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Two get death threat in Natore

**UNB, Natore**  
Two pieces of shrouds were sent to two elite of Gurudaspur upazila in Natore by the terrorists recently.  
The shrouds, packed in two paper cartons, were mailed to Khandaker Monirul Islam, headmaster of Danura High School of the upazila, and Faizur Rahman, a physician of the same area, with a chit inside each carton. In the chits, the unidentified hoodlums warned the two men to be prepared for death, but did not mention the reason behind the threat. A GD was registered with the police.

JCD-BCL clash leaves three injured

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari**  
Three persons were injured in a clash between the workers of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Nilphamari Government College on Saturday.  
Police said the clash ensued at noon when JCD activists attacked BCL workers to establish supremacy in the students' union of the college. Hashem, Akab and Shafiqul were admitted to the local hospital after sustaining injuries. Police arrested Saiful of JCD and Parvez, Bipul and Jalil of BCL. Additional police were deployed to avert further clash as tension mounted on the college campus.

Only 2 firearms deposited in Cox's Bazar

**UNB, Cox's Bazar**  
Only two firearms were deposited to police from seven thanas of Cox's Bazar on Saturday, the last day for depositing illegal arms under general amnesty declared by the government.  
Police said Syed Noor and Sohrab came to Eidgaon outpost and submitted their illegal arms -- a cut-rifle and an Indian revolver. "As our operation ends, we have come to deposit our arms," said the two illegal arms holders while submitting their arms. During the period of the caretaker government, some 300 illegal arms were recovered from seven thanas of Cox's Bazar.

20 hurt in villagers' clash in Manikganj

**UNB, Manikganj**  
At least 20 people including a woman were injured in a clash between two groups of people at village Meghshimul in Sadar upazila of Manikganj on Friday.  
Police said the clash erupted when a group of armed youths beat up Bashu Dev Mondol, 17, of neighbouring Zhukkoria village as a sequel to past enmity. Of the injured Shukur Jan, 48, Ohed Ali, 35, Kausar Bepari, 50, Basu Dev Mondal, 17, Sadev Mondal, 45, Fazar Ali, 60, Malek, 20, Mohor Ali, 45, Shanti Begum, 50, and Hasan Ali, 18, were rushed to the Sadar Hospital. A case was filed.

36 houses ransacked by miscreants in Ctg

**UNB, Chittagong**  
Armed miscreants ransacked some 36 houses at West Noapara in Raozan upazila of Chittagong on Saturday.  
Local people said 20-25 hoodlums attacked the houses and looted cattleheads. They also took away fishes from ponds. As police from the thana headquarters appeared in the scene the terrorists fled away with the booties ending a six-hour action beginning from 8 am, they added. A temporary police camp was set up in the area after the terrorists picked up Amal Chowdhury for informing police of the incident.

Acute scarcity of HYV IRRI-Boro seeds

**UNB, Narail**  
Acute scarcity of high yielding variety (HYV) of Irri-Boro seeds has been prevailing in Kalia upazila of Narail.  
It is alleged that a section of unscrupulous businessmen in collusion with the officials concerned are selling the seeds in black-market at an exorbitant rate, which is beyond the capacity of the poor and marginal farmers. The farmers alleged that per bag of 10-kg BR-14 seeds is being sold between Tk 190 and Tk 200 and BR-28 between Tk 175 and Tk 180 as against the fixed government price of Tk 140. They said the dealers have created artificial scarcity in the market to earn windfall profit. They urged the authority concerned to ensure adequate supply of Irri-Boro paddy seeds at fair prices during the current Rabi season.

Load-shedding makes life miserable

**UNB, Narail**  
Erratic power supply and frequent load shedding in Narail town and its adjoining areas have made life of dwellers miserable.  
Dwellers said power goes off at least eight to 10 times in a day hampering production in mills and factories and even in other small and cottage industries. The owners of mills and factories and shops have been incurring losses due to erratic power supply and load-shedding since long. Students and patients are the worst sufferers. The students cannot prepare their lessons properly as SSC test and school annual examinations are going on in Narail. Anti-social activities are also on rise in the town and adjoining areas after sundown taking advantages of regular power failure. The dwellers have urged the authority concerned to take necessary steps to ensure regular and adequate power supply in the town.



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A group of terrorists led by Rashid Mondal and Azhar Mondal of village Chand Metoani in Belkuchi upazila of Sirajganj damaged and ransacked the house of Hasmat Ali in the same village and looted belongings of the house recently. Inmates of the house sustained injuries. They are still living under the open sky.

Victims of post-polls violence seek justice to Hasina

**UNB, Dhaka**

Sheikh Hasina's eyes were filled with tears as she took the newborn baby on her lap. The baby was born three days after her father was gunned down by terrorists.

The ill-fated baby was brought to the Leader of the Opposition as she was returning Dhaka from Shariatpur on Saturday winding up her six-day campaign against post-election repression.

"I don't know how we'll survive? I don't know how I'll bring up the baby and my two other kids?" bemoaned the baby's mother as Hasina tried to console her.

A pall of gloom descended in the area as several thousands of people gathered at Baro Krishnakali in Shariatpur's Jazira thana seeking justice to the former Prime Minister.

Hasina assured that her party would look after the affected family.

The baby's father, Habib Kazi, used to work in Dhaka and had gone to his village home ahead of the Oct 1 national election. He was appointed a polling agent of Awami League candidate Mobarak Sikder from Shariatpur-1.

But on the election day, Mobarak Sikder said, gunmen hired by the winning candidate there dragged Habib out of the Baro Krishnakali centre and was shot at point-blank range.

Habib Kazi was not alone fell prey to election violence in Shariatpur-1 (Jazira-Palang) constituency.

