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One shot dead in Jessore

From Our Correspondent
JESSORE. Sept 23: One person was shot dead by miscreants at Ghurulia or 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 Jessori 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 Parveen, aged 7, daughter of Faru 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 charge sheet 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 Abdur 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 Alandanga police under command of Ilias Fakir and SI Abdur Rahman on getting secret information geroused a house at Babupara in Alandanga town and arrested Rafiqul Islam alias Rafiq son of Sharob 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.

Others, however, managed to escape arrest.

Shahadat Hossain, brother of the victim Abdur Rahim filed a case accusing 14 persons including Rafiq on charge of murder of Abdur Rahim in Mirpur police station on 17th September.

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 youngmen at village Barua in Tarai thana on September 13 last.

According to the police source, on the day of incident, hot words were exchanged between the two groups of youngmen after 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 brickbats while he came forward to stop the quarrel. He was immediately rushed to Tarai hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

A case was registered with Tarai 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.

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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 the cultivation of soyabean 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 pounds 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, soyabean, 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 possession, police sources said.

Of them, one was identified as Ashraf Hossain of village Kurskhali in Karimganj thana of Kishoreganj district while other identified as Shafiqul Rahman of village Baridhara 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 Hossain and sub-inspector of sadar thana, Md Alauddin conducted a search in the house of Shafiqul 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 almirah. Police then also took Shafiqul Rahman into custody. Police suspected that both of them were members of an organised gang.

A case was registered with Kishoreganj police station in this connection. Vigorous investigation are in progress and the arrested persons are being interrogated by the police for finding out the whereabouts of the gang leaders.

As the violence erupted police rang siren and about 100 policeman 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.

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 policeman took part to control the situation.

In another incident, Rahima Khatun, 22, wife of Monayem Malli 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.

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8-point demand Students lock principal's room

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA. Sept 23: Agitated students of Agriculture Diploma Institute, Gaibandha kept the chamber of principal and offices under lock and key since Tuesday for indefinite period demanding their 8-point charter including implementation of academic education, restoration of regular session course of 1993-94 and 1994-95 batches, stop session job that was created from amalgamation of regular course and distant education students.

The students in a press briefing held at their hostel auditorium on September 18 gave ultimatum and threatened to go for greater movement if their demands are not implemented with immediate effect.

Meanwhile, hundreds of admission seekers from different northern districts are returned disappointed unable to collect the admission form.

On contact the principal of the institute told this correspondent that the second and third year students of regular academic session who earlier put under distant education programme was settled with higher authority over telephone but the agitated students could not rely on verbal settlement on the plea, we have bitter experience the authority did not implement any commitment earlier, they added.

Family feed was the cause of the incident.

A case was lodged with Nagarkanda thana in this connection.

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

From Our Correspondent

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

Witnesses said, Nazmin Khan Mita (16), daughter of Shamsul Haque of village Sundrampur 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.

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Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR. Sept 23: A housewife committed suicide by taking poison last Thursday.

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

Family feed 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 Shakha, Kakdanga, Bhomra, Keragachhi, Rudrapur, Mardra, and Kushikhal areas.

Five alleged smugglers held

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA. Sept 23: Five alleged smugglers were arrested by the Detective Branch police from Palashpore area of Satkhira purasava last Thursday.

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

A case was filed with sadar thana.

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