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BNP leader chopped to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sirajganj*

A local BNP leader and village headman was chopped to death by unknown miscreants at village Mohimar char in Belkuchi upazila on Friday night.

The victim was identified as Nuru Matobbor, 52, of Mohimar char village in Belkuchi upazila. Police sources said when he was returning home from mosque after 'Esha' prayer at about 8:30pm a gang of unknown miscreants numbering about 8/9 chopped him.

He was critically injured and admitted to Belkuchi Health Complex. Later his condition was deteriorated and he was rushed to Sirajganj General Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him death. The autopsy was done at Sirajganj General Hospital. A case was lodged with Belkuchi police station.

Teenage boy killed in Sunamganj

UNB, *Sunamganj*

A teenage boy was killed and five people, including two women, were injured in a clash at Sania village in Doarabazaar upazila Tuesday.

Police said the clash took place following a quarrel between two little boys Monday, leaving six people injured. Of them, Suzon Mia, 19, died on way to hospital. Five others were admitted to Doara Hospital. Police arrested six people in connection with the incident.

12 killed in Magura in 6 months

UNB, *Magura*

Twelve people were killed in Magura in last six months till June, according to police records.

Of the deaths, four were reported from Sadar, three each from Shalkha and Sreepur and two from Mohammadpur upazilas. Besides, eight women and little girls were raped and 20 people were abducted in Magura during the period.

Boy allegedly commits suicide in Bogra

UNB, *Bogra*

Amadrasa student allegedly hanged himself in Sadar upazila Monday.

Police said Kudratullah, 18, an Alim first year student of Namuza Senior Fazil Madrasa, took his own life at his hostel. Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

Attack on Bogra AL leader slated

A CORRESPONDENT, *Bogra*

Bogra Awami League (AL) leaders called a press conference at Bogra Press Cub and severely condemned the attack and assault on the vice-president of Bogra district AL and Chairman of Bogra Municipality Adv. Rezaul Karim Montu and two other local AL leaders Ruhul Amin and Jamu on June 16 in presence of armed forces at Salmatha.

The incident was happened during hartal called by AL across the country on June 16. In the press conference district AL president Montaz Uddin narrated the incident to the newsmen and demanded arrest of the 'identified' culprits of Chattara Dal leader Simpul and his accomplices.

Tk 4 cr project to check river erosion

UNB, *Rajshahi*

The work on a Tk 4 crore project to check the erosion of Padma river has begun at Premtoli-Bidipur area in Godagari upazila here.

On completion of the project, many important establishments including Rajshahi-Nababganj old highway, temples, schools and bazaars will be protected from the erosion of the river. Post and Telecommunications Minister Barrister M Aminul Haq inaugurated the project work on Friday. Earlier, the minister also inaugurated the Premtoli Police Investigation Centre and a new building of Pizirpur High School. Matikata, Char Ashaniadaha, Deupara and Gogram areas of the upazila have been brought under the investigation centre.

Young man injured by father in Jhalakati

UNB, *Jhalakati*

A young man was critically injured as his father chopped him at Nathullabad village in Sadar upazila Sunday.

Police said Akub Ali, 65, swooped on his son Omar Ali, 32, as Omar's wife failed to comply with his order on the day. Omar was admitted to sadar hospital.

150 uplift projects implemented

UNB, *Sylhet*

Some 150 development projects were implemented in Sylhet in last fiscal year using 248 mts of wheat.

Relief and Rehabilitation Department implemented the projects under Test Relief (TR) programme. Besides, six projects, including construction of roads, boundary walls and gates of different educational institutions are nearing completion in Borolekha upazila, involving Tk 10 lakh.

Miscreants throw acid on elderly woman

UNB, *Satkhira*

An elderly woman suffered serious burn injuries as miscreants threw acid on her at Dadpur village in Tala upazila Sunday.

Police said the terrorists hurled acid at Sonavan Bibi, 65, wife of Minhazuddin, following a land dispute with some of her fellow-villagers. She was asleep at her house during the acid attack. A case was filed.

Cotton worth Tk 10 lakh gutted in Gazipur

UNB, *Gazipur*

Cotton worth about Tk 10 lakh gutted in a fire at a godown at Shafipur in Kaliakoir upazila Monday.

Witnesses said the fire in the godown of Shamim Spinning Mill broke out at about 11am. Firefighters rushed to the spot and put out the blaze with the help of local people.

Armed robberies on rise in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sirajganj*

Series of armed robberies were committed at village Lawta in Tarash upazila. Robbers



Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof M Mustafizur Rahman delivering his inaugural speech as the chief guest at the orientation ceremony of the newly admitted first year students under six faculties of the university recently at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium.

