

NEWS SNAPS

Housewife 'slaughtered' by husband

UNB, Brahmanbaria
A housewife was slaughtered allegedly by her husband at Chanderchar village at Nabnagar upazila in Brahmanbaria Monday.

Police said Ayub Ali, 35, killed Rahima Akther, 22, a mother of three children, following a family feud. Rahima was asleep when she was slaughtered. Police arrested Ayub Ali. In another incident on the day, a young man, Habibur Rahman was seriously injured as his wife allegedly stabbed him with a sharp weapon at Kazalia village in the same upazila. He was admitted to the upazila health complex.

One killed in Pabna road mishap

UNB, Pabna
A man was killed and another seriously injured in a road accident at Solabaria on Pabna-Nagarbari highway Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Nurul Islam, 50, helper of a lorry driver. Police said the accident took place when the Nagarbari-bound lorry plunged into a roadside ditch after a collision with a training car killing Nurul Islam on the spot. A young businessman, Khalilur Rahman, was injured in the accident. He was admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Young girl allegedly commits suicide

UNB, Sirajganj
A young girl allegedly killed herself in Tarash upazila Friday as she was forcibly married off with a 75-year-old man two weeks ago. The victim was identified as Majeda Khatun, 19, of Nado Syedpur village. Her brothers allegedly took Tk 10,000 from the old man, Saber, in connection with the marriage. Police recovered the body the following day and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. A UD case was filed.

Outlawed party leader arrested

UNB, Jessore
A leader of the outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party was arrested from Bablatola in Jessore town Monday.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Keramat Ali, 34, as he got down from a bus in the area. He was wanted in a number of murder and arms cases. He was later produced before the court and then sent to jail hajat.

Tk 4 cr realised from business firms

UNB, Madaripur
Customs Department realised Tk 4 crore as revenue from various business firms and industries in Shariatpur and Madaripur districts in last nine months of the current fiscal year. Officials said the department collected the revenue from the owners of construction firms, brickyards, movie houses, textile mills and jewelry, furniture and video shops against its annual target of Tk 7.40 crore.

Armed robbers loot three houses

UNB, Munshiganj
Armed robbers stormed into three houses at Verenda village at Tongbari upazila in Munshiganj Sunday night and looted cash and valuables worth Tk 9 lakh.

Police said the masked men, numbering 20-25, swooped on the house of upazila unit president of Juba Dal Shahjahan Bapari, locked his family members in a room and looted valuables worth Tk 8 lakh. They also assaulted some of the house inmates. Later, the muggers attacked the houses of UP chairman Alku Shikder and Sajjuddin Halder at the same village and decamped with valuables worth about Tk one lakh.

Sewing training programme for jobless

UNB, Madaripur
Youth Development Department is conducting a four-month long sewing training programme for the unemployed young girls in Madaripur.

Officials said a total of 50 girls are taking part in the training course at the local training centre of the department. The participants will be provided with necessary funds after the training so that they can start their own business, the officials said

18 women killed after rape within 46 days in 9 dists

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

At least 18 women were killed after rape in nine districts in 46 days since March 10 to April 15. Thirty rape incidents took place during the aforementioned period. Of them, 28 cases were recorded in the police stations. Eight women including two children were killed after rape.

Increasing incidents of rape and killing women and children in nine southwestern districts raised an alarm among the people. This is because of fast deterioration of law and order in the districts.

Ten women were killed after torture for various reasons including dowry. Incidents of divorces also rose sharply.

Some elderly people informed that this type of incidents did not happen in so great number during the last few years in the southwestern region.

However, 10 other women were killed in six districts in the region within the aforesaid period. Of them, four were killed in Satkhira, two in Kushtia, and the rest four were

killed in Jessore, Magura, Bagerhat and Jhenidah.

At least 30 women were raped within the period in nine districts of the region. Of them, six in Kushtia, seven in Jessore, three in Jhenidah, four in Satkhira, four in Bagerhat, two in Magura, two in Khulna, one in Narail and one in Chuadanga.

Identity of seven women including two children who were killed after rape are Sadhana, 9, in Udaynagar of Daulatpur in Khushia. Sathi, 6, of Baniakandhi in Jhenidah.

Besides, Reshma of Norrendrapur in Kesabpur of Jessore, Titu, 30, of Bathanpara in Gangni of Meherpur, Rabia of village Araikandhi in Jhenidah, Shahana Akter, 26, of village Sawota in Kumerkhi of Kushtia and two unknown women, one of Jibongar in Chuadanga and another of Hogla in Kamarkhali of Kushtia were killed after rape.

More such incidents are occurring every day in the southwestern region. But role of police and members of other law enforcing agencies are negative.

Road mishaps claim 16 in 10 days in northern dists

BSS, Joypurhat

The people of northern region of the country experienced ten accused days from March 22-31 when at least 16 persons were killed and 23 others injured in separate road accidents in different place of North Bengal.

