

SNAPS

Man killed by rival

UNB, Kishoreganj

A man was killed in an attack by his rival during a village arbitration at Dangorgaon Kalipur village in Katadi upazila Friday.

The deceased was identified as Chan Mia, 42, son of Jubed Ali. Locals said Dulal Mia hit his cousin Chan Mia with spear killing him on the spot while the arbitration to settle a family feud was going on at the victim's house.

Body recovered

UNB, Khulna

The body of a middle aged man was recovered from near a canal at Nichammo in Batiaghata police station Friday.

Police recovered the body of Shahjahan, 40, son of late Motahar Ali from Bashbaria area under the same thana in the morning. Police said the assailants strangled him. A case was filed with the police.

Workshop on reproductive health

UNB, Kishoreganj

A daylong workshop on reproductive health and gender discrimination was held at Padma High School premises in Sadar upazila Thursday.

District information office organized the workshop to raise awareness among rural people about the reproductive health and other necessary healthcare.

Phensidyl recovered

UNB, Bagerhat

Police recovered 180 bottles of Indian Phensidyl syrup from a coconut-laden trowler on the Putimari river near the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) industrial estate.

The law enforcers, acting on a tip off, raided the area and seized Phensidyl in the morning. The trowler was also seized but none could be arrested.

5 killed by tigers in Sundarbans in four days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Five persons were killed by tigers in the Sundarbans in four days.

Two of them were killed on Friday. They are Yunus Ali Shaikh, 36, son of Hajiruddin of Gabura village and Kena Shaikh, 55 of Sora village in Shyamnagar upazila. They were killed while the were catching fish at Agnijala and Dhanghora canals, police and witnesses said.

Villagers recovered the bodies.

A tiger swooped on Haidar Ali, 33, a staff at Lotabeki forest office Sunday evening while he was on patrol duty. His body was recovered later. The body was sent to his village home in Kurigram.

In another incident on Sunday, Eman Ali, 27, son of Ansar Ali of village Kaikhali in Shyamnagar upazila was killed by tiger while he was catching fish in Hatkata canal.

On Monday, 40-year-old Kafiluddin of Gadura in Shyamnagar upazila was killed by tiger while he was cutting wood in Dingimari area in the forest.

Movement if troops sent to Iraq: Amini

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet.

Islami Oikkya Jote (IOJ) leader Mufti Fazul Haque Amini MP has threatened of movement to "unseat the alliance government" if it moves to send troops to Iraq and recognise Israel.

Amini, who heads a faction of IOJ, also said, "We will not allow establishment of Moududism in Bangladesh".

The government should stop inclusion of Moulana Moududi's books in madrasah curricula immediately. Otherwise, a movement will be launched against it, he said addressing a conference organized by a local organizati in the city on Friday.

He called upon all political parties including the Communist party, Workers Party, BNP and Awami League to stop politics of violence. Awami League and BNP are involved in politics of violence, he said.

"I would not accept the proposal to be a minister", he said.

The function chaired by Moulana Faizul Hasan was addressed by, among others, Ragib Hossain Chowdhury and Moulana Shahinur Pasha Chowdhury.

Judges, lawyers observe

FIR can not be lone component for trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The First Information Report (FIR) can not be the lone adjudicated component during trial.

Pros and cons of a matter should be considered with equal importance before making a judgement.

This view was expressed by speakers at a day-long exchange-of-opinion meeting on, "constraint on applying existing laws to check violence against women", held here on Friday.

Judges of Woman and Child Repression Control Tribunals from all districts under Chittagong

division, judges of district and sessions courts and public prosecutors attended the meeting, organized by Naripaxma. It was held at a city hotel.

Justice AK Badrul Haq of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court was the chief guest at the meeting, presided over by District and Sessions Judge Abdur Rahman Patowary.

Justice Haq in his speech said, as the society as well as thoughts and mentality of people are changing with the change of time. So laws are also requiring changes. It should be done through amendment and explanation of laws by higher courts,

hesaid.

"Rights of women as well as of people can be ensured only in this way," he added.

