

NEWS SNAPS



Matiur Rahman, Editor of leading Bengali daily Prothom Alo addressing a discussion meeting on 'Development of Chapainawabganj: Problems and Prospects' at the district headquarters. Prothom Alo organised the discussion recently.

Four killed in separate incidents

UNB, Faridpur

Four people were killed in separate incidents in Faridpur during the last week.

Police said a young man, Rabiu Islam, was killed in a mass beating at Kosha Gopalpur village in sadar upazila as he went to the village to commit burglary Wednesday night. In another incident, Abdul Mannan, 40, who was fatally injured in a clash at Golapara village in Nagarkanda upazila Sunday, succumbed to his injuries in a local clinic later Tuesday. Besides, two housewives, Nupur, 22, of Matbal village in Bhangna upazila and Rokhana, 17, of Shailadubu village in sadar upazila, allegedly killed themselves on Monday-Sunday. Separate cases were filed.

Separate road accidents claim two

UNB, Jhenidah

Two people, including a deranged woman, were killed in separate road accidents in sadar upazila in Jhenidah on Sunday-Monday.

Police said Tipu, 32, a microbus driver, was killed Monday morning at Kala in the upazila on Dhaka-Khulna highway as the microbus overturned after hitting a log put on the road by armed robbers to commit robbery. In another incident, Diba Rani, 35, an insane woman of Asattuly village in sadar upazila, was run over by a speeding truck at Baidanga on Jhenidah-Chuadanga road early Sunday. Police sent the two bodies to sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. Separate cases were filed.

Extortionists loot valuables from house

UNB, Narayanganj

Extortionists attacked a house at Tanti Para in Narayanganj town and looted valuables Tuesday.

The miscreants attacked the house of Momtaj Mia at noon and terrorised his family members by blasting crackers and firing gunshots. They damaged furniture of the house and assaulted three sons of Momtaj before leaving the scene with the booty, including a TV set. Momtaj's wife Khairun Nesa told newsmen at the local press club that the terrorists belonging to BNP attacked their house as they refused to pay them Tk one lakh as toll.

Crimes thrive in Satkhira

ABU AHMED, Satkhira

The law and order in Satkhira has deteriorated alarmingly.

Incidents of armed robbery, murder, acid throwing, and rape have increased in seven upazilas of Satkhira.

On January 6 night an armed robbery was committed at the houses of Haripada Sarkar and Laxmipada Sarkar of village Fingri in Sadar upazila. The robbers looted away Tk 20,000.

On January 9, an armed robbery was committed at the shrimp enclosure, owned by Amjad Ali at Kamarrabad in Debhatta upazila. At dead of night robbers attacked the enclosures looted way cash amounting to Tk 10,000.

On January 10 night, a group of criminals snatched away Tk 30,000 from the businessmen near Baokhola village on Abaderhat-Baikari road in Sadar upazila.

On January 12 night an armed robbery was committed at the house of Kiron Chandra Mondal of village Kayemkhola in Tala upazila. The robbers, at gun point, looted away cash and ornament amounting to Tk 25,000.

On January 14 night a housewife was beaten to death by her husband at Bhomra in Sadar upazila. Bilkis Begum, 21, wife of Rejaul Islam was beaten to death by husband who demanded dowry from his father in law who failed to pay the same.

On January 16 night a series of armed robberies were committed at the houses of Khaleq Dewan, Alok Dewan and Abdur Rahman Dewan of village Jugikhali in Kalaraupazila. The dacoits looted away cash and ornaments worth Tk 35,000.

On January 19, a group of miscreants abducted a 3-year-old girl Mani, daughter of Jeher Ali of village Kaikhali in Shyamnagar upazila for ransom. The miscreants demanded Tk one lakh for her release. On the same day, Sunnat Ali, 30, Bulbul, 25, and Haripada Mondal of village Kaikhali in Shyamnagar upazila were abducted by miscreants from the river mother in the Sundarbans for ransom.

On January 21, Sarathi Rani Mondal, 21, wife of Hiramond Mondal of village Balitha in sadar upazila was beaten to death by husband.

On January 23, an armed robbery was committed at the house of Abdul Wahab of village Kayem in Sadar upazila. They looted away cash and other valuables worth Tk 15,000.

On January 24 night an armed robbery was committed in the shrimp enclosure of Babar Ali of village Gava in Sadar upazila.

On January 26 night, Tofayel Hossain, 26, son of Khaibar Hossain of village Kismat Elishpur in Kalaroa upazila was killed by miscreants in front of the victim's house.

On January 30 night, a group of armed robbers attacked 11 houses of village Shapkhal in Shyamnagar upazila. The armed robbers looted away cash, ornaments and valuables amounting to Tk 3 lakh.