According to eyewitnesses and police sources, at least one person was killed on the spot and three others were seriously injured when two loaded trucks collided head on in Sherpur area of Bogra on March 21. Identity of them was not immediately known.

On March 22, Laksman Biswas, 45 was killed and three others were injured when a speeding truck hit them at Kalitola point of Rangpur-Bogra highway.

In a separate accident on the same day, one unidentified person was killed at Nasirabad point on the Gobindaganj-Ghoraghat road when a bus hit him.

On March 23, Jamila Bewa, 60, was killed on the spot in Saria Kandi area of Bogra when a truck hit her there.

In a separate incident on the same day, at least 10 persons were

injured when a truck fell into a roadside ditch at Muroil point of Naogaon-Bogra highway.

On March 24, school teacher Abdul Quddus, 50, was crushed under the wheels of a truck on the Potnitola-Mohadevpur road in Naogaon.

In a separate accident on the same day, Tomiz Uddin, 30, were killed on the spot after being hit by a speeding truck near Dargahat area of Bogra-Naogaon highway.

On March 26, one little boy Saidul Islam, 8, was crushed under the wheels of a sugarcane carrier truck at Otoari in Panchagarh.

In a separate incident on the same day, wife of Sadhan Kundu of Panchbibi town in Joypurhat was killed on the spot when she fell down from the motor-cycle of his husband while going to Swapnapuri picnic spot. Sadhan Kundu was also seriously injured.

In another incident on the same day, Manjuara Khatun, 30, was killed on the spot when a sand carrier truck at Chatmohar area in Pabna district hit her.

On March 27, Tarazul Islam was killed and his companion injured when a passenger bus hit

their motorcycle near Mathapukur in Rangpur.

On March 28, Rafiqul Islam, 34, was killed when a truck crushed him near village Jagatber in Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat.

In a separate accident on the same day, passenger Abdul Haque was killed and two others were seriously injured when the minibus carrying them fell into a roadside ditch at Choraahat point on the Rangpur-Kurigram road.

On last March 29, husband Toslim Uddin, 60, and his wife Hasina, 50, were killed and Bellal, 32, was seriously injured when a truck hit the van-cart carrying them near Dorgahat on Santahar-Bogra highway.

On March 31, motorcyclist Alam, 30, was killed on the spot and two others were seriously injured when a truck hit them at Baghpara point on Bogra-Rangpur highway.

In a separate incident on the same day, businessman Jahurul Haque, 45 was killed when a tempo hit him on the Thakurgaon-Baliadangi road.

Forcep removed from woman's body after 5 years of cesarean operation

ANWAR ALI, Natore

At last the forcep which was left into Anjuara's body during her cesarean operation five years ago, has been removed successfully at a private clinic in Rajshahi on Friday.

Dr Samar Kumar Ghosh, a surgeon of Gynecology Department in Natore Sadar Hospital whose wrong operation had put Anjuara's life in uncertainty has been bearing all the expenses of the operation.

Anjuara Begum, 35, wife of a poor farmer Kefayatullah of Paota village in Shingra upazila had been carrying the forcep which was left inside her body by Dr Ghosh during her cesarean operation at a private clinic on August 12, 1997.

Prof Dr Khalilur Rahman, head of the department of Surgery and Prof Dr Marina Khanam, head of the department of Gynecology at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital

(RMCH) operated upon Anjuara at Sharmeen Nursing Home.

"The forcep had created an abscess beside her rectum penetrating through her large intestine", said Professor Rahman while talking to The Daily Star on Friday evening after the three-hour long operation.

"Undoubtedly it was a major operation and our twofold targets were to remove the forcep and to save the baby she was bearing for last three and a half months", he added.

"We tried our best to save the baby she was carrying and we are still optimistic about her fate though she is not yet out of danger", said Professor Marina Khanam.

Since the '97 cesarean operation, Anjuara had been feeling ailments inside her stomach and intestine. Considering her poverty, she consulted the quake doctors of her village who prescribed her only

different kinds of painkillers.

But three months ago when she became pregnant again, her ailments reached worst position. And again consulting with a quake doctor she had the x-ray of her lower abdomen which detected that she has been bearing the forcep on April 1.

Her brother Ashrafal Alam, a small trader informed the matter in written to the civil surgeon of the district and admitted her to Natore Sadar Ho.

The civil surgeon formed a three-member medical board to remove the forcep from her body.

The board, however, examining Anjuara thoroughly and considering the operation to be a major one decided to shift her to RMCH.

But Dr Ghosh who is responsible for her condition managed her to be admitted at the private clinic and promised the suffering family to pay all the expenses.

Armed robber beaten to death in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An armed robber was beaten to death while three others were caught by the agitated villagers at Bhatrai of Islampur union in Companyganj upazila of Sylhet recently.

