

SNAPS

Man killed in road mishap

**UNB, Comilla**  
A man was killed in a road accident in Chanur area of Sadar upazila on Comilla-Laksam road on Saturday. Police said Maulana Abul Kashem, 40, of Chanpur was run over by a Dhaka-bound bus when he was standing beside the road. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. Angry people barricaded the road for an hour protesting the incident. A case was filed.

Four arrested for showing blue film

**UNB, Narayanganj**  
Four employees of the New Metro Cinema hall in the town were arrested for screening blue films on Saturday night. Police said on allegation of regularly showing blue films, they raided the cinema hall and arrested the employees. A case was filed against six people including the owner of the cinema hall, Sayed and manager Robi.

Robbers loot money

**UNB, Laxmipur**  
A gang of robbers intercepted a vehicle of a pharmaceutical company at Nandanpur on Laxmipur-Royapura road on Wednesday and looted Tk 1.5 lakh. Separate cases were filed.

Five eve teasers arrested

**UNB, Brahmanbaria**  
Police arrested five youths from Brahmanbaria town on Sunday for teasing school going girls. Four of them were identified as Mominul Islam Ashef, 20, Ariful Islam Bhuiyan Arif, 21, Faruq Abdullah Zahir, 19, M Sohel Rana, 20. A case was filed.



PHOTO: STAR

Watermelons and other fruits have flooded almost all the markets of Magura. But the prices of summer fruits are still beyond the purchasing capacity of common consumers.

Summer fruits flood bazaars in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Traders have been doing a brisk buiseness of summer fruits in Magura. Summer fruits including watermelon have flooded different hats and bazaars here. But the prices of summer fruits soared. So, the fruits have turned sour to poor consumers. One watermelon is on sale at Tk 50 to 100 in local markets. Despite high prices, watermelons get exhausted quickly from bazaars. Scorching heat of ongoing summer favours the fruit traders. Traders have imported watermelons from Natore in abundance this season. 'Bungi,' another summer fruit came

from Noapara in Jessore abundantly. Those are being sold in comparatively cheaper rates.

A 'bungi' is being sold between Tk 15 to 40 here. The fruit becomes hot favourite among the consumers of lower middle class and poor people.

24 tube-wells to be installed

UNB, Patuakhali

Some 24 hand driven deep tube-wells will be installed at a cost of Tk 10.32 lakh in Mirzaganj and Dashmina upazilas (UZs).

500 afflicted with diarrhoea in Laxmipur

UNB, Laxmipur

Some 500 people have so far been afflicted with diarrhoea that broke out in Laxmipur in an alarming proportion last week.

Of them, condition of 75 affected people at Sadar hospital was critical.

Affected areas are Banchanagar, Lamchori, Mojuapur, Abirnagar, Shomserabad of Laxmipur Pourashava (municipality), Laharkandi, Char Ruhita, Charmondol, Bhanga Khan, Char Monsha, Mohadevpur, Birahimpur of Sadar uapzila, Char Kadira, Charfolcon, Char Jahangalia, Char Lawrence, Koroitola, Char Alekgandar, Borokheri, Char Romiz of Ramgati uapzila, Denayatour, Bamni of Roypur upazila.

Two outlaws killed in shoot-out with police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two outlaws were killed in Khulna on Sunday.

One was killed in a shoot-out with police and the other by rivals. Shahidul Islam Sabuj, 26, was killed while exchanging gunshots with patrol police at about 11:45pm on Saturday at village Chandanpur in Rupsha upazila, Khulna.

In another incident, armed cadres of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) killed an armed cadre of Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) at village Natundia. Police identified him as Anadi Das, 38.

Five constables came under attack as soon as they entered a fish farm where Sabuj was hiding along with his accomplices. Police replied over 30 rounds of gun shots killing the outlaw and injuring two, who managed to flee.

There were six other outlaws who were engaged in 30-minute shoot-out. But they took to their heels soon after their leader was killed.

The officer-in-charge (OC) of Rupsha thana confirmed that Sabuj was the leader of 'Sabuj Bahini', linked to Rashid faction of outlawed PBCP. He was wanted in several cases including murders.

12 extortionists arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Twelve extortionists were arrested from village Kumira in Tala upazila on April 5.

The arrested persons were Halim, 21, Abdul Ahad, 25, Kalam, 22, Shafiqui, 22, Mohsin, 30, Shah Alam, 20, Anisur Rahman, 20, and A Rahim, 19, all of village Barabila and Shahiduzzaman, 29, Ariful Haq, 23, and Rahman, 24, of village Chowgachha and Khalil, 29, of Sarulia in Tala upazila.

Police said the extortionists belonging ruling BNP raided the house of Abu Talur of Kumira at dead of night on April 1 and demanded Tk 2 lakh as toll. They asked him to come with the demanded money at Kumira temple on April 5. Talur informed police who cordoned the place. As soon as he reached there with a briefcase, the extortionists came to take the money. Police arrested them.

