

NEWS SNAPS

UP member stabbed to death by robbers

UNB, Tangail
Robbers stabbed to death a union parishad (UP) member at Atia Masudpur village at Mirzapur upazila in Tangail on Thursday night.

Police said the bandits stormed into the house of Anaitara union parishad member Abdul Karim, 50, at dead of night and demanded Tk 50,000 from him. But on payment of money they demanded more, which he refused. At this they became angry and chopped him to death. A case was filed.

100-year-old man commits suicide

UNB, Pabna
A 100-year old woman allegedly committed suicide at Naynamoti in Pabna town Saturday following a family feud.

Locals said Hayatunnesa, widow of Poyan Sheikh, had an altercation with her grandchildren at noon over land dispute. At one stage she went to her room and hanged herself. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed in this connection.

Little girl raped by youth in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur
A little girl was raped by a youth at Singpara in Sherpur town Saturday.

Police said Abdul Hai Kalu, son of Tofazzel Hossain, took the eight-year-old girl to a nearby bush at noon while she was returning home from her aunt's house and raped her. Neighbours of the poor girl, a class I student, caught Kalu from near Chapatoli graveyard and handed him over to police. The victim was admitted to the Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. A case was filed.

AL-BNP supporters clash leaves 30 hurt

UNB, Magura
At last 30 people were injured and a house was ransacked during a clash between the supporters of Awami League (AL) and BNP at Jhagradia village of Mohammadpur upazila in Magura on Friday.

Locals said there was a longstanding rivalry between local BNP leader Hyat Biswas and AL leader Babul Miah over local leadership and establishing supremacy in the area and the clash erupted over a trifling matter. Supporters of both the groups use lethal weapons during the clash. The house of Nazrul Khan of the village was ransacked. Of the injured, Shakur Ali, 24, Azizul, 20, Akkas, 45, Akther Ali, 48, Shaifur Rahman, 28, and Syed Ahmed, 35, were rushed to Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

UP chairman suspended in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari
Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives Ministry had suspended Union Parishad (UP) chairman of Jaldhaka upazila in Nilphamari.

Local Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) said Chairman Azizar Rahman of Shoulmari union parishad was accused in three criminal cases and the ministry, in a letter, put him under suspension. Senior UP member Tariqul Islam was given the charge of the chairman.

Three PBCP armed cadres held in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna thana police on Saturday arrested Tawhidul Islam Shaon, 30, and two of his associates from a house at East Baniakhamar.

Police said Tawhid, Abdul Gaffar and Rupa Begum are armed cadres of Purbo Banglar Communist Party and suspects in Awami League leader Haroon Sarder and KU Treasurer Razzak Sarder murder cases.

They are being questioned by a team of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) officials.

Gunfight over garment wastes in N'ganj: 5 hurt

UNB, N'ganj

At last five people were injured in a gunfight between two rival groups Majdair area of Fatulla thana Tuesday.

Witnesses said the gunfight began in the morning between two ruling party backed groups over collecting garment wastes leaving the five injured with bullets.

Both the groups exchanged gunshots and exploded over 100 bombs in the half an hour-long fight.

Meanwhile, police arrested three alleged terrorists -- Quamrul, 17, Titu, 19, and Saddam, 20, -- along with 16 hand bombs from Panchabati BSCIC industrial area in the afternoon.

Law and order worsens alarmingly in Faridpur

ABDUL MATIN FAKIR, Faridpur

The law and order situation in Faridpur has been deteriorating alarmingly day by day creating a sense of insecurity in the minds of people.

In the last 72 days, 12 persons were killed breaking all records of the past. Besides armed robberies in houses and on highways, snatching, kidnapping, raping, throwing of acid, lootings, extortions, thefts, bomb explosions and clashes between rival groups have been frequently taking place across the district utterly frightening the people.

Of the 12 persons killed up to March 13, four were killed by their rival terrorists, two in highway robberies, three as a sequel to the past enmity, one in land related clash, one domestic help was killed and an unidentified dead body of a young woman was found.

Some conscious people are of opinion that the failure of the administration is the root cause of such unprecedented crimes committed during this period.

A terrorist Mahabub, 24, was shot to death on January 4 beside Ambikapur godown in Faridpur town. Only six day later on January 10, Siraj, 25, a terrorist was killed in bomb blast at local bus stand. A few days later, Labu, 30, a top terror was shot to death by his accomplices at Jamtali in Rajbari.

