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Lady slaughtered in Cox's Bazar hotel

UNB, Cox's Bazar
A young lady touring Cox's Bazar town with her husband was slaughtered in a local hotel on Monday.
Police recovered the body of Ritu, 18, from a room of Hotel Nurani and found her husband Roni, 23, with serious wounds. He was hospitalised. Police said the couple from Gazipur boarded the hotel Sunday evening and was scheduled to leave for Dhaka on Monday night. As they did not open the room till 8pm the hotel manager called in police. Hotel manager Nazrul and boy Badir were picked up for interrogation.

Girl killed by two youths in Barisal

UNB, Barisal
A little girl was drowned by two youths at Tumchar in Sadar upazila of Barisal on Monday. Local sources said the youths in a sequel to family enmity drowned Kulsom Akhter, 8, when she was taking bath in a pond at about 9 am. A case was filed with Sadar police in this connection. None was arrested till Monday evening. Another report says, Hafiza, 6, of Plashpur slum in the district town drowned in the tributary of Kirtankhola Monday afternoon.

Armed robber killed in mass beating

UNB, Mymensingh
An armed robber was killed in mass beating at Shaindin village at Goforgaon upazila in Mymensingh on Saturday.
Police said a gang of armed robbers numbering 10/12 swooped on the house of Abdus Salam of the village and looted valuables worth over Tk one lakh. As the robbers were fleeing with the booties, villagers chased them hearing hue and cry of the victims. They caught one of them and beat him to death. Police recovered the body on the following day. A case was filed.

Bawali killed by tiger in Sundarbans

UNB, Sathkira
A bawali was killed in an attack by a tiger in Kachikata area of the Sundarbans Monday.
Witnesses said the tiger swooped on Solaiman, 50, of village Naobeki in Shamnagar upazila while he was preparing for Magreb prayers in his boat. They said Solaiman fought a fierce battle for about 20 minutes with the tiger before he collapsed. Villagers recovered his mutilated body the following day.

Housewife killed allegedly by husband

UNB, Thakurgaon
A young housewife was killed allegedly by her husband at Thumnia village in Baliadangi upazila Monday night.
Police said Fazlur Rahman killed his wife Parul Begum, 30, as she came to know about his extramarital affair. It was not clear how he killed Parul. On information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body. Fazlur was absconding. A case was filed.

One electrocuted at Jatrapasha

UNB, Habiganj
A man was electrocuted at Jatrapasha village in Baniachang upazila on Sunday.
Police said Azam Ali, 45, father of seven children, came in contact with a live electric wire when he went to collect fodder for his cow. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 1.71 cr seized

UNB, Jessore
An anti-smuggling taskforce arrested 67 people and seized smuggled goods worth over Tk 1.71 cr from Jessore in last six months till June.
The goods included VCDs, saris, readymade garments, cosmetics, spare parts, airguns, medicines, fishing nets, sugar, salt, fertiliser, powdered milk and cummin, officials said.

Workshop on livestock development

UNB, Rajbari
A workshop titled "Techniques of Formulation and Implementation of Divisional Livestock Development Plan" was held at the local Livestock Department on Sunday.
Some 60 officials and employees of Rajbari took part in the workshop arranged by the department. The workshop dwelt at length on implementation of poverty alleviation projects through self-employment and enhancement of goat production. It also discussed the different aspects of formulation of development programmes for fiscal 2002-2003.

One held with 96 kg touchstone statue

UNB, Munshiganj
Police arrested a man with a 96 kg statue made of touchstone worth Tk 5 cr from Paikpara