Police and local sources informed that a gang of masked armed robbers equipped with deadly weapons were getting prepared for committing armed robbery. At one stage some villagers noticed them. The villagers informed other co-villagers through the loud-speaker of the mosque. About 1,000 villagers laid siege to the miscreants and gave them a good beating.

Among them, one armed robber Hossain Ahmed, 30, died on the spot. Abdun Noor, Asgar Ali and Nurul Islam were later handed over to the police while several others managed to escape, the robbers said. Some sharp weapons were also recovered from their possession.

The deceased armed robber hailed from village Noakhwa. His father Fazar Ali filed a case with the Companyganj PS stating that his son had died due to mob beating, police said.

Armed gang abducts female SSC examinee in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A gang of armed miscreants kidnapped a female SSC examinee from village Jhunkail in Kazipur upazila on Monday.

Police said a gang of eight led by Alal entered into the house of Habibur Rahman, leader of Kazipur upazila Awami League, at about 5:00 pm and abducted his daughter at gunpoint.

Father of the victim lodged a case against the kidnapers under 'Woman and Child Repression Act' with Kazipur police station on Monday night.

Police arrested two people named Helal Uddin and Ashrafal Islam from village Jhunkail on Tuesday in connection with the incident.

2 held for ordinary crime released after 10 years

UNB, Faridpur

Two people arrested for an ordinary crime 10 years ago were released recently from Faridpur District Jail on bail.

Police said Mujibur Rahman, son of Daliuddin of Charpachamara village is Shibchar upazila in Madaripur and Mujibur Rahman, son of Joyenuddin of Dattapara village in the same upazila were arrested for allegedly stealing two litres of diesel and one kg of sugar worth Tk 55 at that time.

Prosecution lawyers appeared 95 times before a Magistrate Court and 56 times before a Judge Court and took Tk 12,000 from the government exchequer for conducting the 55 taka robbery case.

According to the prosecution,

two liters of diesel and one kg of sugar worth Tk 55 were stolen from the shop of Gukul Shaha at Chandra bazar in Bhanga upazila on Aug 30, 1992.

However, the shopowner had declined to a file any case for the trifling incident, but overenthusiastic police initiated a case three months after the incident.

Late on Dec 28, 1992, Shibchar police arrested the two men from their houses and sent them to district jail hajat.

While passing the bail order on humanitarian ground on Apr 3, the district joint judge said, "everyone wants the criminals to be punished, but confining people in jail for years together without trial is violation of human rights."

Shortage of teachers at Rajbari college

BSS, Rajbari

The 4-decade old Rajbari Government College is in grip of multifarious problems including acute shortage of teachers which hampering its academic activities and studies of the students.

A good number of meritorious students from different places of the district get themselves admitted into the college for proper education. But some of them alleged that their classes on different subjects are not being held regularly owing to paucity of teachers. Particularly, the classes of Honours and Masters course are being seriously hampered for this reason.

Honours and Masters courses have been introduced in this college in 1996-97 and 1999-2000 sessions respectively, but since then the number of teachers did not increase to conduct the courses smoothly.

Furthermore, some teachers have been transferred following their promotions and other reasons. The vacant posts are yet to be filled up, college sources said.

Bengali, Political Science, Physics, Botany, Accountancy, English, Economics, General History, Mathematics, Chemistry, Zoology and Management are now being studied, but the teaching staff is very insufficient for those courses.

According to college sources only two teachers out of four posts are

conducting the classes of English department.

Mathematics and General History are very important subject; six post out of eight are lying vacant in these departments.

Three posts out of four are lying vacant in Bengali department, two post out of four is vacant in Politico Science, two post out of four is vacant in Physics department, two posts out of four is vacant in Botany, three post is vacant in Accountancy, three posts out of four is vacant in Management department, two posts out of five is vacant in Zoology department, four posts out of five is vacant in Chemistry department.

When contacted, a second year student of English department who preferred to be anonymous told that their classes are being hampered frequently due to shortage of teachers.

The post of Demonstrator in Chemistry, Zoology and Botany are lying vacant for long and consequently the practical classes of this department are being hampered seriously.

The post of physical teacher, sports teacher, librarian and assistant librarian are also vacant in this college.

Some posts of third class employees including head clerk and accountant are lying vacant for long.

Pahela Baishakh at Jhenidah, Islamic University



PHOTO FEATURE: RAHAT AHMED, DELWAR KABIR

A group of students of Islamic University (IU) in Kushtia welcoming Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bengali new year, wearing their traditional dresses and taking Panta Ilish as their breakfast on the university campus (1) while some students of English Department of the university brought out a colourful procession at the campus in the morning of Pahela Baishakh (2). Cultural activists of Bihanga, a local cultural group in Jhenidah, rendering traditional songs at a function at Jhenidah Collectorate (3) while some youths brought out a colourful procession in Saikupa town on the auspicious occasion (4).