

## NEWS SNAPS

### Police recover five bodies in 20 days

**BSS, Barisal**  
Five unidentified bodies were recovered from different parts of two southern districts in last 20 days causing panic among the people.  
According to police sources, one body was recovered from a paddy field, one from Kasehmabad bus stand and one from Sharikol village of Gouranadi upazila. Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman from Bhola Khan and another from in front of a cinema hall recently. The recovery of bodies created concern among the local people.

### Five unnatural deaths in Manikganj

**UNB, Manikganj**  
Five unnatural deaths were recorded in Manikganj on Saturday. Police said Rokeya, 40, of Char Palpara village in Singair upazila who was stabbed by miscreants three months ago succumbed at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.  
Mozammel, 16, embraced a mysterious death in Sadar upazila. An unidentified man, 54, was electrocuted at Sangar village in Satura upazila. Shova Begum of Gangbokchar village in Singair upazila was allegedly beaten to death by her husband Sabu Mia. Jahid of Uttar Ara village of Doulatpur upazila killed his 12-days old son Ridoy throwing him into a pond. Police arrested Jahid. Separate cases were filed.

### One killed by nephew's wife

**UNB, Noakhali**  
A man was killed allegedly by his nephew's wife at Monpura village in Sudharam upazila on Friday.  
Police said Abdul Khaleq, 60, was injured when his nephew's wife Samsunnahar hit him with a piece of wood following a brawl over cutting branches of a tree. Abdul Khaleq succumbed to his injuries after a few moments. Police arrested Samsunnahar in this connection.

### Housewife allegedly commits suicide

**UNB, Habiganj**  
A housewife allegedly committed suicide jumping under a speeding train at Shaestaganj railway junction on Saturday.  
Locals said Fatema Khatun, 30, mother of a child jumped under a Sylhet-bound train over a family feud. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

### Madrasaa based education centres set up

**BSS, Brahmanbaria**  
The Islamic Foundation has set up 125 madrasaa based education centres in four upazilas of Brahmanbaria under the government-sponsored Mass Education Programme.  
According to official sources, of the centres, 40 have been set up in Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila, 40 in Kasba, 25 in Sarail and 20 in Akhaura upazila. Four subjects -- Bengali, English, Mathematics and Arabic are taught in these centres. Islamic foundation is providing education materials free of cost for the centres.

### Tree fair begins in Pirojpur

**UNB, Pirojpur**  
A weeklong tree fair began at the premises of a high school in the town on Friday.  
State Minister for Planning Shah M Abul Hossain inaugurated the fair organised jointly by Forest Department and district administration.

### Three-day folklore festival in Chandpur

**UNB, Chandpur**  
A three-day folklore festival began here at the premises of Shilpakala Academy on Saturday.  
Local member of parliament (MP) and President of Bangladesh Football Federation SA Sultan Titu inaugurated the function as the chief guest with DC Abu Mohammad Moniruzzaman Khan in the chair. Different folklore teams from Kusthia, Dhaka and Comilla are taking part in the festival. Later, a rally led by S A Sultan was also paraded the main streets of the town.

### 5,739 trained on dairy, poultry farming

**UNB, Chapainawabganj**  
Local Livestock Department had set up seven dairy farms, 95 goat farms, 89 sheep farms and 41 poultry farms in Chapainawabganj in last fiscal year.  
Official sources said the department vaccinated 1.28 lakh cattle and brought 11,597 cattle and 14.68 lakh poultry birds under artificial insemination programme during the period. Besides, 5,739 people of Chapainawabganj received training on dairy and poultry farming during the period.

## Gaibandha Town Protection Embankment threatened

### Five lakh in 3 upazilas marooned

**KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha**

Flood situation in Gaibandha aggravated further as all the rivers are flowing above danger mark.  
The rivers include Brahmaputra, Ghagot, Teesta and Karotoa. The rivers are still in spate engulfing more areas in seven upazilas. The worst affected upazilas are Gaibandha Sadar, Fulchari, Sadullapur and Shaghata.  
About five lakh people have been marooned by flood waters, specially in shoal lands of Gaibandha Sadar, Fulchari and Shaghata upazilas. Thousands of inhabitants of Fulchari upazila are in grip of flood.  
Gaibandha-Sadullapur road has been submerged by flood water after detection of a breach on the ring embankment along the river Ghagot.  
Gaibandha town protection embankment is seriously threatening by surging water of the river Ghagot. The embankment at David Company para might be



PHOTO: STAR

A passer-by braves flood water flowing through Balashi-Gaibandha road. Flood situation has deteriorated further in Gaibandha.

damaged at any time if the embankment is breached Gaibandha town will go under three to five feet deep water.  
Transplanted Aman crops and seedlings on a vast tract of land have gone under water.  
Many of the flood victims even could not save their rice and paddy stock piled up in the dwelling house due to flash flood.  
Many of the flood victims have been shifted to safe place together with their belongings on the nearby embankments and erected temporary shed for shelter.  
The banana plant raft is only the transport in the flood affected areas.  
The marooned people in shoal lands are yet to be shifted to safe places for want of boat or any other water transport.  
All the educational institutes in the affected areas are closed.  
On Saturday road communication between Gaibandha and Balashi was alright in the morning, but by 12 noon at least three kilometre area went under knee to waist deep water at different points.  
In the morning on Saturday people of Balashi who came to Gaibandha could not return home duly as high velocity of current inundated the road. A few country boats are ferrying people in exchange of high price. An Army team visited the affected areas for conducting rescue operation.



