

## NEWS SNAPS

**Attack on Hindu family in C'nawabganj**

**UNB, Chapainawabganj**  
Four people of a Hindu family were assaulted by terrorists at Shibganj upazila bazaar in Chapainawabganj on Tuesday.

Witnesses said Salahuddin, an accused in a number of cases, and his associates stormed into the shop of Ranjit and beat up his brothers Ganga Dutta, 55, Shibben Dutta, 35, Pantosh Dutta and his nephew Bubal Dutta as they resisted them while they were taking away goods from the shop without payment. Introducing themselves as BNP cadres, the terrorists warned them of dire consequences unless they leave the country. Locals alleged that police didn't take any action against the attackers despite repeated complaints.

**Ex-OC of Monirampur faces arrest warrant**

**UNB, Jessore**  
A magistrate court in Jessore issued warrant of arrest against former officer-in-charge (OC) and an SI of Monirampur thana Wednesday as they failed to appear before the court in a murder case.

Court sources said OC Shah Alam and SI Aatur Rahman submitted charge-sheet in the murder case of Jahangir killed by rivals three years ago in Monirampur upazila. Magistrate of the court (Jessore-Kha) Begum Jahanara earlier had summoned the two policemen on two occasions in connection with the trial of the case, but they failed to turn up. Later, the office of the district Police Super informed the court that OC Shah Alam was transferred to Nilphamari district while the SI was receiving training at Sharda Police Training Centre. However, the court issued the arrest warrant against them on charge of contempt of court.

**Terrorists loot houses of minority people**

**UNB, Natore**  
Terrorists ransacked and looted some houses of minority people at village Krishnapur in Lalpur upazila of Natore on Thursday.

Police said a group of terrors led by Samad and Rezaul of neighbouring village Mominpur, following a previous enmity, stormed into the village. Witnesses said the miscreants took away cash, cattle, rice, radio, TV and other valuables and injured 10 people including Santos, Nogen and Prabhata Mondal during the attack. Additional Superintendent of Police Golam Kibria, Lalpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Shamim Al Mamun and OC Noor Ahmed visited the village. Police recovered two cows and one TV set. A case was filed. To avert further trouble and ensure peace and security of minority people of the area, police formed a village defence committee comprising local youths.

**'Kidnappers' remanded in Kishoreganj**

**UNB, Kishoreganj**  
Two persons arrested in connection with the abduction of a schoolgirl were taken into five-day police remand on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Ranajit Kumar Das issued advance warrants of arrest against other absconding accused of the case Masud, Billal and Khairul, and attachment of their moveable property. Miscreants allegedly led by Masud abducted Somaya, Akhtar, 14, a student of class IX of Bajitpur Razzakunnesa Girls High School, at gunpoint while going to school Tuesday. Later police arrested Jahirul Islam and Faizul Islam in this connection. The local court granted five days remand for the two arrested on prayer of Investigation Officer.

**One arrested for fund embezzlement**

**UNB, Satkhira**  
The cashier of Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex was arrested Monday for embezzlement of Tk 7.68 lakh.

Police said they arrested cashier Fazlul Rahman for drawing salaries of the fieldworkers of Family Planning Department for three months (June-August) showing fake documents. In another incident, Shibu Prasad of Joynagar in Kolaroa upazila was arrested Monday for misappropriating relief materials of Red Crescent. Police also recovered CI sheets, rice, pulse, Soybean oil and clothes from his den.



(From left to right) A sugarcane field in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha has been submerged by flash flood while the river Karotoa is about to devour a village situated on its bank near the same upazila.

**Flood situation improves in Gaibandha**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha**

Overall flood situation in Gaibandha continued to improve since October 15.

The flood caused havoc in three upazilas of Gaibandha. The affected upazilas are Palashbari, Gobindaganj and Shaghata.

Last week water level of the river Karotoa increased surprisingly and within two days it crossed the danger mark and flooded the surrounding areas overflowing the bank. A total nine unions in Gobindaganj, 17 villages in Palashbari and 10 villages in Shaghata upazilas submerged by flood water. Standing crops including paddy, sugarcane and pulse went under water.

Overflowing the river bank flood water affected roads, embankments of the affected upazilas.

In Gobindaganj upazila seven unions namely Darbastha, Gobindaganj, Taluk Kanupau, Rakhil Buruj, Shibpur, Nakai and Mohimaganj have been affected badly. At least 200 feet flood control embankment along the river Karotoa washed away by the surging water. Besides, several breaches have developed along the embankment.

