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Unknown miscreants slaughter farmer

UNB, Brahmanbaria

A farmer was slaughtered by unknown miscreants at Niamatpur at Kasba upazila in Brahmanbaria on Saturday.

Family sources said the miscreants called Babul Paul, 32, out of his house and slaughtered him. Later, police recovered his body from the village with several injury marks. Police suspect that past enmity might be the reason behind the killing. A case was filed.

Teenage boy electrocuted in Jhalakati

UNB, Jhalakati

A teenage boy was electrocuted and another injured by electric shock in Jhalakati town on Saturday.

Witnesses said Rubel Hawlader, 14, was electrocuted while working with a drill machine at a furniture shop. He was rushed to sadar hospital where the doctors declared him dead. In another incident, Alauddin, 14, son of Mojibar Fakir of Razapur area, got serious electric shock while playing with a bed switch. He was admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Rickshapuller slaughtered in Kurigram

UNB, Kurigram

A young rickshawpuller was slaughtered by unknown miscreants at Adarsha Poura Bazaar in Kurigram town Saturday night.

Police recovered the body of the victim, identified as Ador, on Sunday and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. Meanwhile, police arrested four youths -- Rabbani, Shafiqul Islam Fatu, Shah Alam and Azad -- as suspect. A case was filed with police by the victim's father.

Prisoner dies at hospital in Barisal

UNB, Barisal

An elderly prisoner serving life term imprisonment in Barisal district jail died at the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital on Sunday.

The prisoner, identified as Amzad Hossain, 82, of Swarupkathi upazila in Pirojpur, was admitted to the hospital on Thursday with respiratory complications. He was convicted to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) in a murder case. Meanwhile, an elderly woman who sustained burn injuries in a fire incident at Char Pashchim village of Mehendiganj upazila Thursday, died at the same hospital on Sunday. The victim was identified as Mamta Begum, 70.

Freedom fighter 'commits suicide'

UNB, Pabna

A freedom fighter allegedly committed suicide at Gopalpur village at Sathia upazila in Pabna on Saturday.

Local people found the body of freedom fighter Mozammel Haq Chunnu, 55, hanging from the branch of a mango tree near his house and informed the police. He was buried at the village on the same day with state honour. Upazila Nirbahi Officer and local freedom fighters attended the funeral. Meanwhile, a young housewife was electrocuted at her house in Banglabazar area of Sadar upazila on Friday. The housewife Beauty, 22, was electrocuted when she touched a torn electric wire at the courtyard of the house, police and family sources said.

Tigers claim 22 lives in Sundarbans in 3 months

BSS, Sathkira

At least 22 fishermen and Bawalis were killed by man-eater Royal Bengal Tigers" from different parts of Sundarbans in Shyamnagar upazila from January 1 to March 30, 2002.

The fishermen were attacked by the tigers, while fishing in Malancha, Golakhali, Tushkhali, Talpotti, Kachikata, Chunkuri and Katakhal Khal area. The Bawalis came under attack by the tigers while cutting Goran wood in several place of west zone in Koikhali sector in Burigoalini Forest Range in the Sundarbans.

Of the total victims, 11 persons were killed in March, according to Forest Department and police sources.

The fishermen and Bawalis were identified as Nawser Ali, 42, of village Dhumghat, Jamal Hossain, 35, and Sawkat Hossain, 28, of village Patakhali, Gopal Chandra, 22, Fhoni Mondal, 28, of village Horinagar, Shantosh, 35, Horiada, 28, of village Munshigonj, Nawashed, 38, of village Hetalkhali, Azibor Rahman, 28, of village Noabeki, Mohammad Ali, 35, of village Shora, Mosharaf Hossain, 28, of village Datnekhali, Bhontu, 45, of village Munshigonj, Jamat Ali, 40, of village Bhetkhali, Fazlur Rahman, 33, of village Kalinchi, Abdur Rashid, 28, of village Kashmiri, Zahirul Islam, 25, of village Gabura, Liakat Ali, 40, Soleman, 35, of village Shora, Rafiqul Islam, 38, of village Kashmiri in

Shyamnagar upazila, Ebadul Islam, 32, of village Photepur in Kaligonj upazila, Abul Kashen, 30, of village Chandkhali in Paekgacha upazila and Jamal Uddin, 48, of village Modinabad in Koyra upazila.

Later their co-partners and relatives, with the help of forest guards, recovered their decomposed bodies from the deep forest.

Meanwhile, at least 10 fishermen and Bawalis suffered critical injuries by tiger attacks and were undergoing treatment in different hospitals and clinics.

Of the injured Kamrul Islam, 30, son of Jafar Khan of village Gabura in Shyamnagar upazila, survived after fighting an hour long battle with the man eater. He was undergoing treatment in Shyamnagar Upazila Health Complex.

Three more persons of a family Motiar Rahaman, 30, Monjila, 22, and Nur Hossain, 26, of village Munshigonj were injured critically by a tiger attack while they were catching crab in Bagdikhal area in the forest. They were also undergoing treatment in a clinic in Shyamnagar.

The incident of fishermen and Bawalis killing by the tiger in Shyamnagar is increasing alarmingly in recent time. Local public representatives urged the authorities concerned to ensure proper security to the fishermen and Bawalis.

