

NEWS SNAPS

Mother allegedly killed by son

UNB, Faridpur
A woman was killed allegedly by her son at Jaibarilla village in Nagarkanda upazila on Friday night.

Police said Patal chopped his mother Hajera Begum, 45, to death and left the body at a jute field as she refused to give her property to him. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. Police arrested Patal from his in-law's house on Sunday.

Girl killed in Sherpur road accident

UNB, Sherpur
A little girl was killed in a road accident in the Grida Narayanpur area on Sherpur-Dhaka highway Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Siratul Mustakim, 3, daughter of Hakim Sekendar Ali of the area. Witnesses said she was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck as she was running to and fro hearing the dreadful sound of the horn of the truck. She was walking with her mother along the highway. Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee. A case was filed.

Wine worth Tk 5 lakh seized

UNB, Bagerhat
Foreign wine worth about Tk 5 lakh was seized from the Mongla Municipality area on Saturday.

The coast guards and narcotics control officials raided a shop at the municipality market and a residential hotel and seized wine of different brands. They also nabbed a man, Tofayel, in this connection. Earlier, the coast guards seized foreign wine worth over Tk 10 lakh from the house of a port labourer in Shewlabunia area on July 12.

Four alleged robbers arrested

UNB, Jhalakati
Four alleged robbers were arrested along with their trawler from near the Gabkhan bridge in Sadar upazila early Sunday.

The robbers were identified as Mazid, 40, of Kounia, A Bareq alias Balu, 35, of Rupatali, Anwar, 34, of Palashpur slum and Rubel of Chandmari in the town. The guarding Ansars of the bridge caught the robbers with the help of local people at about 3:30 am when they were preparing to commit a robbery. The arrested were handed over to police. A case was filed.

One suffers acid burn injuries

UNB, Magura
A 35-year-old man suffered serious burn injuries as his rivals threw acid on him at a bazaar here Saturday night.

The victim was identified as Rabiul Islam of Kasundi village in Sadar upazila. Police and witnesses said some unidentified youths hurled acid on Islam, a shopkeeper, at about 8pm while he was standing in front of his shop at WAPDA crossing. Islam was first admitted to sadar hospital and later shifted to a hospital in Dhaka. A case was filed.

Teenage girl raped by 2 miscreants

UNB, Barguna
A teenage girl was raped by two miscreants at Manik Khali village in Sadar upazila Saturday.

Family sources said as the girl, 14, a student of class VIII, refused local criminal Jashim's proposal for love he along with his accomplice Nazrul raped her on her way home from school. Later, local people caught them and handed over them to police after a mass beating. A case was filed.

Fine realised from traffic rule violators

UNB, Gazipur
A mobile court constituted to check the violation of traffic rules realised Tk 40,800 as fine from vehicles at Kaliakoir upazila on Thursday.

The court led by a first class magistrate also seized a bus for breaking traffic rules. Traffic Police Department sources said the mobile court fined the vehicles for reckless driving, over-loading and lack of proper documents.

MAGURA diary

Four youths tortured by police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Four youths in Magura are about to be crippled after being hit by hammer by police recently.

They are now undergoing treatment at Magura Sadar Hospital.

The victims are identified as Ishrot, 22, Anarul, 19, Rabiul, 20, and Asad, 22, of village Choubari in Mohammadpur upazila.

Talking to this correspondent on July 17, the victims alleged that a brawl took place at Choubari village, following an altercation between two rival groups over a football match.

On the following day, a police team led by ASI Reaz of Mohammadpur thana went to the village and beat the youths by a hammer so mercilessly that their different organs of their bodies including feet, knees and elbows were badly bruised.

Later the injured were taken to the local police station and produced before a magistrate court under section 54 CrPc.

After securing bail they were admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital in a critical condition on July 13, where the victims were undergoing treatment till filing of this report.

ASI Reaz could not be reached for his comment.

One beaten to death

One person was beaten to death following an altercation over monetary issue at Magura Stadiumpara recently.

The victim was identified as Momtajuddin, 40, son of Hossein Kazi in the town.

Witnesses said, Momtaj got into an argument with a local young man and claimed his due amounting to Tk 500.

At one stage he was beaten up severely.

Momtaj was rushed to Magura Sadar Hospital in an unconscious condition where he succumbed to his injuries.

Mystery shrouds death of young man

Mystery shrouded the death of a young man in Magura on July 23.

The victim was identified as Fatik 30, of village Benga in Sadar upazila.

Family sources said, Fatik went to the house of his friend, identified as Shamsheer in Jhenidah town on Monday night.

On the following day his friend Shamsheer allegedly fled the scene leaving the body of the victim at the house of one person named Noor Mohammad of the same village.

Police recovered the body and sent for autopsy.

An unnatural death (UD) case was filed with Magura Sadar thana in this connection.

