

SNAPS

696 sacks of Indian sugar seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) on Saturday seized 696 sacks of illegal Indian sugar from four trucks in the town.

BDR also arrested one person. First of all BDR seized 252 sacks of sugar from a truck on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Chowddagram on Saturday morning. Then 236 sacks of sugar were seized from a truck in Kalirbazar area.

Afterwards, BDR seized 239 sacks of smuggled sugar from another truck in Lalmai area of Sadar upazila. The fourth truck with 205 sacks of sugar was seized from Suaganj area.

2 killed, 12 hurt in Mymensingh land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh At least two persons were killed and 12 others injured, six of them seriously in a clash over land dispute between two rival groups at village Char Jaikhana in Khaghdahor union, on the outskirts of the district town on Sunday.

The victims were identified as Hormoj, 60, and his son Shabiquil, 25. Police said a land dispute between Hormoj and his rivals caused the clash.

Of the injured, Motaleeb, 50, Saidur, 18, Shaheed, 20, Sultan, 35, Jamiruddin 70 and Akbar, 70 were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) with critical injuries.

Later, police arrested Sultan, Jamir Uddin and Akbar from MMCH for their alleged involvement in the killings.

The bodies were sent to MMCH morgue for autopsy. A case was lodged in this regard.

Arrest of 11 BCP cadres

Outlaws threaten to blow up thana, kill OC in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) has given 'death threat' to Ashraful Islam, officer-in-charge of Phultala thana, for arresting its 'regional leader' Faruque Molla along with ten cadres including a young woman from Tarapur village in Narail sadar upazila in the early hours of Saturday.

BCP has also threatened to 'blow up' Phultala thana because of the OC's failure to get the arrested person released on bail.

The threats were made over mobile phone on Saturday, accord-

ing to the OC.

Security in the police station has been tightened following the threats, he said.

BCP's ringleader Faruque Molla, 35, his wife Mahfuza Begum, 24, and nine other alleged cadres were arrested during a combing operation led by OC Ashraful Islam.

The nine other are Kashem Shikder, Kalam Mondol, Amin Shikder, Shahid Shikder, Shariful Shikder, Saiful Shikder, Ariful Shikder, Nazmul Shikder and Samad Shikder.

Police also recovered from Faruque Molla a shutter gun and 18

bullets.

According to the OC, Faruque Molla is an FIR-named accused in 20 criminal cases including four murder cases recorded with Phultala thana alone.

Hen contacted, the Khulna Police Superintendent admitted BCP's death threat to the Phultala thanan OC.

The SP said Faruque Mola was being hunted from 'heaven to earth'. Apart from murders, he was involved in heinous crimes like rape, extortion, dacoity and drug trade, the SP said, expressing his optimism about recovery of more arms from Faruque Molla.

Security guard foils bank robbery bid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An attempt to commit dacoity at the Khulna branch of Standard Bank was foiled Friday midnight by the security guard.

According to police, a group of armed miscreants broke the collapsible gate and attempted to enter the bank.

Security guard Abdul Ali informed Khulna thana over phone at the risk of his life. As police approached the bank at the Khulna Chamber Mansion, the dacoits fled away.

A general diary has been filed with Khulna thana, police said.

Shadi murder case sent to DB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

The sensational Shadi murder case was transferred to the Detective Branch (DB) of police on Saturday.

The transfer was made as per instruction of Netrakona Police Super (SP) Sheikh Omar Faruk. Police arrested Rukon, 19, his mother Halimda Khatun, 50, brother Jasim, 23, an friend Rafiqul, 14 on suspicion.

Nihal Ahmed Shadi, 6, son of Sultan Ahmed and a student of Talent Preparatory Homes was missing from his house on Digdair road in Kendua municipality from September 22 evening.

After two days of missing police recovered his body from near Kendura thana on September 24 morning.

Shadi's father Sultan Ahmed filed an unnatural death (UD) case with Kendu police station.

Life to halt for half an hour

All will be on Barisal streets tomorrow to press for Padma Bridge at Mawa

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

With whistles sharp at 11 am tomorrow, all on the city roads will stand where they are and people in houses, shops and offices will come out on streets.

Even students and teachers will leave classes.

People of all ages and walks of life will remain on streets for half an hour, forming scores of human chains in the divisional city.

This unique programme will be observed to press construction of the proposed Padma Bridge at Mawa.

This was decided at a meeting of leaders of all political parties and representative of professional groups, held here on Friday. The

meeting was organised by the newly formed 'Committee for Padma Bridge at Mawa'.

The meeting, held at Barisal Muktijoddha Sangshad office, was presided over by Golam Mawla, convenor of the committee.

It was addressed by, among others, Khan Altaf Hossain of Awami League, Asaduzzaman Khasru of BNP, Md. Mahbubur Rahman Titu of BNP's student wing Jubo Dai, Maniruzzaman Faruk of Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP), Altaf Vatti of Jatiya Party (JP), Md Tipu of 11-Party Alliance, Hiron Das Mithu of Gano Forum, Taufiq Maruf of Barisal Press Club, Nripendra Baroi of College University Teachers Association, advocate Nazrul Islam Rajon of Barisal Bar

Association, Nurul Alam Farid of Muktijoddha Sangshad, Yusuf Ali Montu of Transport Workers Federation, Sheik Abdur Rahim of Launch Owners Association, Golam Salek of Bus Owners Association, Saifur Rahman Miron of Alliance of Cultural Organizations, Anisur Rahman Swapan and Shawkat Milton of Barisal Reporters Unity. The meeting decided that tougher programmes will be announced in cooperation with political parties and professional groups in south and southwestern districts if the proposed bridge is not constructed at Mawa.

Such meetings will also be held in other districts and in Dhaka city in support of the demand, those who attended Friday's meeting said.

25 hurt in AL-BNP clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

At least 25 people were injured, eight of them seriously, in a clash between activists of ruling BNP and opposition Awami League at Rupdah village in Magura Sadar upazila on Sunday.

The rival groups used iron rods, sticks and sharp weapons during the clash that began at around 4 pm.

Local people said supporters of BNP leader Lalon Member and AL leader Abdus Salam clashed over establishment of supremacy in the area.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Seriously injured Ismayeel Azim Munshi, 50, Abdur Razzak, 30, Sabur, 28, Bashir, 22, Iman Hossain, 25, Saifullah, 27 and

Jewel, 18, were admitted to Magura Sadar hospital.

No case was lodged till filing of this report at about noon yesterday.

Teen commits suicide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A teenage girl committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree at Char Gobindapur village in Sadar upazila on Sunday morning.

The victim was identified as Shefali, 15, daughter of late Hormoj Ali, a poor man.

Locals said Shefali committed suicide as her mother scolded her.

The body was hanging till filing of this report at 4.30 pm on Sunday.

Son gets death sentence, father life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Bhola district judge has given death sentence to one person and life term to his father for killing a relative seven years ago over a land dispute.

Farzana Begum gave death sentence to Shah Amin, 31, and life term to his father Nazir Ahmed, 65, of Lalmojon for killing auntie Rahima Begum, 44.

Nazir, his son Shah Amin and his accomplices attacked the house of his brother Yunus Mia during day time on October 24, 1996, abducted Rahima Begum, wife of Yunus and killed her. The verdict was delivered on Thursday.