Gobindaganj-Ghoraghat highway has been overflowed at three points. Many of the upazila office complexes went under knee-deep water. With sharp rise in water level, erosion also started devastation along the river Karotoa at

Talukkanapur, rendering 120 families homeless. Standing crops on about 3,500 hectare of land have been damaged.

In Palashbari, nearly 3,000 people remained marooned during flash flood. About 17 villages have been submerged after breaching the flood control embankment.

Nearly 300 feet Karotoa embankment at Kishoregari has been washed away by the surging waters. During the period about 150 families rendered homeless following erosion. Standing crops on 1,000 hectare of land have been damaged.

Relief materials should be sent to the affected areas and proper steps should be taken for the rehabilitation of flood victims.

**AL workers arrested while lodging complain against BNP men?**

**UNB, Jamalpur**

Police Tuesday night arrested three Awami League (AL) workers who went to them to lodge complain against BNP men who they said

ransacked a bazaar and houses at Sharishabari in Jamalpur.

Mirza Azam, MP-elect of Awami League, said a group of BNP activists went in a procession to Baushi bazaar at about 8pm and looted homes and shops of Awami League workers. "The attackers also drove out some Hindu inhabitants from their houses after ransacking."

About 18-19 houses of minorities, including that of Bijoy and Haria, were ransacked and finally they were driven out of the area, he said.

Fazlul Huq, a freedom fighter, whose shop was looted, said, "They have left me pauper. I don't know

what my offence is, except their I am an Awami League worker."

Manjurul Islam secretary of AL Sharishabari municipality unit, Mansur Ali and Heera, who went to the police station to lodge complain against the attacks, were arrested.

The protestors said the attackers were led by BNP leaders Abdul Awal and Khoka, accomplices Shaheen and Shamim, nephew of late BNP leader Abdus Salam Talukder.

Mirza Azam, also District AL Secretary, strongly protested the incidents and demanded immediate release of the innocent Awami League leaders and workers.

**Estranged wife killed by husband in Magura**

**UNB, Magura**

An estranged housewife, in her late 20s, who fought legal battle against the husband and won, has been hacked to death, allegedly by her husband.

The body of victim, Kulsum Bibi, was found on October 16 near a pond in the secluded area of village Chaturbaria in Sreepur upazila. Bearing several marks of deep cut wounds by sharp weapons, the body was sent to the hospital for autopsy.

According to relatives, the victim's husband Arab Ali Sheikh, with the help of some hired goons, kidnapped Kulsum from her parents' house on the night of Oct 15. Her body was recovered the following morning.

They suspect that Arab Ali, enraged by a number of cases filed against him by Kulsum, had killed her.

Daughter of poor Mohammad Ali Sheikh, Kulsum, was married to Arab Ali of neighbouring Kushalchhapur village in 1992. Shortly after the marriage, the husband started pressing the wife to bring a

dowry of Tk 10,000 from her father. Failing to realise the money, he used to torture her physically and mentally.

Relatives said that unable to withstand the torture, Kulsum left Arab Ali and sued him in the district court. She filed another case against the husband in the family court seeking 'denmohar' (dower) and cost of her living. The court decreed payment of Tk 40,000 to her by Arab Ali.

Failing to pay the big sum of money, Arab Ali started wooing her sometimes and threatening at other occasions. On September 9, he abducted Kulsum from her parents' house and allegedly attempted to murder her. Managing to come out of his clutches, Kulsum filed another case against Arab Ali in the district court.

This made the husband furious. He hired some goons, kidnapped Kulsum from her father's house and left her murdered in a secluded place, alleged the relatives.

A case was filed in this connection with Sreepur thana. None was arrested till Oct 17 afternoon. Police were looking for the culprits.

**Cattle market in Faridpur needs to be shifted**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur**

Tepakhola cattle market, situated in the eastern side of Faridpur town is in a deplorable condition.

The cattle market is one of the biggest markets in Faridpur. Sufficient cattle are bought and sold in this market on 'hat' day on Tuesday.

But the condition in and around the cattle market is very dirty for lack of proper care by the authorities concerned. The situation becomes bad to worse during the rainy season.

Cow-dung is piled up in and around the market causing much inconveniences to the people living in the area and also to the pedestrians.

Next to 'hat' day it is very difficult to move along the Jessore road passing by the cattle market awing

to bad smell spreading from cow-dung and human excreta discharged in and around the cattle market polluting the local environment.

