

One shot dead in Jessore

From Our Correspondent
JESSORE, Sept 23: One person was shot dead by miscreants at Ghurulia of Kotwali in the district on Thursday last.

According to police, when Siddik Khan, 40, was gossiping at a shop in nearby bazar in the morning, a group of armed miscreants attacked him. He ran away and took shelter on the roof of nearby school. Miscreants chased him and killed him there.

After this they rushed to Talbaria of the same thana in search of Abdul Gofur. When he was not found at his house, they went to his paddyfield and saw him working there.

Miscreants opened fire at him but it missed.

According to another source, Biplobi Communist Party and Purba Bangla Communist Party were fighting each other to establish their respective supremacy over the area for long.

Deceased allegedly was member of a outlawed party.

Police Super Jessore hurried to the spot. A case in this connection was record with local thana.

One sentenced to life for raping

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Sept 23: NK Chakravorty, District and Session Judge Kushtia, convicted Zahurul Sardar, 21, and sentenced him to suffer life imprisonment on charge of raping a minor girl on Sunday last.

The case in brief is that on September 12, 1995 Farida Perveen, aged 7, daughter of Fara Malitha of village Moslempur under Bheramara thana while taking care of goats in nearby field of her house at about 11 in the morning. The accused Zahurul Sardar son of Moktar Sardar forced Farida to go to a nearby sugarcane field and raped her.

After the incident Farida was rescued in an unconscious state. Uncle of Farida Parveen filed a case against Zahurul Sardar.

Police later submitted chargesheet in the court. The learned judge after examining witnesses found him guilty and awarded the punishment.

Rahim murder One arrested after vigorous hunt

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Sept 23: Hunt for the arrest of the killers of Abdul Rahim member of Kushtia Union Parishad of Mirpur thana who was killed on September 16 at Tallypara square near Kushtia General Hospital in broad day light is going on. In their effort Alamdanga police under command of Ilias Fakir and SI Abdur Rahman on getting secret information geroued a house at Babupara in Alamdanga town and arrested Rafiqul Islam alias Rafiq son of Shorab Uddin of Kursha union yesterday. The house belonged to the brother-in-law of Rafiq where other accused persons in that murder case were engaged in a meeting.

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70-yr old man killed in clash

From Our Correspondent
KISHOREGANJ, Sept 23: A 70-year old man was killed during a clash between two groups of youngsters at village Barua in Tarail thana on September 13 last.

According to the police source, on the day of incident, hot words were exchanged between the two groups of youngsters over the playing of 'keram' game which later turned into a clash. Abdur Rashid, a sexagenarian sustained serious injuries on the head due to throwing of bricks while he came forward to stop the quarrel. He was immediately rushed to Tarail hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

A case was registered with Tarail police station in this connection. None was arrested till filing this reporting.

Two rounded up for possessing illegal weapon

From CHT Correspondent
RANGAMATI, Sept 23: Police has here rounded up two tribal youths including a college student and recovered a motorbike and one sharp dagger from their possession at College gate in the town Friday night, allegedly for possessing illegal weapon and using vehicle unauthorisedly.

Sugati Chakma, 23, and second year student of Rangamati University College and Anil Datta Chakma, 20, a resident of local Monoghor Tribal Orphanage were arrested when they met a road accident. Kotwali thana police said, adding that the motorbike bearing number Rangamati-A 02-0037, they were travelling on turned turtle at College gate area Friday. When police on patrol duty rescued the victims recovered a sharp dagger from their possession, police said.



The photo shows a pontoon at the Sadarghat in Barisal is lying partially submerged which suffered damages long ago. — Star photo by AKM Mohsin

Soyabean can be a popular crop in northern region

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Sept 23: Prospect of soyabean cultivation in north region particularly in Natore is bright and can save huge foreign exchange every year.

According to experts, institutions like Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Bangladesh Atomic Research Institute and Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research have been carrying on an experimental basis in small scale at different parts of the country.

Expert said, soyabean seeds were first imported in 1941 and it took a long time to complete its experiment for cultivation in the country.

An expert in Natore claimed that his attempt of soyabean cultivation in the area was a success.

He said that the production cost is only about Taka 1,500 per acre of land yielding 20 mounds of seed on an average and the price of which is about Taka 12,000. He also added that the crop took only two months time to grow and does not require any fertilizer.

According to the expert, soyameat, soyamilk and husk can be produced out of it. In fact, it is a crop from which extraction of oil and pulse is also possible.