Another terrorist Nizam, 25, son of Yakub Sheikh of North Char Madhabdia was shot to death on the night of February 20. Abdul Latif, 35, of village Dhutrahati in Nagar Kanda upazila was chopped to death with sharp weapons on January 10. Sukur Kha, 75, of village Madhabpur in

Nagarkanda upazila was beaten to death on January 25, on January 27, police recovered the body of an unidentified woman, 23, of village Dangi in Nagarkanda upazila. On January 4, Kotwali police recovered the body of Sabina, 15, a domestic help of Munjur Kader in Kamalapur area in the town. On March 13, a rice trader Majibur Rahman, 45, was strangled at Dhuldi Rail crossing by highway armed robbers. On February 15, Rahman 45, was killed in an armed robbery committed at a night coach on Faridpur-Kamarkhali highway.

On March 2, both the wrists of Zakir were cut off and publicly displayed in broad day light by some terrorists at Dumrakandi near the town.

On the same day one wrist of Jewel of East-Khabashpur in the town was chopped off by some terrorists.

On March 12, phensidyl trafficker Siddique Sheikh alias Jack was chopped to death at Suvarampur in Sadar upazila. On March 13, Laltu Kha, 28, son of Gobinda Kha was killed when a bomb was thrown on him by some extortionists.

Besides, hundreds of people were injured in terrorist activities, lakhs of taka was taken away by snatching and extortion.

Mentionable here that four private cars and a good number of motor cycles have been stolen from their respective garages in the town since February 12. But police failed to recover any of the stolen cars or motor cycles nor did they arrest any body in this connection.

As a result panic has been prevailing among the car and motor cycle owners here.

Three get life term for murder in Mymensingh

UNB, Mymensingh

A court in Mymensingh on Saturday yesterday sentenced three people to life term imprisonment in a murder case.

The convicts were identified as Asiruddin, Julhasuddin and Soleman and Malidanga village in Fulpur upazila.

According to the prosecution, the three men killed their fellow-villager Abdul Khaleq with lethal weapons in broad daylight on April 26, 2000 following a land dispute.

After examining the witnesses and records, the Additional District and Sessions Judge handed down the verdict.

Young woman sues husband, in-laws for taking nude photo

UNB, Narail

A young woman filed a case with Naragati police in Narail on Thursday (March 21) accusing husband, father-in-law and brother-in-law of giving leadership to her kidnap at gunpoint and taking nude photographs after unclothing her.

Police said the victim in a written complaint denied sexual assault on her as reported in a section of the press.

Parul (not the real name) was married about 10 months back to

Khawaja Molla of village Filfanagar in Terokhada upazila of Khulna.

She said that since the marriage she came under frequent torture by her husband and other in-laws for dowry. She filed a case (No. 28) on February 13 with Jessore Kotwali police under the Women and Child Repression Act.

Her husband and in-laws threatened her life if the case was not withdrawn, alleged the young woman.

She said on Wednesday (March 20) when she was traveling

with her maternal uncle, some people under the leadership of her husband Khawaja Molla, father-in-law Siraj Molla and brother-in-law Hasan Molla accosted them at Laxmipur on Kalia-Chapail road and took them to a nearby garden at gunpoint. They kept her uncle Nuru Mia (husband of mother's sister) tied to a tree, unclothed her and later took snaps by a camera.

Following the case, police arrested her husband Khawaja Molla on Friday (March 22).

Punishment to killers of Raju demanded

CU CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

The left leaning student organisation, Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) of Chittagong University (CU) observed Anti-terrorism Day at the campus recently.

They held a discussion meeting and brought out anti-terrorism procession and held a rally at the campus.

The discussion meeting was held at the Chittagong University Central Students' Union (CUCSU) building which was presided over by Abdullah Al-Mamun Titas, president of BCU, CU unit, among others, Shamshul Arefin Mukul, Saiful Islam Kaiser, Devu Prasad Devu, Shamal Chakma, Prodiph Goash spoke at the meeting.

The speakers told that the killers of the Shaheed Raju were not arrested even after 10 years of his killing. Raju was killed for leading an anti-terrorism procession at the campus, but violence in the campus is increasing day by day. They said that the general students of the campus were hostage to violence on the campus.

They also demanded immediate arrest and quick disposal of the trial proceed.

Moin Hossain Raju, member of the central committee of BCU and Social Welfare secretary of BCU, DU unit and a student of Dhaka University (DU) was gunned down at the DU campus on March 13, 1992 while he was leading an anti-terrorism procession.

Miscreants slaughter housewife

UNB, Barisal

A housewife was slaughtered by unidentified miscreants at village Dakkhin Bagda in Agoiljhara upazila early Tuesday.

The victim was identified as Mukta Khanom, 28. Hearing screams of her kids, neighbours rushed to the house and found Mokta's body lying in a pool of blood.

Police suspected Mukta was murdered after rape.