

NEWS SNAPS

Three killed in Jhenidah road mishap

UNB, Jhenidah
Three people were killed and 11 others injured in separate road accidents in Sadar upazila of Jhenidah last week.

Police and witnesses said Iqbal Ali, 40, of village Mohishadanga in Sadar upazila died on the spot and his wife was injured when their bike was run over by a minibus at Dargatala, 2km off the town, on Sunday. In another accident on Nov 15, two motorbike riders were killed and 10 others injured after a speeding bus ran over the bike and fell into a roadside ditch near Dak Banglow in Jhenidah town on Jhenidah-Chuadanga road. The deceased were identified as Aktaruzzaman, 35, and Motiur, 22, of village Kamarkhali in Harinakundu upazila. All the injured people of the two accidents were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Alleged top terror of Benapole shot dead

UNB, Benapole
An alleged top terror of Benapole port area was shot dead in Benapole by unidentified gunmen on Monday.

Witnesses said the gunman riding a motorcycle shot Mizanur Rahman Mizan while he was coming to Benapole bazaar from Gatipara. As he fell down on the ground, the assailants slaughtered him to death and left the scene. Locals said Mizan of Baropata village was the active member of a terrorist group of the port. Police said he was wanted in a number of cases. Police suspect that Mizan was killed following an internal rift among the group. A case was filed.

Forest guards recover body of tigress

UNB, Bagerhat
The forest guards of Sarankhola Range recovered the body of a Royal Bengal Tigress from Kochikhali Reserve Forest in Bagerhat on Tuesday.

Bagerhat Forest Department sources said the 9 feet long tigress died of liver cirrhosis 74 days ago. It was buried near the range office after autopsy.

Jamaat leader chopped to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
A local Jamaat leader and Imam of Mowsura mosque was chopped to death by unknown miscreants at Mowsura village in sadar upazila on Monday night.

The victim was identified as Hazrat Ali, 45, son of late Jamat Ali of village Mowsura. Police said when the victim was returning home from mosque at about 9 pm then a gang of miscreants numbering about five chopped him and he died on the spot. The cause of murder could not be known. A case was lodged with Sirajganj Sadar Police Station, but none was arrested.

BNP cadres threaten 30 Hindu families

Pay Tk 3 lakh as toll or face eviction

ANWAR ALI, Natore

BNP cadres are allegedly threatening 30 families of minority community in Reeshipara village of Boragram upazila in Natore to evict themselves from their homesteads.

If they fail to provide a toll of Tk 3 lakh before the Eid, the BNP cadres would evict the families from the village, dwellers of the village alleged.

About 200 members of the 30 families of Reeshipara are now

passing their days in great anxiety while their mothers, daughters and sisters are in high tension as some of their girls were manhandled by the terrorists earlier.

Most of the families are of low-income group, many are cobblers. They have been facing such threats since the announcement of election-results.

In earlier cases, some of the families paid off the toll of some lower amount. Some had been beaten up for refusal. This is how

the days are going on, told a villager. But this time, he added, following the Eid next month, the terrorists demanded the toll as high as Tk 10 thousand per family.

A businessman of Reeshipara who has already paid off toll amounting to Tk 10,000, told that they had faced much punishment for reporting the matter to police.

Many minority people, particularly girls of the village are fleeing homes.

40 including two cops injured as villagers clash in Pabna

UNB, Pabna

Some 40 people, including two cops, were injured during violent clashes between dwellers of two villages in Bera upazila of Pabna on Thursday.

Police and witnesses said the clashes erupted between the supporters of traders Noor Mohammad Chand Paramanik and Forman Ali Molla of Nakalia Bazaar at about 10am on Thursday in a sequel to Wednesday's row over keeping wood dust in front of Molla's shop.

Witnesses said several thou-

sand people of Hotirampur and Nakalia villages thronged at the bazaar in support of the two traders and locked into the clash.

During the more than 3-hour clashes they used indigenous weapons.

As the situation went beyond the control of local police, riot police were called from the town.

Witnesses said, police fired 50 rounds of bullet in the air to bring the situation under control. But the feuding groups launched attack on police injuring SI Tapas Chandra and constable Hatem Ali.

The two police personnel were admitted to Pabna Police Hospital while seven other people, including Babul, to Bera Upazila Health Complex. Later, Babul was sent to Dhaka as his condition deteriorated.

Many injured people were taking treatment at local private clinics to avert police arrest.

Police said they arrested 12 police from the spot.

High police officials visited the villages and police were deployed in the two villages to avert further clash.

Bank robbery at Pabna: Four held with arms

A CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Four people, including a ward commissioner of Pabna Municipality, were arrested Thursday morning in connection with an armed robbery at the BSIC branch of Janata Bank in Pabna town on Tuesday night.

The arrested four looted about Tk 46 thousand from the bank on Tuesday night.

They are A H M Arefin, commissioner of Ward No 15, Jahidul Islam, Rafiqul Islam Tinku and Yakub.

18 injured as BNP factions clash in Munshiganj

UNB, Munshiganj

A gunfight between rival groups of ruling party men in Deobhog area in Munshiganj town on Thursday left 18 people injured, four by bullets.

