

husbands

Sunday and Monday

month.

dowry

Debhata thana.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Three housewives were beaten to

death allegedly by their husbands on

Police said, Begum, 26, wife of

Manirul Islam of village Char

Khejurbaria in Debhata upazila was

beaten by her husband on Sunday

night for dowry. She died on the

spot. Later the killer husband tried

to suppress the killing as suicidal by

pouring liquid insecticide into her

Police sent the body to the

Satkhira hospital for autpsy. A case

was lodge with Debhata thana. The

On the same night, Selina Parvin,

23, wife of Mainul Hag of Bhat Shala

village in the same upazila was

beaten to death by her husband for

sent it to Satkuira hospital for

autopsy. A case has been with

On Monday, housewife Rahima

Khatun was beaten to death alleg-

Police recovered the body and

killer husband is absconding.

The Daily Star

Rajshahi BNP leader murder Workers' Party leader, 5 family members arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police arrested a leader of the Workers Party (WP) and five of his family members on charge of killing BNP leader Abdul Hamid

Arrested leader Khwaja Md Abdul Majid, Rajshahi district president of the party's front organisation the Bangladesh Krishak Samity was termed in the case by police as the Rajshahi regional leader of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP).

Immediately protesting the arrest local WP leaders and workers demonstrated on the court premises and demanded his release.

WP politbureau member Fazle Hossain Badsha in a press statement on Monday termed the incident as the

ruling party's bid to blame opposition later slaughtered to death by undereaders for the worsening law and ground outlaws at Ghospara in the city order. In the case, plaintiff Abdul Wases

Lal alleged that Abdul Majid, also

chairman of Jhikra Union Parishad in

Bagmara was the 'main culprit' in the

Police seized the motor cycle of

Five other arrested are -- Majid's

nephews Zahangir Alam Boltu and

Rashed Kabir, Majid's cousins -- Zillur

Rahman and Mojahar Ali Sardar and

Jhikra Union Parishad member Shukur

Abdul Hamid, 52, vice president of

the district BNP and former president

of Bagmara upazila BNP was shot and

Majid and alleged that it was used in the

killing incident

killing incident.

on Sunday evening However, an unidentified tele phone caller claiming himself to be a regional leader of PBCP took the esponsibility of murder.

He said that he identified Hamid as one of their 'class enemies' and took his life at 6.10pm

The victim's family members told this correspondent that Hamid filed at least 10 general diaries to the concerned police stations alleging that he was threatened to be killed by outlaws. "He (Hamid) sought security mea-

sures from police several times for his life safety, but all his appeals went in vain", alleged Mitali, university going daughter of the victim.

Hartal for BRTC service in 3 Sylhet upazilas Supply of stone snapped

the finance minister's commitment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Extraction and supply of stone and sand from quarries in Jaintapur, Gowainghat and Kanaighat upazilas remained suspended on Monday due to hartal there protesting withdrawal of BRTC bus from the Sylhet-Tamabil road.

People of the three upazilas are boycotting private buses and minibuses as private transport owners compelled the government to withdraw the BRTC

The boycott was called by the Brihattar Jainta Samannaya Samity

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A fisherman was kidnapped by pirates on Sunday from Kalinchi river in the Sundarbaus

Shahid Gazi, 24, of Sora village in Shyamuager upazila is now held hostage in the deep forest for Tk 50,000 ransom police said local said.

The Samity held a big rally at the Jaintapur upazila headquarters Sunday. where its leaders said tougher agitation programmes would be announced if BRTC service is not re-introduced as per sentatives

With former Jaintanur unazila chairman Sirajuddin Ahmed in the chair, the meeting was also addressed by political leaders and local body repre



A four-day training workshop on fish and prawn cultivation and its management concluded at Trinamul auditorium, Kashinathpur, Pabna recently. ATDP and Trinamul jointly organised the workshop.

18 kms of Moulvibazar-Dhaka ³ killed by highway repair uncertain

The RHD had invited tender for

On May 3, it gave work order to a

reconstruction of the roads in

Chittagong-based firm for reconstruc-

tion of eight kilometres of the highway

between Moulvibazar and Srimongal

at a cost of Tk four crore 90 lakh and 10

kilometres between Fenchugonj and

The work was to be completed by

But after expiry of the scheduled

period, the firm completed only 16 per

cent of the eight-kilometre road and

one per cent of the 10-kilometre road,

Illegal power crushers make

enforced, they said

The sources said that seeing slow

120 days, RHD sources said when

Rajnagar at a cost of Tk five crore.

RHD cancels work order, plans fresh tender: Contractor goes to HC

September 2002.

contacted.

they claimed

RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI, Moulvibazar

Reconstruction of about 18 kilometre stretches of highways linking Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Sunamgani districts with Dhaka have become uncertain due to a stand-off between the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) and the construction firm.

The RHD has cancelled work order of the construction firm for "not completing the work on schedule" The firm has filed a case with the

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Shyampur Sugar Mill

under Sadar upazila killed his wife High Court challenging the RHD Aysha,25, and their only one son Anwar, 1, and threw the bodies behind action his house at night. On a tip-off police The stretches of the highways are in recovered the bodies and arrested two Fenchuganj, Rajnagar, Moulvibazar, Srimongol, Shayestaganj and

Jagadishpur.

A case was filed with Netrakona police station.

SNAPS

One killed by tiger

A man was killed by tiger in the

24 of Kadamtal village in Shyamnagar

upazila on Sunday went for with

permission from the forest deparment.

him into the deep forest. Later villages

Bodies recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Two bodies were recovered from Satia

village under Sadar upazila on

Netrakona Sader thana police

Police sources said, one person

named Abdul Hasem of Satia village

Evewitnesses said, Motleb Gazi,

A tiger swooped on him and took

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Sundarbans on Sunday.

recovered the body.

recovered the bodies.