The cattle market becomes muddy and sometimes goes under water with small rainfall for lack of drainage system in the market creating untold sufferings to the buyers, sellers and cattle head.

Government Yasin College, situated just opposite to this cattle market has been facing much inconveniences owing to the cattle market.

The intelligentsia of the town are of opinion that Tepakhola cattle market should be shifted elsewhere immediately and market-land be handed over to the college authority so that a college hostel may be set up there for the students and to make the atmosphere congenial.

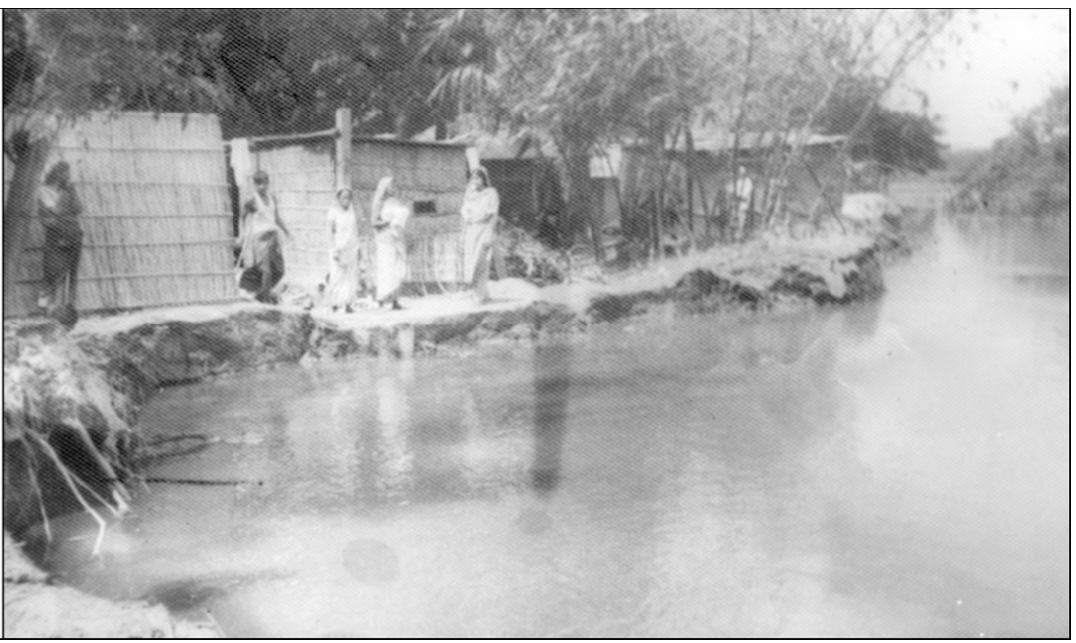


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**Underground extremists active in Rupsha upazila of Khulna**

**UNB, Khulna**

Activities of underground extremists increased in Rupsha upazila (UZ) of Khulna in recent days, local people said.

Miscreants looted valuables worth over Tk 2 lakh from two houses at Kazdia village in Rupsha upazila making inmates unconscious by feeding poisonous substance Thursday night.

Police said a group of organised criminals stormed into other house of Moly Sen at about 3 am and made six inmates unconscious with poisonous substances and looted cash, ornaments and valuables worth about Tk 2 lakh.

Moly Sen and five members of his family identified as Kalpana Sen,

Bijli Sen Bithi, Ratan, Sushil and Ikram were admitted to local health complex in a critical condition.

Earlier in the night the robbers entered into the house of Swapan Barshan's house in the same village and made house owner's son Subol Barshan unconscious by the same way.

As other family members woke up from slumber the miscreants fled the house, police said.

Besides, the house of BRAC employee Drubho Chandra Pal in the same village was looted on the same night. The dacoits took away cash and a charger light.

OC of Rupsha thana visited houses of the victims. Nobody was arrested so far.

Besides, on October 10, bandits

took away cash and 21 tolas of gold ornaments from a house at Machua village of the same upazila.

**Wife of CU dining employee killed in road mishap**

**CU CORRESPONDENT**

Young wife of a dining staff of Chittagong University was killed in a road mishap at Chittagong-Khagrachhari road at Fatehabad in Hathazari thana Monday evening.

The victim identified as Emili, mother of one child, went for marketing alongwith her husband Shahadat Hossain of Forestry Department, when he fell victim to the accident in the afternoon.