On January 31, a group of terrorists belonging to the ruling BNP attacked the house of Momtaj Sardar of village Braja Baksa in Kalaroa upazila. The miscreants ransacked the house and looted away the valuables.

On February 4 night Aklima Khatun, 35, of village Taikuli in Tala upazila was critically injured after becoming an acid victim. Abdul Jalil of the same village who is her ex-husband threw acid on her when she was sleeping in the house. After getting divorce, she filed a case against Abdul Jalil who repeatedly requested to her to withdraw the case, but she refused him. As a result he threw acid on her.

On February 5 night, a group of armed robbers attacked the houses of Jatinra Bachhar, Dipankar Bachhar and Kartik Chandra Bachhar of village Pujials in Assasunni upazila and at gun point looted away cash and other valuables worth Tk 50,000.

On February 3 night, Anjuman Ara Khatun, 16, wife of Masum Billah sustained serious acid burn injuries when a group of miscreants threw acid on her at Katia in Sadar upazila. Bablu of village Dadpur in Tala upazila offered love which she turned down. As a consequence Bablu threw acid on her.

Criminals 'harassing' tourists at Kuakata

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Tourists are facing manifold problems including lack of adequate security at Kuakata sea resort.

Local people alleged that criminals 'harass' the tourists in various ways and the law enforcing police personnel are in active due to unknown reasons.

According to different sources, an officer of marine police department at Kuakata is allegedly helping the criminals in performing their misdeeds.

The sub-inspector of the local river battalion frequently harasses local businessmen, employees including the tourists, it is widely alleged.

Kuakata, rare sea beach in the world, from where sunrise and sunset are visible, attracts thousands of tourists from home and abroad every year.

Local people and the tourists urged the higher authority to make Kuakata sea beach area trouble free, especially to free it from the aforementioned trouble monger sub-inspector of the river battalion.

Flood situation improves in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

The flood situation in Netrakona has been improving with recession of water from the affected areas.

But the flood victims are yet to receive relief materials from the authorities concerned. As a result the flood affected people are leading a sub-human life.

Locals said onrush of water from the bordering hills caused the flood resulting in inundation of a vast tract of land recently.

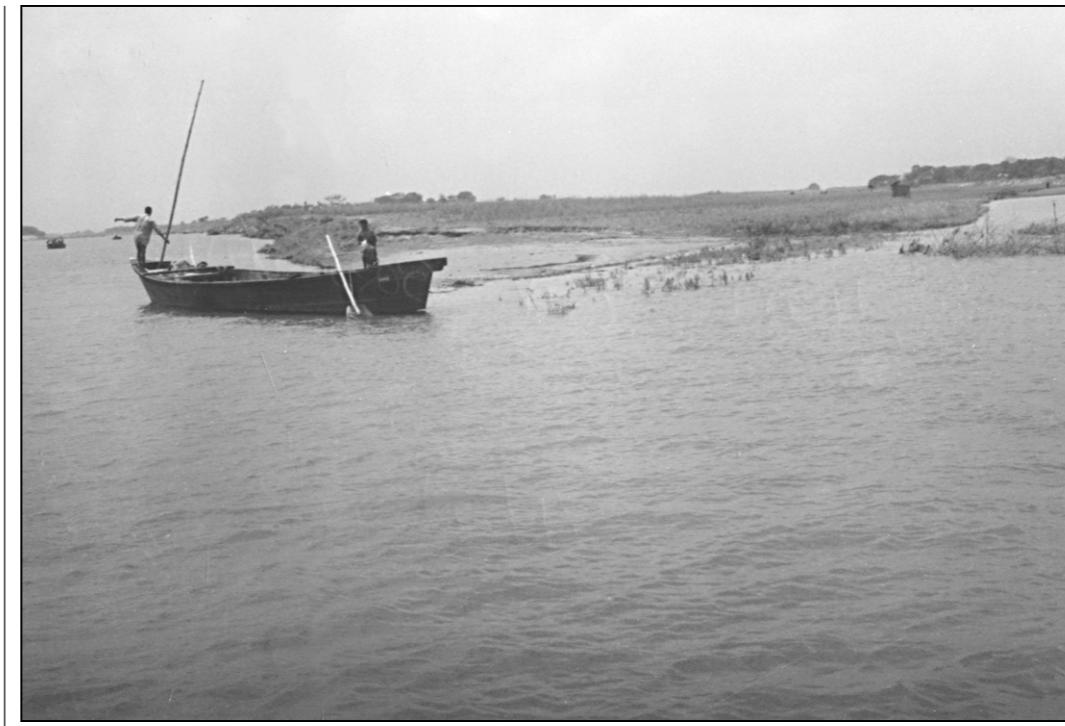


PHOTO: AMINUL ISLAM

A boat passes by a large shoal in the river Brahmaputra in Mymensingh. Navigation has hampered greatly because of emergence of many big and small shoals in this river affecting the trade and commerce in the district for at least six months a year.