Sunday.

Shatkhira

One held, pistol recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Barisa

Police arrested alleged extortionist Roman in the city on Sunday and acting on his confession, recovered a USA-made pistol. Then pistol along with some ammunition was recovered from the house of one Shahin Sarder in Gawaswar area

Police lodged a case against Roman and his absconding associates Shahin, Alamin and Mamun under the Arms Act.

Child roasted alive **OUR CORRESPONDENT,**

A two-year-old child was roasted alive in a fire at village Modna under Damurhuda upazila on Sunday noon. The victim was identified as Sakib. son of Ziaur Rahman

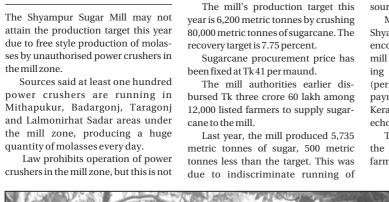
Violence against women

Human chain, rally held in Patuakhali A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Durbar Network, a forum of some NGO's, formed a human chain and held a rally in front of Patuakhalu Press Club on Thursday protesting violence against women.

Hundreds women activist of different NGO's like Adarsha Mahila Sangstha, Suktara Mahila Sangstha, Golap Mahila Samitee, Krishnachura Mohila Samitee look part in the human chain.

Speakers at the rally urged the womenfolk to protest violence against them. They also called for launching women aware of their rights and laws against their violation.



power crushers in the mill zone, the sources said.

pace of work, RHD had issued a notice

to the firm to complete the work on

scheduled. But they did not gear up the

for more time to complete the work.

But it failed to enclose bank guarantee

against the prayer as per rule. So the

contract with the firm was cancelled,

they said. Now RHD is planning to float

The Managing Director of the firm

told journalists that RHD cancelled the

contract without legal procedure. He

said his firm has the right to get more

time to complete the work because it

has invested money and made some

On the contrary, the firm applied

work, they said.

fresh tender, they said.

progress in the work.

Momtaj Uddin, a farmer in Shyampur said farmers do not feel encouraged to supply sugarcane to the mill because of various reasons includ ing harassment in procuring Purjee (permit for supply) and hassle in payments by bank. Farmers Abul, Keramat, Budu Mia and many others echoed the same sentiment.

The mill officials however denied the allegations. "We have fulfilled farmers' demands", an official said

sugar output target bleak for autopsy

Brother, sister

injured in acid attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

window when they got up from bed to take Sehri. They were rushed to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital and then sent to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital They are son and daughter of

Kidnapped UP member

Fisherman kidnapped for ransom

service

A young man and his teenaged sister sustained serious burn injuries when acid was thrown on them at Pirojpur town in the early hours of Monday.

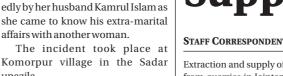
Unidentified miscreants threw

acid on Jahangir Alam, 22 and Morsheda Begum, 18 through the

Solaiman Khan of Chhoto Khalisakhali area in the town. No case was filed till writing of the report Monday evening.

sent it to Satkhira hospital morgue

The incident took place at Komorpur village in the Sadar upazila Police recovered the body and



Later in the day, a discussion meeting on 'Acid Violence in Patuakhali was held at the press club.

The speakers included Press Club President Golam Kibria, Patuakhali Government Women Collage Principal Prof. Nurul Islam, principal of Patuakhali Polytechnic Institute Dr Rezaul Karim, Sawar Das, Jakir Hossain, Sohrab Hossain, Dipali Rani Roy, Mizanur Rahman and Ashok Das.

They said a social movement should be build against violence against women.



released after

torture

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

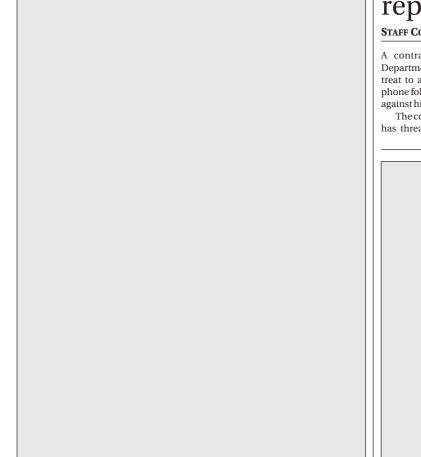
A Union Parishad member from Hizla upazila was kidnapped from the road in Barisal city during daytime on Sunday, tortured and left in a critical condition in front of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Dhulkhola Union Parishad member Abdur Razzak, released on bail on Sunday in an extortion case, was going to his lawyer's chamber with his younger brother Alamgir. A gang of miscreants swooped on them near the Zila School crossing, whisked Razzak into a microbus and sped away.

About two hours later, the abductors left him in front of SBMCH in an unconscious state. Marks of injury by sharp weapon and torture by hammer were seen on his body. He was admitted at SBMCH. Doctors advised for sending him to Dhaka, his family said. Alamgir lodged a case accusing two persons-- Mamun and Munir.

None was arrested till Monday eve ning.

Molasses are being produced by a power crusher at a village in Mithapukur upazila, Rangpur. Large scale production of molasses in the mill zone poses a threat to sugar output in Shyampur Sugar Mills.



Death threat to Purbanchal reporter for corruption news Dainik Purbanchal, Syed Tariqul Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A contractor of the Public Works Department (PWD) has given a death treat to a local journalist over mobile phone following publication of a report against him in a local newspaper.

The contractor, Mostafizur Rahman has threatened the crime reporter of

filing a story on alleged malpractice by the contractor in the construction work of Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) annex building. Syed Tariqul Islam filed a general

diary with Sonadanga thana at noon on the day seeking security of his life.

over mobile phone on Monday for

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