

NEWS SNAPS

Housewife raped

UNB, Keraniganj
A newly-wed housewife was raped allegedly by some land brokers at Chunkutia on Monday.

Villagers said the land brokers confined the woman, wife of an expatriate Bangladeshi, in a house as she went to them to buy a plot of land and raped her overnight. Police rescued the woman the next morning and arrested five alleged rapists. A case was filed.

Female human trafficker held

BSS, Satkhira
A female human trafficker was caught by a mob from village Boishkhali in Shyamnagar upazila on Thursday afternoon.

Police sources said the villagers caught red-handed Taslima Khan, 15, daughter of Nur Islam of village Poranpur in Shyamnagar upazila, while she was trying to abduct Shamima Parvin, 5, daughter of Bari Sardar of the same village. She abducted Shamima Parvin giving chocolate when she was going to school and brought her at village Boishkhali in the same upazila. Local people caught her as a suspicious trafficker and handed over to Shyamnagar thana police. A case was filed with Shyamnagar thana.

Three cattle lifters beaten to death in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Three cattle lifters were beaten to death and eyes of an armed robber gouged out by a mob in two separate incidents in Patuakhali and Bakerganj.

Three others sustained serious injuries in the incidents. According to police and local sources, the cattle lifters were beaten to death at village Kasipara of Bauphol upazila in Patuakhali.

Six cattle lifters were passing by village Kasipara with a stolen cow on April 6 night. Being suspicious the villagers challenged them. Then the cattle lifters started fleeing. But the

villagers chased and caught four of them. They beat three of them to death.

The deads were Salim Mirdha, 35, Johidul Gazi, 20, and Halim Gani, 45, of village Adabaria in Bauphal upazila. Police recovered the bodies and sent to morgue for post-mortem.

The other seriously injured cattle lifter was Shajahan, 34, of Kalapara upazila. He was admitted to Patuakhali hospital. A case was lodged with Bauphol police station.

In another incident at village Lochnabad of Bakerganj upazila in Barisal, a gang of bandits raided the

house of Khalilur Rahman, attacked him and another inmate Ikramul Kabir by sharp weapons.

At this stage the presence of armed robbers was announced over microphone from a nearby mosque.

Hearing the announcement, public came out of their houses, caught one of the bandits Sultan Khan, 35, and gouged out both his eyes, while others fled away. Both the injured inmates of the house and injured dacoit were admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH), Barisal.

A case was lodged, while robber Sultan was in police custody.



Amena Begum, an old woman wails, while children and women look for small things amidst the burnt out remains. A devastating fire gutted houses recently at village Shimulia in Sadar upazila, Magura.

JCD leader killing Two arrested in Naogaon

UNB, Naogaon

Two youths were arrested here on Saturday on charge of killing Jatiyotabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Subas.

The arrested were Yunus Ali and AbdulJalil.

Four vie for chairmanship in Comilla municipality

UNB, Comilla

Four chairman candidates are now in the race of Comilla municipality by-poll as five other candidates withdrew their candidature on Tuesday.

Election officials said Awami League (AL) candidates Advocate Golam

Farooq, Masud Parvez Khan, Safiqur Rahman and Mohsin Ahmed withdrew their nominations in favour of the party's main candidate Jasimuddin Ahmed.

10 injured in untoward incident at BAU

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

At least six persons including two students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and four police personnel including officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotwali thana were injured in an untoward incident at the university campus on Sunday afternoon.

Agitated students of the university ransacked the administrative building, office of the vice-chancellor, central laboratory and other places due to non-fulfillment of their demand for reduction of course fees and rectification of semester system at the academic council meet.

The four candidates now in the election race are district Jubo Dal president Monirul Haq Sakku (four-party alliance) Jasimuddin Ahmed (AL), AL leaders Atiq Ullah Khokon and Obaidul Haq Chowdhury Badal (independent).

The post of chairman of the municipality fell vacant as its chairman Kamaluddin Chowdhury died of heart attack on February 12 this year. The election is scheduled for April 28.

Oath-taking ceremony

UNB, Faridpur

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf has urged the newly-elected chairmen and members to work sincerely for development.

"You can play a vital role in changing the rural economy," the minister said while addressing the oath-taking ceremony of the newly-elected chairmen and members of nine Union Parishads (UPs) of Sadarpur upazila at Darbar Hall here on Sunday.

The minister asked the grassroots-level public representatives to be honest while using wheat sanctioned against development projects.

Attack condemned

UNB, Sherpur

Sherpur Journalists' Council has condemned attack on two local journalists by armed hoodlums.

The condemnation came from an emergency meeting of the council here on April 2.

The two journalists - staff reporter of Weekly Sherpur and district correspondent of Navroj Samidul Haq and district correspondent of Ajker Smriti Anwar Sarker Jalal -- were assaulted at Munsir char and Kamarchar in Sadar upazila on March 28 and 29.

PBCP cadres kill fish trader in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A fish trader was gunned down on Sunday night by some unidentified armed men at Adampur of Terokhada upazila in Khulna.

He was identified as Noor Islam. Police recovered his body from Bashuakhali canal two hours after the incident.

According to police, the killers were armed cadres of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP). They abducted the fish trader from a bus at Adampur at about 7-30 pm and killed him at about 9 pm. They raised slogans in the name of PBCP while fleeing after the murder.

On Saturday night, PBCP armed cadres slaughtered Hemayat Kazi and Phul Mian, two night guards of Sonali Bidi Factory at Nagarkandi in Mollahat upazila of Bagerhat.

Police recovered the bodies from a sugarcane field at village Kushlia of Terokhada upazila on Sunday morning.

Leaders of all political parties expressed their grave concern over failure of police super (SP) Mosharaf Hossain to tackle the deteriorating law

and order situation and contain the rising trend of murder in the district.

Rupsha, Terokhada, Dumuria, Digholia and Dakop upazillas in Khulna became dens of PBCP armed cadres, while Batiaghata and Paigachha and Koira upazillas became strongholds of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) parties.

Smuggling of substandard powder milk on

UNB, Naogaon

Substandard powder milk is being smuggled into the country from India through different border points of Naogaon, posing a threat to child health.

The smugglers bring the powdered milk into the country in sacks mainly through Dhamoirhat, Porsha and Sapahar border points. They pile up those in clandestine godowns from where they transport those to various parts.

Lack of rain hampers boro farming

UNB, Moulvibazar

Boro cultivation on Hakaluki haor in Kulaura upazila may face set back due to lack of rain and shortage of irrigation facilities.

Farmers have lost their interest in cultivation as they apprehended a production shortfall in Bhukshimoil, Kadipur, Brahmanbazar, Vatera, Boromchal, Jayfornagar and Joychandi unions this year.

Agriculture office sources said that this year boro paddy has been cultivated on 9,500 hectares of which local variety on 1,490 hectares and high yielding variety (HYV) on 8,100 hectares.

Growers cultivated boro on their land as per target but they are very much anxious due to prevailing drought here.

However, a little rainfall in March brought some relief to the growers, but in absence of adequate irrigation facilities they have been facing problems.

Earning a living in summer



PHOTO FEATURE: HOSSAIN SERAJ

Summer brings an opportunity for many to earn a living through brisk business of mat, hand fan made of palm leave, green coconut and umbrella. (Top left) A trader sells Shitol Pati, a mat used for comfort in this season, while (right) another boy sells hand fans made of palm leaves. (Bottom left) A passer-by drinks tasty water of green coconut which is in great demand now from a roadside vendor and (right) a petty umbrella trader bargains with a client at his shop.