Police and witnesses said the clash erupted between the Madbar Bari and Mondal Bari groups over establishing supremacy in the area.

Of the injured, pedestrian Tuhin and Suvra, Ovi and Sanaulah were admitted to Sadar Hospital while the rest were released after giving first aid.

Jhenidah road mishap claims 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Two persons died on the spot and 30 others injured when two passenger buses collided head-on at Naryanpur crossing on Chuadanga-Jhenidah highway Thursday afternoon.

The dead were identified as Abdar Mondal, 45, and Matiur Rahman, 18, of Ratidanga village in Harinakunda upazila in Jhenidah. Of the injured, 12 were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital and the rest were released after first aid.

Police recovered the bodies and were sent for autopsy.

Police seize microbus with dead body in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Police seized a Bogra bound red colour micro-bus with a dead body from Bogra-Nagarbari highway near Kawak crossing in Ullapara upazila and arrested six persons on Tuesday evening for alleged involvement in murder case.

Police said on Tuesday at about 6 pm the arrested persons murdered Nironjon Kumar, 30,

son of Rabinro Nath Dey of Prannathpur village in Shahjadpur upazila and tried to conceal dead body from the spot on board a micro-bus and left Shahjadpur area. After a secret information Shahjadpur police informed all the police stations. Ullapara police challenged the micro-bus at Kawak crossing and arrested the six accused persons who are involved the murdered and seized the micro-bus along

with the dead body.

Names of the arrested persons are Basudeb, brother of the victim, Rayhan, Uzzal, Abdul Momin, Kmruul Hasan and Gopal Chandra. The arrested persons confessed to police about their involvement in the murder. After autopsy at Sirajganj General Hospital on duty doctors said Niranjana was strangled to death. A murder case was lodged with Shahjadpur police station.

Enjoying beauty of nature at Elenga



PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

(Top left-right) A rest house of international standard and gateway to a high standard restaurant. (Middle left-right) Biroti restaurant of JRL Elenga complex and another luxury rest house. (Bottom left-right) Some journalists visit Elenga Tourism Complex and Managing Director of IPSSL, a group of companies, M Haideruzzaman briefs the journalists about the project

UNB, Dhaka

When people get tired of works, their first choice is outing. Dhakaites expect it more as they live in a polluted city. But where will you go to have a breath of fresh air?

JRL Elenga Complex has come up with a good offer. You just call them they will arrange your trip shortly. No hazards, no waste of time. You can enjoy a nice trip and breathe in fresh air along the Jamuna river instead of city smoke.

One can take a vacation for a day or days and stay overnights in beautiful guesthouses of the JRL Elenga Complex, only 10 kms away from the panoramic and lovely view of the Jamuna.

Set up on over eight acres of land, the complex has a sprawling lush green lawn offering traditional Bangladeshi hospitality by its smiling staff.

The fascinating rose garden and amazing landscapes with their swaying trees and tranquil pools are designed to reflect the fresh and natural beauty of the resort.

The complex has five lavish European styled bungalows having all homely modern facilities to give you the impression that you are not away from home.

The foods it offers not only satisfy one's appetite but also appease his or her soul. You can have an open-air dinner in its garden or you can enjoy tennis or go for a swim.

You can view the fascinating moon sitting in one of its gardens. The conference centre it has can accommodate at least 100 people for holding a seminar. There is a gorgeous boardroom too, where 20 executives of a company can hold a meeting.

The Elenga Complex has four cottages Bithika, Priyanka, Protiti and Swati which offer you all comforts apart from safety during your stay.

Sargom is a 10-bed complex designed for a small family or individuals

willing to enjoy the absolute serenity without disturbance.

Sargom-2 is an 18-bed complex, specially designed for students and single guests with limited income. There is a restaurant, Biroti, where one can have traditional Bangladeshi dishes. Bangladesh is called a country of greenery and beauty. It's true that we have beauty but we have little facilities to help people enjoy this beauty. Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, the only public organisation supposed to help arrange domestic tours, can hardly satisfy the tourists.

The corporation cannot meet the demand of the people for arranging tours across the country. So many private organisations have come up to enter into tourism business.

The initiative to set up the Elenga Complex was taken by M Haideruzzaman, Managing Director of IPSSL, a group of companies.

Haideruzzaman said tourism has not developed in Bangladesh compared to many countries of this region.

Citing the example of Nepal, he said 60 per cent of the national income of that country comes from tourism. "Once Nepal used to entertain over four lakh tourists each year," he said.

In Bangladesh, Haideruzzaman said, 40,000 tourists came from abroad last year although we have natural beauty, greenery in our plains and hills and magnificent sea beaches to attract more tourists.

To attract more foreign tourists, we have to ensure their security because Bangladesh is known in the outside world as a country of hartal.

"We have contacts with 4500 international hotels in 150 countries," he said seeking cooperation of the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation to attract foreign tourists. "We want to see how the new government takes measures to expand the tourism industry in the country."

He said JRL Elenga Complex is a property of Jamuna Bridge and they have a plan to provide the people of this region an opportunity to hold big parties, as there is no community centre in Tangail.