Problems grip Moulvibazar Government College

RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI, Moulvibazar

The normal academic activities of Moulvibazar Government College is being hampered due to various problems like shortage of teachers, shortage of books in the college library, shortage of furniture in class rooms and offices and existing problems in the students' hostel.

The college was established in 1956. In 1980 the college was nationalised. Honours course was introduced in the college in 2000 and 2001 in Bangla, English, Economics, Political Science, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, and Accounting. A good number of posts are vacant in the departments.

The college authorities informed that at present there exists 43

teachers against the demand of 66. Reamaining 23 posts are lying vacant since long.

Besides, 14 posts of third and fourth class employees have been lying vacant. There is no librarian in the college library. An assistant librarian and a library assistant are working in the library on temporary basis. Acute shortage of books in the library is another major problem. Students of honours courses have been facing shortage of books.

There is no female hostel in the college. On the other hand, the existing hostel for male students is beset with manifold problems.

Construction work of a modern auditorium remains stopped due to lack of fund. It remains half done after spending Tk 1.50 crore.

There is no boundary wall in the college. As a result, students, employees and teachers feel insecure at night.

There is no elected student union in the college. The last election was held in 1994.

Some senior teachers of the college are very irregular in attending the college. They attend the college twice or thrice a week. As a result the students are being deprived of studies.

Moulvibazar Government college had a glorious past. But now the college has lost its tradition. Steps should be taken immediately to revive the tradition of the college, opined elite of the district town.



PHOTO: STAR

Passengers climbing on the rooftop of a minibus on Saikupa-Jhenidah road defying government ban on it. Road accidents occur frequently in this route due to this phenomenon. Ultimately many valuable lives are lost. But the authorities concerned do not take steps to check the bad practice.

Boraigram incident similar to Pak atrocity in '71, says AL leader

ANWAR ALI, Natore

"Those who did not see the independence war and Pak atrocities in Bangladesh in 1971, may go to Boraigram to have a look on the pattern", commented Awami League (AL) presidium member Abdul Jalil MP, after visiting the destroyed houses of AL leaders and workers which were set on fire by the BNP cadres on March 28 night in retaliation to killing of a BNP leader.

Abdul Jalil, head of a 7-member parliamentary team of AL to investigate into the Boraigram incident, visited briefly the destroyed houses

at Mohishvanga, Malipara and Sanjhipara villages under tight security measures. The district AL leaders, Adv Sajedur Rahman (president), Adv Hanif Ali Sheikh (secretary), Adv Quamrul Hasan and others accompanied Jalil. "The only difference between 1971 and Boraigram incident lies in the type of attackers ... in 1971, they were Pakistani occupied forces and in Boraigram, they were neighbours belonging to BNP," said the former minister for commerce while briefing local journalists at Natore Circuit House about his visit.

At least 16 houses were burnt to

ashes and an AL leader was killed by the cadres belonging to the ruling BNP at Boraigram in retaliation for killing a BNP leader.

He claimed that the murder of Aynal and attack on the houses were well-designed and part of the ruling party's motive to wipe out AL from the country.

"They (attackers) set on fire houses belonging only to AL leaders and workers", Jalil said.

"The murder of BNP leader Alam is still a matter of investigation whether it was a political murder or a simple murder.

House of ward commissioner candidate set on fire

UNB, Rajshahi

Miscreants set fire to the house of a ward commissioner candidate in the ensuing city corporation election in Khulna on Sunday.

Witnesses said the miscreants torched the house of M Nuruzzaman, commissioner candidate of ward No-1, at about 10 am following previous enmity.

This was the fourth attempt of the miscreants to set fire to the house since Thursday.

A case was filed with Rajpara thana against two people Jalil and Uzzal Ein this connection.

Abducted BNP leader rescued in Khagrachhari

UNB, Khagrachhari

A BNP leader of Manikchhari upazila was rescued after six hours of abduction from Fatikchhari rubber garden area in Chittagong on Friday.

Police said Shamsul Huq Bhuiyan was abducted by armed terrorists at about 5:30 pm while going to Majibhandar Sharif in a passenger jeep.

Police and army personnel rescued him from deep forest.

BNP blamed rival Awami League for the abduction. None was arrested in this connection.

Recognition to nat'l leaders sought

"Any attempt to dishonour Bangabandhu would undo the independence of Bangladesh."

President of Muktiuddho and Ganomukti Andalon (Movement for liberation and people's emancipation) Dr Mohammed Selim observed this recently at a rally at Kazipur in Sirajganj which was presided over by Habibur Rahman, says a press release.

Selim called upon all to give due recognition to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, four national leaders Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, M Mansur Ali, A H M Kamruzzaman, Commander-in-Chief of the Liberation War in '71 General M A G Osmani, Major General Ziaur Rahman and others who played a key role in the liberation war for an end to all the controversies of the liberation war in 1971.

Selim addressed another rally in Gaibandha which was presided over by Moulana Akhteruzzaman. He was accompanied by the central leaders of the organisation including the central publicity secretary, Md Anwarul Islam.



PHOTO: STAR

Processionists parade the streets of Mymensingh town on the occasion of World TB Day-2000. Civil Surgeon Office, Mymensingh and Damien Foundation jointly arranged the procession recently. This year's theme was Stop TB: Fight Poverty.