed activists at village Mohishadanga in Jhenidah Sadar upazila on March 16 night.

A divorcee was abducted from village Ghoshgati of Mollahat upazila in Bagerhat allegedly by BNP activists and murdered after rape on March 19.



PHOTO: STAR  
Activists of Islami Shashantantra Andolan parade the streets of Magura town in a protest procession condemning Anglo-American invasion of Iraq. They demanded immediate withdrawal of the invading forces during the procession on March 29.



PHOTO: STAR  
The newly-elected Union Parishad (UP) chairmen of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila wearing special dress took oath from the deputy commissioner (DC) of Moulvibazar on March 25.