PHOTO: IQBAL SIDDIQUEE

Flood has multiplied woes of people in Sylhet. The main road link of Kushighat and its adjoining suburban areas have gone under three to four feet water due to overflowing of the river bank by flood waters. This is due to sharp rise in water level in the River Surma. Sylhet region has been affected very badly this season due to excessive rains and onrush of waters from the upstream.

## Two killed by miscreants in Comilla, Barisal

**UNB, Comilla**

Miscreants chopped a young man to death at village Purba Rakasherpar in Sadar upazila on Friday night.  
Police and villagers said local criminals Hafezuddin, 27, Kabir Hossain, 28 called out Jashimuddin, 18, from his house in the name of catching fish.  
But they took him to a nearby vegetable field and stabbed him to death. Later they left the body beside a road near Dhaka-Chittagong railway.  
On information police recovered the body the next morning and arrested the assailants.  
Family sources suspect that conflict between

Jashim and the assailants over selling a rickshaw was the reason behind the murder.  
Another report from Barisal adds: A man who was chopped indiscriminately over land dispute at village Baisari in Banaripara upazila on Thursday succumbed at the hospital the next morning.  
Police and witnesses said there was a longstanding dispute over a plot of land between Anwar Hossain, 40, and his neighbour Ruhul Amin.  
On the fateful day a brawl ensued between them and at one stage Ruhul Amin hacked Anwar mercilessly with axe leaving him seriously injured.  
He was rushed to the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College hospital. A murder case was filed with the police.

### Three food officials suspended

**UNB, Patuakhali**

Three food officials have been suspended for their alleged involvement in misappropriating 49.65 mts of rice and wheat from the godowns in Patuakhali town.  
The suspended were identified as Officer-in-Charge (OC) LSD Abdul Barez Bhuiyan, Assistant Food Inspectors Abdul Malek and Badal Kanti.  
Official sources said 35,699 mts of wheat and 13,952 mts of rice worth Tk 7 lakh was misappropriated from eight godowns within June 2 to June 30.  
After being informed, Regional Officer of Barisal Division, suspended Abdul Barez Bhuiyan on July 14 while Abdul Malek and Badal Kanti on July 18.

## Two with fake note making equipment held in Gopalganj

**UNB, Gopalganj**

Police arrested two people with fake currency note making equipment from village Manikdah in Sadar upazila on Wednesday.  
Acting on a tip off a contingent of police raided the house of Manik Mollah and arrested him with note making paper, dye and other equipment. They also arrested his accomplice Shamsu Khan hailed from Baniashanta village in Dacop upazila of Khulna.  
They were engaged in the heinous act since long. A case was filed in this connection.  
Another report from Jamalpur adds: District Task Force in separate drives in the town arrested 11 people and recovered huge quantum of country made wine and wine making equipment last week.  
The task force formed by the Narcotics Control department raided Bazrapur Harijanpara Methorpatti and the adjacent shops, Muchibari, Jharudar colony near the general hospital and Methorpatti of the rail gate area.  
During the raid they seized 27 liters of 'Cholai Maad', 100 grams of hemp, and wine making various materials. Four cases were filed with the police.

### DG of BDR visits several BOPs, CPs in Joypurhat

**BSS, Joypurhat**

Director General of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Major General Razzakul Haider, NDC, PSC visited several Border Out Posts (BOPs) and Check Posts (CPs) under Joypurhat 5 Rifle Battalion Wednesday.  
According to BDR sources and local people, the DG of BDR reached at Hilli CP at about 4:40 am on a sudden visit to see the activities of BDR jawans in the field levels. He also visited Hilli and other surrounding BOPs of BDR under 5 Rifle Battalion. He talked with the BDR jawans on patrol and enquired about their activities and performances like anti-smuggling drives. According to 5 Rifle Battalion sources, the Battalion seized smuggled goods worth over Tk 11.50 crore and huge quantities of drugs like phensidyl, wine hemp and heorine this year up to July 24. The amount of seizure is more than that of the previous year of 2001.

### Rape incidents up in Dinajpur

**UNB, Dinajpur**

The incidents of rape have increased in Dinajpur causing panic among the peace-loving people.  
According to police, 113 women including three minors were raped in Dinajpur during last six months till June by the miscreants.  
Of the total, highest 13 cases were recorded in Birganj, 11 in Chirirbandar, 10 each in Birol, Parbatipur and Nawabganj, nine each in Sadar, Kaharol and Fulbaria, eight in Bochaganj, seven in Birampur, six each in Ghorashal and Khansama and five in Hakimpur.  
Local elite said that the law and order situation in the district deteriorated as the police informers have been engaged in criminal activities in rural areas and indifference of the law enforcers in arresting the anti-social activists.

## Pirates loot cargo, fishing trawlers

**UNB, Noakhali**

A gang of pirates looted cash and valuables including Hilsha fish worth Tk 10 lakh from cargo and fishing trawlers on the Meghna river Tuesday midnight.  
Driver of one cargo trawler said the pirates attacked his Chandpur bound vessel when it reached in between Mukhchar and Boarchar from Chittagong and looted valuables including rice, sugar, flour and cash worth Tk 5 lakh.  
The gang also swooped on some other fishing trawlers in the same area while returning from deep sea and looted nets, cash and Hilsha fish worth Tk 5 lakh the same night.  
They also beat the fishermen indiscriminately injuring eight of them. They were treated at local clinics.  
When contacted, Charjabbar police admitted the incidents of piracy but said no case was filed with them in this connection.