Supreme Court lawyer UM Habibunnesa moderated the meeting. Naripaxma member Rashida Hossain delivered the address of welcome.

Justice Bhabani Prasad Singha, Justice Anwarul Haq, Justice Harun Ur Rashid Majumder, Justice Shamim Md. Afzal, Justice Rashedul Hasan Patowary, Justice Md Mujibul Kamal and a good number of public prosecutors, lawyers and journalists were present at the meeting.

Prisoner dies at Jamalpur hospital

BSS, Jamalpur

A prisoner of Jamalpur District Jail died at Jamalpur General Hospital on Wednesday.

According to hospital and jail sources, Hafizul, 45, of village Manikchar Dholerpara in Bakshiganj Upazila, was arrested in a murder case on April 28, 2002. He felt sick on Wednesday and was rushed to Jamalpur General Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

His body was handed over to his family after autopsy.

4 outlaws held in Bagmara

A RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bagmara thana police in a drive arrested four alleged outlaws and 29 'listed criminals' on Thursday.

The outlaws were wanted in murder cases filed with different thanas in Rajshahi district, police said on Friday.

The outlaws are Ariful Islam, 35, Mozammel Haq, 28, Shamsul Islam, 35 and Abu Kalam Azad, 32.

Rapists led by brother-in-law!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A teenaged girl was gangraped by her brother-in-law and three of his accomplices at a village in Rangunia in the early hours of Friday.

Quoting villagers, police said Badsha Mia, 30, had been repressing his wife for dowry since their marriage.

On Friday, he and three others went to his father-in-law's house at Gazalia village, tied the poor old man and gangraped his 16 year-old daughter.

A case has been filed against Badsha Mia and another person Jasim, police said.



PHOTO: EAM ASADUZZAMAN

The Nilphamari-Dhaka highway via Kishoreganj is threatened with erosion. The road is only three metres from the Charalkata river at Khokar Bazar in Kishoreganj.

Nilphamari-Dhaka road link threatened

3 Fulchhari villages in Gaibandha devoured

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Three villages in Mollar Char under Fulchhari upazila in Gaibandha district have disappeared due to erosion by the Brahmaputra river, rendering hundreds of families homeless.

In Sirajganj, about 30,000 people are marooned in char areas in five upazilas as Jamuna, Boral and Korotoa rivers continued to rise due to onrush of waters from upstream areas in India.

Nilphamari-Dhaka road link via Kishoreganj may be snapped any moment as the road is threatened with erosion by Charalkata river, a tributary of Teesta, at Khokar bazaar in Kishoreganj upazila, our Nilphamari correspondent EAM Asaduzzaman reported.

The river is only three metres away from the highway.

Forty families in Putimari and Latib Chapra villages in Nilphamari Sadar have moved to safer places.

A body of a young woman was recovered from Kumlai river at Khaga Kharibari village in Dimla on Thursday. Police said the body, with shanka (a traditional Hindu bangle) in both hands, might have been carried by water from upstream areas in India.

The body was cremated on Friday at Nilphamari crematorium after autopsy, police said.

Teesta was flowing along the danger mark at Teesta Barrage point yesterday.

Our Gaibandha correspondent said the three villages devoured by the Brahmaputra are Kazir Char, Uttar Kazir Char and Chithulia Digor. Two primary schools there disappeared.

The Gaibandha-Fulchhari road link may be snapped any moment because a bailey bridge near the Fulchhari upazila headquarter is threatened as more areas continued to reel under flood waters. The Fulchhari market went under knee to waist deep water.

As Water Development Board did not take any step, local people are trying to protect the bailey bridge by dumping earth.

Quoting the local administration, Our Sirajganj correspondent reported that about 30,000 people are marooned in char areas in five upazilas.

More areas in Kazipur and Shahjapur upazilas have gone under water as Jamuna, Boari and Korotoa rivers are rising.

Some under-construction spars are also threatened by the strong current of the Jamuna, WDB sources said.