Advocate Habibur Rahman Munshi joint secretary

of district AL and PP and his brother Monir Munshi were gunned down by armed terrorists at their residence in the town.

As Hasina went to visit the bereaved family, the widows and kids of the victims burst into tears. "It was a carnage," the Opposition Leader was told.

Bullet marks are still there on the ceiling, windowpanes and other parts of the building.

Local people said the attackers on October 5 ahead of the repolling in the constituency cordoned off the house and unleashed a reign of terror killing the two brothers.

The shootout continued for over 90 minutes.

"The SP as well the DC were telephoned as police didn't turn up despite repeated phone calls when a hail of bullets were fired in broad daylight," said a neighbour of the victims.

Earlier in the morning, Sheikh Hasina visited injured party activists at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Biren Chandra, hailing from Chandrashan in Gourmadi showed that both his limbs were broken with hammers by BNP terrorists on Oct 24.

M Giasuddin is undergoing treatment at the hospital as the terrorists on Nov 8 broke his right limb, also with hammers. He hails from Hizla.

H M Abu Sufian is another victim of post-election attacks on AL activists. Terrorists fired at his right limb. He is president of Babuganj College unit Chhatra League.

Four UP chairmen in Moulvibazar seek security of life

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar**

Four Union Parishad (UP) Chairmen of Rajnagar upazila in Moulvibazar are not attending the monthly coordination meeting of Rajnagar Upazila Parishad due to insecurity of life.

The last such meeting which was scheduled to be held on October 31 was not held due to absence of the UP chairmen.

The UP chairmen Md Satir Miah of number 3 Munshibazar UP, Md Azad Miah Chowdhuri (Imani) of number 5 Rajnagar UP, Abdul Kadir Mutalib of number 6 Tengra Bazar UP and Md Sadiqur Rahman of number 8 Monsur Nagar UP wrote letters to the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Rajnagar, stated that the terrorists of BNP are threatening them because they are supporters of Awami League and worked in

favour of AL candidate in the last parliamentary election. They sought their life security to the UNO.

Habibul Kabir Chowdhury, UNO, Rajnagar informed journalists that he had received letters of the UP chairmen and he would take necessary action after the by-election.

Seven chairmen out of eight in Rajnagar upazila are the active supporters of Awami League and all these seven remained absent in the last meeting of upazila coordination committee.

People of Rajnagar upazila have opined that a group of young terrorists appeared in Rajnagar upazila who introduced themselves as BNP men and are involving in anti-social activities. People also alleged that Rajnagar police are silent on the issue of terrorism.

Cloth trader abducted in Sirajganj

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj**

Miscreants abducted a local cloth trader at gunpoint from near Daulatpur village one month four days ago in the early hours of October 6.

According to police and local people, Roshnai, 27, son of Dhony Mondol of village Gopalpur in Belkuchi upazila, a cloth traders was kidnapped by four to five miscreants at about 7 am on October 6 when he was on way to Daulatpur.

The victims family feared that Rosnai's abductors might kill him. A case was lodged with Belkuchi police station.

When contacted, Police Super Nojibur Rahman told this correspondent over telephone that the victim's father had informed him that they found a new grave in Daulatpur area. They suspected that the victim might be buried there by the miscreants after murder.

However, till writing of this report police did not reach the spot.

Fund shortage hampers N'ganj-Narsingdi flood control project works

**BSS, Dhaka**

Narayanganj-Narsingdi Flood Protection and Irrigation Project needs to be completed soon. It is required to develop 28,500 hectares of land for making it free from flood, providing irrigation facilities and lessening pressure of unhealthy urbanisation in the capital.

Director General of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) Muklesuzzaman on Saturday told that the project work was scheduled to start in June this year. But the remaining work of the project could not be started due to non-availability of foreign assistance of US 62.5 million dollars (Tk 350 crore), he added.

The DG said only 4,000 hectares of land was developed with the Japanese grant assistance of US 2.8 million dollars (Tk 130 crore) out of the phase-1 project area of 28,500 hectares in June 1993. The gross area of the project is 45,200 hectares of land as per feasibility study conducted by Japanese government in 1977-78.

The project as a whole is situ-

ated in 25 unions of Ruppangj, Araihaajar, Sonargaon thanas on Narayanganj district and Palash and Narsingdi Sadar thanas of Narsingdi district. The BWDB DG said that in the monsoon season most of the areas are being inundated every year.

Speaking on the project benefit, the DG said the aim of the project is to increase the food production, labour employment and post harvest activities, facilities of road communication and better business environments. These benefits would improve the income structure and raise the economic condition of the people living in the project areas, he added.

The BWDB DG said that urbanisation will take place along the roadsides and other areas of the project.

To prevent random growth of urbanisation, he said, a strip of 300 metre of land on the roadsides has been kept aside for urbanisation and RAJUK authority covers some portions of the project in its master plan.

There is a scope for urbanisation and industrialisation as per

proper planning of the project, BWDB DG said adding that proper environmental impact assessment was also examined.

Speaking on the background of the project, he said Japan Engineering Consultants Company Ltd (JEC) through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JAICA) carried out the feasibility study for the project with financial assistance of Japanese government to develop gross area of 45,200 hectares.

Because of its vastness and necessity of longer implementation period and large investment, the area was divided into two parts for phased development, phase-1 within approximately 28,500 hectares area, he said.

The DG said BWDB had so far implemented a total of 574 flood control drainage and irrigation projects since fifties. Some important projects include Ganges-Kapotakkho (GK), Teesta Chandpur, and Meghna-Dhanagoda and Pabna Integrated Rural Development Project, he said.



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Students of BIT, Chittagong formed a human chain in the port city on Wednesday demanding upgrading of the institute into an engineering university.