The sources said, soyabean is more profitable for wide cultivation than any other cash crops. It is also a nutritious

food containing 40 to 45 per cent of meat and fish elements. It also contains 24 mg calcium, 690 mg phosphorus, and sufficient quantity of vitamin B per 100 gram.

Despite all the plus points, the cultivation of the crop could not be possible in the region due to want of government patronisation, the sources added.

Abul Kalam Azad of Rashidpur village under Gurudaspur thana has set a record in cultivating high yielding variety of soyabean and extracted oil by crushing it in local oil mills.

Local elite said, the government should take proper plan to cultivate soyabean in a large scale which will also reduce the import of edible oil.

200 fake notes of Tk 500 recovered, two arrested

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 23: Two persons were arrested and a total of 200 fake notes of Taka 500 recovered from their possessions, police sources said.

Of them, one was identified as Ashraf Hossain of village Kurshakhali in Karimganj thana of Kishoreganj district while other identified as Shafiqur Rahman of village Baradham in Laksam thana of Comilla district.

Ashraf Hossain was caught along with one hundred fake notes of Taka 500 by the police from Kishoreganj town on September 10. On the basis of his confessional statement, CID inspector of Kishoreganj, Khandakar Fazle Rahim and sub-inspector of sadar thana, Md. Alauddin conducted a search in the house of Shafiqur Rahman with the help of the local police on September 13 and found a bundle containing one hundred fake notes of Taka 500 in an almira. Police then also took Shafiqur Rahman into custody. Police suspected that both of them were members of an organised gang.

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Siren rang inside jail to curb possible eruption of violence

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 23: Police rang siren inside the central jail to control the prisoners who tried to attack on the witnesses in front of an enquiry team, jail sources said.

The enquiry team was writing statements at around 11 am of some 100 immediately released persons about the tortures and oppressions inside the jail. DIG Prison Sardar Abdus Salam was present at that time Jail Superintendent, Abdur Rouf was taking the statements. Meanwhile, some of the prisoners suddenly came to the main gate of the jail and behaved roughly. They tried to obstruct the enquiry process, jail sources added.

As the violence erupted police rang siren and about 100 policemen took part to control the situation.

City's prominent businessman, Jahangir Alam earlier filed a petition on behalf of immediately released persons to enquire in to the oppressions inside the jail.

Jailor Shiba Sankar Biswas was reportedly transferred in this connection. But he denied and said his transfer was not related to this incident.

Teen-age girl ends her life jumping in front of train

COMILLA, Sept 23: A teen-aged girl allegedly committed suicide by jumping under the Sylhet bound inter-city train Paharika Express on Monday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said, Naznin Khan Mita (16), daughter of Shamsul Haque of village Sundarapur in Burichang thana allegedly committed suicide at Shashangachha rail crossing at 1.30 pm.

The cause behind the suicide could not be known immediately. A case was filed with the police.

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent
FARIDPUR, Sept 23: A housewife committed suicide by lacking poison last Thursday.

According to police source, Kadvanu, 40, wife of Mokter Hossain of village Bhozer Dangi in Nagarkanda thana poisoned herself to death.

Family feud was the cause of the incident.

A case was lodged with Nagarkanda thana in this connection.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 3 lakh seized from Satkhira border

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Sept 23: The jawans of 21 Rifles Battalion recovered smuggled goods worth Taka 3 lakh 41 thousand from different border areas of the district of September 18.

Local BDR sources said, launching separate drives, the BDR jawans recovered smuggled goods from Padma Shakira, Kakdanga, Bhoma, Keragachhi, Rudrapur, Mardra, and Kusikhali areas.

Five alleged smugglers held

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Sept 23: Five alleged smugglers were arrested by the Detective Branch police from Palashpole area of Satkhira pourasava last Thursday.

According to police sources, acting on a secret information, DB police personnel led by ASI Delwar Hossain arrested Anwarul Islam, Saiful Islam, Kabirul Islam, Monowara Begum and Mardina Khatun and recovered 64 pieces of Indian sarres from their possession.

A case was filed with sadar thana.

12-yr-old girl stabbed to death

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 23: A 12-year old girl was stabbed to death at village Egarasindhur in Pakundia thana on September 15.

The victim was identified as Parveen, daughter of Abdul Mannan of village Damarkona in Kapasia thana of Gazipur district who used to stay in her grand father's house of Egarasindhur village.