AL rally against SQ Chy's nomination for OIC post

CU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an Awami League rally in the city on Friday said the person who acted against the country's independence during the Liberation War can not be nominated to contest for a dignified post in the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

The "defeated forces" have again started their activities against the country's interest by making the parliament inactive. This has to be foiled, they said.

The rally, held on the Central Shaheed Minar premises, was organised by the city unit of AL as part of the party's countrywide protests against nomination of

Salauddin Qader Chowdhury for the post of OIC secretary general and alleged remarks against Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina.

People will not tolerate switching off of Opposition Leader's mike in parliament and bad remarks about the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu and his daughter Sheikh Hasina, they said.

Former labour minister and Chittagong city AL president MA Mannan presided over the rally, addressed by among others Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, and AL leaders Kazi Enamul Haque Danu, Alhaj Badiul Alam and Ibrahim Hossain Babul.

Cleanliness drive in Mymensingh

BSS, Mymensingh

A week-long cleanliness campaign, jointly organized by the Pourasabha and the district administration, began in the town on Thursday.

Deputy Commissioner Shafiqul Islam launched the campaign on the Town Hall premises. The function was attended by Poura Chairman Advocate Alnoor Tarek, ward commissioners and government officials.

After the inauguration, a colorful rally was brought out in the town, which was participated by school and college students, NGO workers, government employees and municipal officials.

Abductor gets life term in Habiganj

UNB, Habiganj

A court here sentenced a man to life imprisonment for abducting a girl.

The court handed down the punishment to Badal of Vitkhali village in Sadar upazila for abducting a 16 year-old girl while she was returning home along with her family members on January 15, 1998. Badal is absconding.

Digital exchange

BSS, Bheramara

The Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board has launched a 500-line digital telephone exchange at Khoksha upazila headquarter in Kushtia district.

Syed Mehedi Ahmed Roomy MP inaugurated the exchange recently.

Biogas business !

BSS, Shariatpur

Use of biogas in household work is increasing in the district.

A total of 133 biogas plants have been installed in the district. The plants not only produce cooking fuel to save money but also is an organic fertilizer, which keeps the environment pollution free.

Normally, a plant for a family produces 150 CFT of gas, which costs Tk 11,000, of which government gives Tk 5,000, official sources said.

The country's biggest bio-gas plant is at the house of one Abdus Salam at Pachok village in Naria Upazila, which produces 500 CFT



Holcim (Bangladesh) Ltd, a cement company, organised a seminar titled "Building a hassle-free house" in Comilla recently to make people aware about various aspects of house building. PN Iyer, Vice-president, Marketing and Sales, Shankar Kumar Roy, Manager, Corporate projects, Jasimuddin Khandakar, Manager, Dealer Sales, Gopal Bagchi, Senior Executive, Engineering, GMG Mostafa, Corporate Sales Manager were present, among others.

Channel i not aired in Rajshahi

Wrongdoing by cable operators alleged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Citizens of Rajshahi are deprived of viewing satellite television Channel i for last ten days.

Many citizens alleged that cable operators are releasing ntv instead of Channel i.

When contacted, Alauddin Raju, general manager of Flash Back, a cable operator, said their receiver has been damaged.

He said he contacted Channel i authorities in Dhaka but they are not showing any interest to replace the receiver.

Nazrul Islam of another cable operator -- Al Rashid-- said their receiver has been sent to Dhaka and Channel i will be restored within 2-3 days.

When contacted over phone, System Engineer Hasan Kamrul Rakib of Channel i said as per contract, it is the responsibility of cable operators to procure and maintain receiver.

"Flash Back is providing receiver to other pay channels, but they are showing apathy to this free channel", Rakib said.

When contacted again, the Flash Back GM said he told Channel I that if they (Channel I) do not provide receiver, his company would release other TV channel.

Whatever may be the case, Flash Back is duty bound to release Channel I, some customers commented.



A meeting of the coordination committee implementing the Habiganj Healthy Town Programme was held at Habiganj Pourasabha on Wednesday to review its activities. Municipality Chairman Shaheed Uddin Chowdhury presided over the meeting while project officer of WHO Tapan Kumar Nath was the chief guest.