Kamalganj Municipality election on July 20

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moulvibazar*

Election to Kamalganj Municipality in Moulvibazar will be held on July 20.

After submission of nomination papers candidates for the posts of chairman and commissioner have started wooing the general voters. The voters in general are showing keen interest as Kamalganj is a new municipality where the municipal election is going to be held for the first time.

According to the Returning Officer who is also the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Kamalganj upazila, a total of nine candidates for the post of chairman and 49 candidates for the post of commissioners have submitted their nomination papers. But during scrutiny two nomination papers of the candidates for the post of commissioners have been cancelled due to legal grounds.

The Returning Officer further informed that three candidates for the post of chairman and six ward commissioner candidates have withdrawn their nomination papers on the last date of withdrawal of nomination on July 1.

The chairman candidates who are now in the final race are Md Muhibur Rahman Chashi (BNP), Hasan Afroz Chowdhury (BNP), Prof Rafiqur Rahman of Awami League (AL), Abdun Muneen Tarafder (AL), Advocate Azadur Rahman (AL) and Advocate Amirul Islam Ponki (AL).

The ward commissioner candidates are: Ward No 1: Hazi Md Abu Bakar, Gouranga Kumer Deb, Mono Ranjan Ghose and Mainul Islam Khan. Ward No 2: Md Mushaheed

Ali, Md Jahirul Islam, Hazi Md Motiur Rahman, Sawkat Hussain, Hasan Sarwar Chowdhury, Md Abul Hussain and Md Held Miah. Ward No 3: Nayeb Subeder (retd) Arshad Miah, Rushan Miah, Jahirul Hasan Chowdhury, Syed Anwar Uddin and Abdul Matin. Ward No 4: Ashish Niaz Roni, Md Helal Uddin, Kaptan Miah, Md Abul Kashem, Joynal Abedin Tahukder, Md Jashim Uddin, and Md Abu Sufian. Ward No 5: Abu Ibrahim Jamsed, Abdul Matin, Md Mushahed Ali, Md Saad Ali, Ramuz Miah, and Md Kamal Uddin. Ward No-6: Md Mujibur Rahman, Md Mamunur Rashid and Md Rafiqul Islam. Ward No 7: Golam Mugni. Abdus Samad. Zakaria Hdbib, Enan Ullah and Badar Uddin Ahmed. Ward No 8: Md Abdul Munim Alal, Anwar Hussain, Ahmedur Rahman Radha Gobinda Pal, and Md Khurshed ali and ward No 9: Abu Akkas Ansari, Rasel Motlib Trafder, Wakil Ahmed, Protyush Ranjan Dhaka, Shahajan Khan and MohammedAli.

The candidates for three reserved seats of woman Commissioners are-Seat No-1 (Ward No 1,2,3) Minarun Nahar Chowdhury, Fatema Zahura, and Salma Begum. Seat No-2 (Ward No-4,5,6) Mumtaz Begum, Parul Bala Roy, Dilara Begum and Pukshana Begum. Seat No-3 (Ward No-7,8,9) Chhanda Begum, Anwara Begum and Salma Begum.

More than one candidate from two major political parties Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Awami League (AL) have submitted nomination papers for the post of chairman of Kamalgonj Municipality.

Kamalgonj is a stronghold of AL. Kamalgonj Municipality is under the

constituency of Vice Principal Md Abus Shaheed, Chief Whip of the opposition in parliament. Of the total six chairman candidates of this municipality, four of them are actively involved with AL.

Kamalgonj upazila AL has given support to Prof Rafiqur Rahman who was the upazila chairman of Kamalgonj in 1989-90. The upazila AL Committee requested other three candidates to withdraw their nomination papers, but they refused to comply with.

According to observation AL supporter voters are divided on the issue of the party chairman candidature.

On the other hand two BNP leaders have submitted nomination papers for the post of chairman. In the final race they will contest against each other.

Kamalgonj upazila BNP led four-party alliance has nominated Md Muhibur Rahman Chashi as their candidate. Chashi is the existing chairman of Kamalgonj Union Parishad (UP).

However, the voters in general say that a tough contest will be held between AL leader Prof Rafiqur Rahma and BNP leader Muhibur Rahman Chashi for the post of chairman.

All the ward commissioner candidates are contesting independently and two major parties have no headache with the commissioner candidates.

The total area of Kamalgonj Municipality is 9.83 square kilometre and the total number of voters are eight thousand nine hundred ninety-nine.



PHOTO: STAR

Haphazard parking on the new Dhaka Road near Bazaar Railway Station in Sirajganj town creates traffic jam resulting in great suffering to the town dwellers. Local administration should take proper steps to halt truck jam immediately.