Police sources said, a goat damaged the crops in a field owned by Halim in presence of Parveen. At this, Halim became furious and at one stage stabbed Parveen in the stomach. She died within a few minutes. The villagers caught Halim and later handed over him to the police.

A case was registered with Pakundia police station in this connection. The dead body was sent to the morgue of Kishoreganj sadar hospital for autopsy.

Refused to pay toll

Young man stabbed

RANGPUR, Sept 23: A young man was stabbed by a gang of extortionists when he refused to pay them tolls at Lalbag area in Kotwali thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said the miscreants stopped Swapna Kumar Guha, 28, manager of a construction firm while returning from the site in a motorbike at noon and demanded tolls. When he denied to meet their demand, the extortionists stabbed him mercilessly.

Some passersby rushed him to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. A case has been registered with the Kotwali police.

Three die of snake bite

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Sept 23: Three persons died from snake bite here at Kadakati village under Assassuni thana during the period of 8 days.

According to eyewitnesses, during the period Abdus Sattar, 55, died when a poisonous snake bit him while he was asleep in his bedroom on September 11.

In another incident, Rahima Khatun, 22, wife of Monayem Mali while sleeping in her bedroom, at dead of night was bitten by a poisonous snake killing her on the spot.

On September 4 Khokon, 12 son of Alauddin Sardar of the same village was the victim of a snakebite while sleeping in his bedroom. At dead of night a poisonous snake entered into his room and bite him. He died on the spot on September 4.

Injured in cracker blast

BCL worker dies in hospital

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Sept 23: An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) succumbed to his wounds in the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital Friday afternoon.

Ali Ahmed, a student of second year BA in the Madan Mohan College and inhabitant of Sagardighar area of the town sustained serious wounds in a cracker blast near his house on Monday night. He was immediately admitted into the Sylhet hospital.

The Sylhet district unit of BCL (S-P) brought out a procession along with the body of Ali yesterday. They blamed the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal for the killing. However, the district unit of JCD said that, the victim died of serious burn wounds which he received while making crackers.

Post mortem on the body was performed in the MAG Osmani Medical College morgue yesterday. He was later buried in the graveyard attached to the Shrine of the great saint Hajrat Shahjalal (RA).

JCD-BCL clash at Sherpur College

SHERPUR, Sept 23: At least five activists of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) were injured in a clash with BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at the Sherpur College today, reports UNB.

One of the injured was admitted to the Sadar Hospital.

The authorities declared the college closed for three days to avert further trouble.

Witnesses said the clash began in the afternoon when activists of the rival groups, in their bid for establishing supremacy, held rallies and brought out processions ahead of the October 14 students union election of the college.

The two sides used 'ram dao', hockey sticks and brick bats during the clash that left five BCL activists injured.

Later, the BCL activists demanded withdrawal of a teacher from the committee, formed to conduct the students union election. But the College Principal rejected their demand.

Later, BCL activists reportedly ransacked the office of the principal and the teachers' room.

In the afternoon, they also ransacked the local BNP office. The College Principal lodged an FIR with the local police.

Murder attempt on housewife: No one arrested yet in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 23: Police failed to arrest the accused who opened fire on a housewife at village Jhaudia in Sailkupa thana of the district on August 20 last, it was alleged.

According to reports, Jahura Khatun, 28, daughter of Azibar Seikh received bullet in her eye at about 1 pm. Jahura was taking food, family sources said.

She was rushed to Sailkupa thana health complex and then referred to Jhenidah sadar hospital.

Azibar Seikh, the father of the victim, said that his daughter was innocent. Ketare, an alleged smuggler, entered his house and opened fire on Jahura without any instigation. Later he hardly managed to refer his daughter to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital to remove the bullet as the physicians of Jhenidah hospital could not remove the same.

Local people said that the accused persons are frequenting the locality and allegedly threatening the family members of the victim. When contacted, the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case said that they could not arrest the accused so far.

One kilogram heroin seized

From CHT Correspondent
BANDARBAN, Sept 23: Police recovered one kilogram of heroin worth about Taka one crore and rounded up the possessor of the contraband from Kharup Bhata village in Alikadam thana of the district in a raid conducted on September 18, according to a delayed official report.

In a tip off, Alikadam thana police recovered the contraband from the house of Hafiz Idris of village Kharup Bhata in Alikadam thana of the district on September 18 last. Bandarbhan police said.