Plot to grab 'Waqf' property

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A plot to grab the property of Waqf estate in Sadar upazila has been revealed recently.

A group of miscreants has allegedly been trying to grab property worth about Tk 40 lakh of "Mohammad Umed Ali Sarker Waqf Estate" (EC-Number-18788).

The Waqf estate was founded by the noted social worker, Md Umed Ali Sarker of village Bhangabari Shahednagar in Sirajganj Municipality.

At present Saleha Khatun and Omela Khatun act as joint 'mutawalli' of the estate. They already mutated the land as 'waqf estate' but the younger daughter of Omela Khatun has betrayed and conspired with her husband Chand Baksh and son-in-law Sudha Chowdhury. She illegally sold half portion of cultivable land of Bhangabari and Naodafukocha 'mouzas' of the Waqf estate and registered in favour of some village touts'.

Afterwards Sudha Chowdhury registered a fake deed in favour of his son Imran Chowdhury though it is correctly mutated and recent RS recorded Khatian number 27 had been rightly prepared in the name of 'Waqf mutawalli' Saleha Khatun and Omela Khatun. Showing the forgery deed Sudha and his son Imran have secretly applied to Sirajganj Municipality and sought permission for construction of a building on the 'Waqf' land at Bhuterdior mouza 'Mutawalli' Saleha Khatun filed a dispute to the municipality chairman. After an enquiry, the municipality chairman rejected the blue-

print of the building plan.

The 'Waqf' administration enquired the matter and took legal steps against the illegal sellers, buyers and occupiers of "Umed Ali Waqf Estate" (EC-18788).

Afterwards the younger daughter of Omela Khatun filed a case in Sirajganj District Court against the Waqf administration, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sirajganj and 'Mutawalli' Saleha Khatun.

Local people staged demonstration and held public meetings protesting the conspiracy and demanded of the 'Waqf' administration and the DC for immediate eviction of illegal occupiers of the Waqf property.

Young man slaughtered in Jessore

UNB, Jessore

A young man was slaughtered by criminals at Krishnanagar in Bagarpura upazila on Monday night.

Police said a gang of criminals kidnapped Kohinoor Rahman, 22, son of Zahabaksh Mandol, from Bagarpura Bazaar at about 9 pm and slaughtered him at a nearby field.

Police recovered the body Tuesday and sent it to Jessore General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately. A case was filed with police in this connection.



Dr Rabeya Hossain, General Secretary of the Ladies Club of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) hands over a cheque amounting to Tk 20,400 to Vice Chancellor Prof M Mustafizur Rahman. The club members recently donated the amount for treatment of Prof Dr Khundaker Sirajul Islam of the university who has been suffering from a deadly disease of kidney.

Jhenidah DIARY

Two outlawed party leaders arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Sailkupa thana police in Jhenidah arrested two leaders of outlawed parties and recovered arms from their possession recently, according to police sources.

Police said, acting on a tip-off, a contingent of police led by officer-in-charge (OC) Syed Ziauzzaman raided village Bittidevi Rajnagar early in the morning. Sensing police presence, Yunus Member, 41, a regional leader of an outlawed party along with some other activists tried to flee. But Yunus was caught with a sophisticated shutter gun from village Mirzapur in Sailkupa thana. Police said, Yunus was allegedly hiding for long. He is wanted in at least 12 cases including killing, toll collection and terrorism.

Earlier police arrested another leader of an outlawed party, Akul, 40, of village Bakharba in same thana. He was wanted in five cases, police said.

Husband arrested for killing housewife

Husband and his associate were arrested for their alleged involvement in killing a housewife and female day labour at village Magurapara in Jhenidah thana recently.

Police said, Feroja Khatun, 24, was allegedly taken to a banana field at midnight on the fateful day. Jabbar Ali, husband of Feroja and his associate Abdul Haque then killed her with sharp weapons on the spot. The killers left the body there. Ashraf Ali, father of the dead lodged a case with Jhenidah thana in this connection. The body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Abducted baby rescued: One arrested

Jhenidah thana police rescued an abducted baby and took a woman into police custody recently for her alleged involvement in the abduction case. Police sources said, Iktiar Rahman, an inhabitant of Jhenidah Beparipara allegedly abducted a four-year-old girl Shanta from a paddy processing mill in Hatgopalpur area in Jhenidah Sadar recently. The mother of the baby came to know that the baby was taken to Beparipara. Then she informed the matter to police. Police then arrested Anesa Begum from her house. But the main accused in the abduction case, Iktiar was absconding.