Two youths rescued

UNB, Narayanganj

Police rescued two youths from Tatipara area of Narayanganj town on Sunday noon, three hours after their abduction.

Witnesses said 4-5 criminals led by Amzad abducted Yasin Arafat, 20, and Shahanur Islam in day light from in front of the river police outpost at about 9am and demanded Tk 1 lakh as ransom from their relatives.

Erosion wrecks havoc in Madaripur

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Thousands of families became homeless because of unabated erosion by four rivers here for last 50 years.

The Padma, the Arial Khan, the Kumar and the Palardi wrecked havoc in the entire district.

The Padma devoured a vast tract of land in Nilokhi, Shiryail, Shannashir Char, Dattapara, Kathal Bari, Matbarer Char, Bandar khola and Charjanajat unions of Shibchar upazila.

Seventy per cent area of Bandarkhala union, 60 per cent area of Matbarer Char union, 25 per cent area of Kathalbari unions went under the Padma and the Arial Khan rendering 50,000 families homeless in five decades.

The Padma devoured 23 schools including Madharer Char High School

and Bondarkhola High School. Shariatpur ferryghat faced the threat of erosion. Most of them are now bacing the threat of erosion after being migrates facing several erasions. Twenty to 25,000 farmers of Dattapara, Shannashir Char, Shiruyel and Nilokhi unions of Shibchar upazila were directly affected by the erosion of the Arial Khan in 50 years.

The Arial Khan ferryghat at Dattapara union of Shibchar upazila was shifted several times causing sufferings of passengers.

Utrail hat, a major market in the area faced frequent erosion of the Arial Khan. It was shifted to several places many times.

Panchkhala union in Sadar upazila is the worst affected union in the district.



PHOTO: STAR

Unabated erosion by the Arialkhan River at village Jalalpur in Dhurail union of Sadar upazila in Madaripur.

21 killed in Pabna in 39 days

UNB, Pabna

Some 21 people were killed in Pabna within 39 days till Thursday marking sharp deterioration of law and order.

Police sources said, of the total, two were killed in Bera, three each in Sujanagar and Ataikula, five each in Sathia and Sadar, one in each in Atgharia, Chatmohor and Ishwardi upazilas.

Besides, incidents of dacoity, rape and extortion are on rise causing panic among the peace-loving people.

Police said on Thursday a man was killed allegedly by his friends at village Faradpur in Ataikula Thana.

They said Jabib Mridha alias Buno

Aziz, son of Hakim Aziz died on the spot when his friends sprayed bullets on him. Police suspected that he might be killed over previous enmity with his friends.

Police also said Jabib was wanted in three criminal cases. A case was filed.

Dacoity

UNB, Bagerhat

Robbers swooped on a house at village Kartikdia in Sadar upazila and looted valuables worth one lakh taka leaving the house owner injured on Friday night.

Armed bandits numbering 10/12 entered the house of Netai Chandra Basu, 38, and looted cash and goods.

Three of a family killed in Khulna road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Three members of a family were killed and another was injured when a Khulna-bound truck collided with a Bagerhat-bound tempo on Saturday evening on Khulna-Mongla highway.

The dead were identified as Rashida Begum, 52, Liza, 7, and Hasina Begum, 48.

Liza and Hasina died on way to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH). Liza's mother, Niru Begum, 30, who was severely injured was admitted to KMCH.

Rashida and Hasina happened to be sisters, while injured Niru Begum is wife of Shajahan Shikder, general secretary of Ward No 22 unit of Jubo Dal. Liza was their only daughter, while Rashida Begum and Hasina Begum were Shajahan's mother-in-law and aunt.

The driver of the tempo fled away, but truck driver Lavlu Bhuiyan was arrested from Khulna city. The truck was seized.

Teens rescued while being trafficked to India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel rescued two teenage girls from Karagachhi border in Kalaroa upazila on Wednesday while they were being trafficked to India.

Police arrested a trafficker Ranajit Kumar Dey of Bejpara in Jessore town.

Police said, an organised gang of female traffickers brought Kajal, 17, daughter of Golem Mostafa of Rajapur in Daganbhiyan upazila of Feni and Manika, 18, daughter of Md Alam of village Jhbutigram in Moksudpur upazila of Gopalganj to Kalaroa promising them good jobs in India. The victims were handed over to police.

A case was filed with Kalaroa police station.

Boy killed

UNB, Jessore

A school boy was beaten to death by miscreants in Puraton Kashba Niribili area of Jessore town on Wednesday morning.

Police said a gang of armed miscreants picked up Joydul Abedin Rony, 12, a student of Niribili Primary School, from his house and stabbed him to death in the school compound.