Idris was sent to Bandarbhan court for trial while the contraband was sent to the appropriate authority for chemical testing.

A case was lodged with Alikadam thana police in this connection.

Seven housewives commit suicide in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Sept 23: Seven housewives committed suicide in the district recently.

According to police sources, one house wife Rabita Rani Biswas, 32, wife of Nital Chandra Biswas under sadar thana, Rizia Khatun, 18, daughter of Hasan Ali Moral of village Agaljhara under Tala thana, Nurunnahar, 25, wife of Fazlul Haq of village Naikati and Halima Khatun, 15, daughter of Abdul Hakim Sardar of village Beula both under Assassuni thana committed suicide by consuming poison.

Family troubles may have been the cause of their suicide, police sources said. Four separate UD cases were lodged with respective police stations. In another incident one house wife Amena Khatun, 20, wife Shamsul Islam Gazi of village Mukundapur under Kalligonj thana committed suicide by taking poison recently. Family trouble may be the cause of her suicide, police sources said.

Assassuni thana police sources said, Rokeya Khatun, 21, wife of Abu Hasan of Shovnali village and Taslima Khatun, 15, daughter of Abdul Wahed of village Manipur both under Assassuni thana committed suicide by taking poison on September 11.

The cause of their suicide was not known immediately. Two separate UD cases were lodged with Assassuni thana in this regard.

Two die taking wine, rectified spirit

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Sept 23: Two persons died after taking country made wine and rectified spirit at village Satbaria under Bheramara thana on Tuesday night, hospital source informed.

It was reported that rectified spirit and country made wine are being sold at random at Bheramara Bazar openly. On Tuesday 8 persons of Satbaria village purchased rectified spirit and country made wine from a Homeopathy pharmacy and they took these in excess quantity. Out of eight two fell ill immediately and died subsequently. The victims are: Afzal, 42, son of Md. Hashimuddin Dafadar and Saken, 44, son of Md. Kalmuddin. Besides condition of another two was stated to be serious. They are, Madhu and Akmal, the source said.

It was alleged that some Homeo Pharmacy of Bheramara and other places of the district are carrying out this business for higher profit. Apart from that a particular type of wine and other narcotics are being smuggled into the country from India through border areas of Daulatpur thana. Law enforcing agencies are keeping silent in these respects. It was alleged by the town dwellers.



SYLHET: Chairman, Investors Forum, Sylhet, speaking at a press conference on the feasibility of formation of Sylhet Stock Exchange recently. — Star photo

BCL demands removal of Pabna jailor

PABNA, Sept 23: The District unit of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) demanded immediate removal of local Jailor Mosharraf Hossain and his trial for corruptions, reports UNB.

The student wing of ruling Awami League, BCL, brought out a procession in the town on Friday night in favour of their demand.

Local BCL leaders addressed a rally at Indira Patti of the town after the procession with its president Golam Faruk Prince in the chair.

BCL leaders Sohail Hasan Shaheen, Sidhu Ahmed, Iqbal Hossain and Ahad Noor in their address alleged, Jailor Mosharraf Hossain perpetrates inhuman torture on the arrested people in the jail and he has earned a huge money through corrupt means.

Smuggled goods seized in sudden raids

From CHT Correspondent

PANCHHARI, Sept 23: Police has here recovered contraband goods smuggled from India and rounded up five alleged smugglers as well as seized a jeep in this connection at Kuradiachhara in the frontier thana of Panchhari of the district in a raid conducted yesterday evening. Details of the seizure could not be available as the concerned officer in Panchhari thana was out on duty while contacted the those this morning, however, the officer on duty informed that the seizure included Indian sarres out other contrabands.

In a tip off, the Panchhari thana police chased the jeep on Panchhari-Khagachhara road and stopped it at Kuradiachhara in the thana yesterday evening, the duty officer said.

Team of four doctors visit Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 23: A team of four doctors visited Kushtia on Monday and went to the houses of the patients who have been the victims of arsenic poison by taking water from the tubewells.

They examined the bodies of the patients and took sample of hair, blood, urine etc for diagnosis of the disease. The doctors advised the patients to take nutritious food along with fresh vegetables and to refrain from taking water from those tubewells which have been found to contain arsenic.

When contacted the Executive Engineer, Public Health Department said that the team consisting of four physicians collected several bottles of water from those tubewells which were found to contain arsenic for further examination.