Bid to protect environment

Allotment of *khas* land suspended in hill distsUNB, *Bandarban*

The government has suspended allotment of khas land in three hill districts in a bid to protect the environment.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Ministry and Land Ministry have asked the Deputy Commissioners of Bandarban, Khagrachhari and Rangamati to stop allotment of khas land in the region.

The decision came following allotment of hundred of acres of land

to an influential group for 100 years by the district administration under an old law in the name of rubber cultivation and horticulture without permission from the district councils.

As per the Local Government Council Act 1989, the district councils are responsible for handling all kinds of land activities.

But the councils refrained from giving any decision to land-related activities leaving some 13,000 cases pending.

One dies as BNP factions clash

UNB, *Benapole*

A clash between two factions of BNP in Sharsha upazila left a man dead and two others injured on Monday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Mannan, son of Afluddin of Syamlagachhi village.

Witnesses said the clash between the supporters of Abdul Mannan and another local leader took place in presence of police.

The injured -- Abdus Salam and Shukkur -- were being treated at a local hospital.

Army-BDR rest house in Cox's Bazar looted

UNB, *Cox's Bazar*

Armed robbers looted cash and valuables worth over Tk 1 lakh from civilian boarders of army and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) rest house here Sunday night.

Police said the robbers, numbering 15, swooped on the rest house and looted Tk 45,000 and other valuables from the boarders at gunpoint.

Film actor Farooque was among the boarders. He was vacationing

there along with his family members. Police arrested six people in this connection.

Later on Monday, armed robbers looted valuables from three houses in the town.

9 killed in Barisal div last month

BSS, *Barisal*

The law and order situation in six southern districts of Barisal division deteriorated sharply.

As a result life and security of the people threatened.

Killing has become a daily affair in the districts of Barisal, Jhalokathi, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna.

At least nine persons were killed at the hands of miscreants last month in the division, official sources said.

Two persons were killed at Boserhat village in Roypasha-Karapur union on June 28 by the miscreants. The miscreants, due to previous family feud, gunned down one person named Abdul Hakim, 32, while he was returning home at Popular by a rickshaw.

Rickshaw puller Abdul Khalek, 40, was also killed in shooting.

A teenager named Munni Begum, 18, was killed for dowry by her husband Abdul Rashid when he kicked her at the lower abdomen on June 27 at Deopasha village in Naichity upazila of Jhalakathi.

Miscreants killed one youth Manik Akon, 25, at Jamirtala village in Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur on June 24 by a sharp weapon, when he was returning home at night, police said.

One identified armed robber named Bachchu Mia, 35, was killed by the villagers at Charkaua village in Sadar upazila of the district on June 20.

Revenue collector Md Mihiuddin, 34, was killed by miscreants in broad day light at Mothbaria upazila in Pirojpur on June 19 in presence of

hundreds of people.

Hasna Begum, 45, and her daughter Rina, 18, were gangraped and killed by miscreants at Amratala village in Chalua union of Barguna on June 9, local people said.

Besides, Manoj Das, 45, President of Chechri Bazaar committee and a teacher was shot dead by culprits at Chechri Bazaar in Kathalia upazila of Pirojpur on June 7.

Separate cases have been filed in connection with the incidents. But police is yet to take any action to round up the criminals.

The accused miscreants, on the other hand, have been threatening the victims to withdraw their cases. As a result, the affected people have now-a-days taken shelter in hidden places due to fear of the criminals.

Body of youth exhumed 21 days after burial

UNB, *Mymensingh*

The body of a young man was exhumed Tuesday, 21 days after his burial on suspicion that he was killed by his neighbour.

The body of Chan Miah, 35, of Raghunathpur village in Fulbaria upazila was exhumed in presence of a magistrate following a prayer by his brother as two hospitals issued contradictory death certificates.

Family sources said

Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) where Chan died after being shifted from Fulbaria upazila health complex issued a death certificate saying it as natural death while the health complex said that he succumbed to his injuries.

According to police, Chan Miah was injured in an attack by his neighbour Abul Hossain after a quarrel on June 18 and later died the MMCH.

Madaripur jute traders' plea

UNB, *Madaripur*

Jute traders of Madaripur urged the government to clear their dues amounting to Tk 4 cr to Adamjee Jute Mills.

The jute traders at a press conference in Madaripur Monday said their outstanding bills included Tk 58 lakh of 1999-2000, Tk 63 lakh of 2000-2001 and Tk 2.77 cr of 2001-2002 fiscal years.

Among others, Habibur Rahman Fakir and Babul Das addressed the press conference.