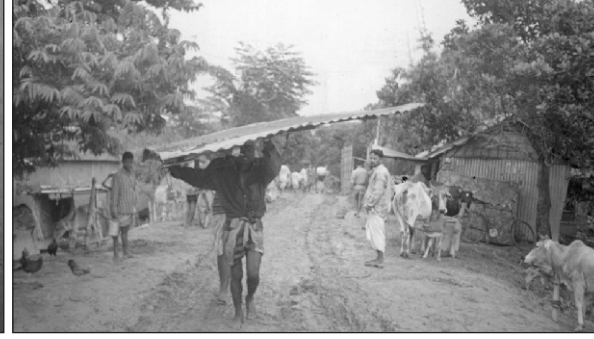


PHOTO: STAR

(Left) Bithulia village in Sirajganj is under flood water after the damage of Shailabari Zia groyne while (middle) the affected people in the area shifting their houses to safe places and at right is the point where the water resources minister and the state minister for power on Sunday gave directives to the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) officials to take necessary measures to protect the point from river erosion on emergency basis, but the point has been devoured by the Jamuna just within 20 minutes of their visit.

Flood threatens Sirajganj Town

Protection Embankment

Communication network in six upazilas collapses

AKHTERUZZAMAN BABLU, Sirajganj

Sirajganj Town Protection Embankment has been threatened because the mighty Jamuna washed away the 100 feet Shailabari Zia Groyne T-head site. The Jamuna in Sirajganj had been flowing above the danger level at the time of filing of this report at 2 pm on Monday.

The flood situation in this north-

ern district has further deteriorated. Fresh areas in six upazilas have been badly affected.

A total of 18,000 people of 10 villages in Sadar upazila already left their houses in search of safe places. Fifty more houses have been devoured by the Jamuna on Monday.

Chowhali upazila headquarters has been inundated by flood waters on the day. The entire communication network in

Chowhali upazila headquarters has been collapsed. The five-kilometre Sirajganj-Chowhali road has been damaged completely, according to Chowhali Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO).

The communication network in Sirajganj Sadar, Belkuchi, Chowhali, Kazipur, Shahjadpur upazilas has been collapsed as these areas are situated on the bank of the Jamuna.

Meanwhile, fresh areas in Nalka

and Pangashi have been submerged on Monday, informed Raiganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO). One hundred hectares of lands in this upazila have gone under water. The government distributed only 75 metric tons of rice among the affected people so far.

A total of 56,500 people have been affected by the deluge, according to the district relief office sources. Standing crops on 1,643

acres of land have been totally damaged while crops on 1,485 acres of land have been partially damaged, the relief office sources further said. As many as 49 schools and madrasas have been closed. About 3,890 homesteads have been totally ruined while 8,700 houses have been partially damaged, disclosed the district relief office sources.

Pregnant housewife beaten to death by 'husband'

UNB, Satkhira

It was to keep the ladylove happy that led a husband to kill his young, pregnant wife.

Ishar Ali, the cruel husband, has allegedly beaten to death his wife, who was six months' pregnant, at village Jhaodanga Waria in sadar upazila.

Ishar Ali married Sajeda Khatun, daughter of a day labourer of village Gunakarkati in Ashashuni upazila, about a year ago, according to the neighbours.

But even after the marriage, he continued his affairs with Halima Khatun, a widow living next door.

Sajeda tried in vain to dissuade her husband from maintaining his extramarital relationship with Halima. The newly married couple had frequent quarrels on this account.

Out of sheer jealousy, Halima, a woman of questionable character, complained to Ishar Ali against Sajeda. And to please his par amour, he mercilessly beat his pregnant wife in the morning of July 22, leading to her death within a couple of hours.

Sensing trouble, Ishar Ali hanged the body inside the house with a rope around her neck and informed the neighbours that she

had committed suicide.

When the neighbours expressed their doubts, Ishar Ali went into hiding along with Halima.

A case was filed and the police were looking for Ishar and Halima.

Killer to die in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

One person was awarded death sentence for killing a 10-year old schoolboy and a student of class III named Golam Mostafa Mithu of Carrier KG Pre-Cadet School in Sirajganj town in 1998.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Abu Ahmed Jomader on Sunday pronounced the judgement in the case in which accused Abdur Rahim Pandu, 22, killed Golam Mostafa Mithu out of enmity on June 21 in 1998.

Abdur Rahim Pandu called out the victim and strangled him with a sugarcane leaf. Mother of the Mithu Shahnaz Parvin filed a murder case against Abdur Rahim Pandu at Sirajganj sadar-police station.

Police submitted charge sheet against the accused. The additional judge examined 16 witnesses and declared the verdict on Sunday.



PHOTO: IQBAL SIDDIQUEE

Two out of five structures remain intact while three structures have been devoured by the River Surma within a span of two days in an erosion affected village in Kanaighat upazila in Sylhet. The velocity of erosion has intensified in recent days because of flood.