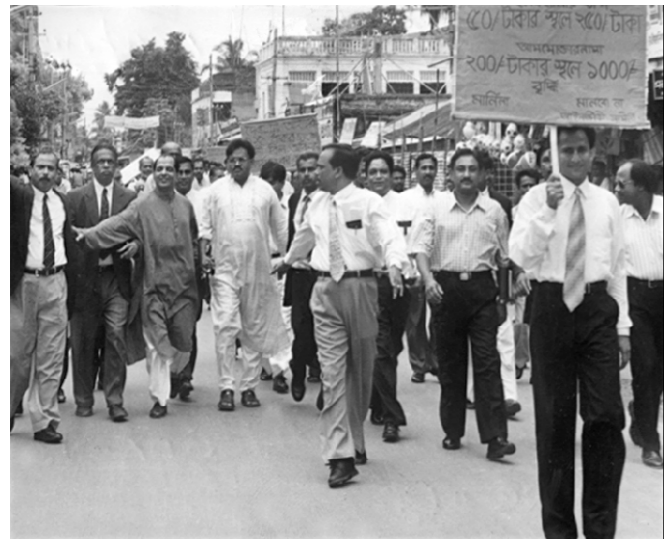


PHOTO: STAR

Members of Magura district Bar Association parading the main thoroughfares of Magura town in a procession on August 4 in observance of the countrywide "Judgement Day" programme arranged in protest against price-hike of court fees.

village in Tongbari upazila Sunday.

Police said Humyan Kabir, 30, got the statue of 51 inches in height and 21 inches in breadth while excavating a pond two and a half months ago. He kept it in his house for selling at a high price. A case was filed in this connection.

AL-backed panel wins in bar assoc polls

UNB, Barguna
Awami League-backed panel swept in the district Bar Association election held in Barguna Thursday bagging eight posts, out of 11.
Nazrul Islam Alam and Zahirul Haque Nanna were elected president and general secretary respectively in the election from AL panel. The other office-bearers are: Vice-president - Abdur Rahman, Joint Secretaries - Sohrab Hossain Mamun, Bahadur Shah and Abdul Latif, Library Secretary - MA Jalil, Education and Cultural Secretary - Bahauddin, Sports and Social Welfare Secretary - Saugatul Islam Hanif and members - Lutfar Rahman and Nazrul Islam Shikder.

Tk 84,795 looted from Sonali Bank

UNB, Chuadanga
Armed robbers broke open the Uthli branch of Sonali Bank and looted Tk 84,795 Monday night.
Police said the robbers, numbering about 30, stormed into the bank confining its two night guards and looted the cash from the vault.

Juba League leader abducted

UNB, Chuadanga
A local Juba League leader, Abdul Latif Latim, 25, was abducted from his house at Parkrishnapur in Alamdanga upazila Monday.
The kidnappers exploded two bombs while leaving the scene. Police arrested union parised (UP) member Abdul Jalil in this connection.

Madaripur Municipality Budget announced

UNB, Madaripur
A Tk 4.50 crore budget of Madaripur Municipality has been announced for the fiscal year 2002-2003.
Municipality chairman Khalilur Rahman Khan announced the budget at a press conference at his office Sunday imposing no new tax.
Municipality commissioners, officials and newsmen were present on the occasion.



PHOTO: STAR

Cultural activists parade the streets in Rangpur town in a procession demanding withdrawal of 'fake cases' filed against 15 cultural personalities including some journalists involving them in the incident of suicide of late Dipok recently.

Road mishaps claim 25 in Narail in 24 days

UNB, Narail

Traffic fatalities in 10 districts of Khulna division are on the rise as 25 people were killed and 127 injured in road accidents in the region in just 24 days since June 29.

According to police records, a fish-laden truck overturned at Umedpur on Bagerhat-Pirojpur road leaving three people dead and three others injured on June 30.

Earlier on June 29, a collision between a bus and a covered van near Hashimpur Bazaar on Jessore-Magura road left 20 people injured.

An unidentified 4-year-old boy was crushed under the wheels of a bus at Kodalpur on Jessore-Magura road on July 2 and a 28-year-old

man was run over by a truck on the same road on July 10.

An old man died on the spot as a bus knocked him down at Rajghat on Jessore-Noapara road on July 4. On the same day, two people were killed when a bus hit their motorbike on Benapole-Jessore road.

A young man was killed on Khulna-Sathkira road on July 6 and 25 people were injured when a bus fell into a ditch in Narail on Kalia-Chapail road on July 4.

On July 10, a 35-year-old man died in a car crash in Bagerhat while three people died and 20 injured in a collision between a bus and a truck on Mongla road on July 11.

On July 18, a man, in his 60s, was killed on Bagerhat-Rupsha road and

a schoolboy died in another road accident in Moheshpur upazila on July 25.

Four people were killed in an accident on Jessore-Sathkira road near Kazirhat College on July 18.

Three people were killed when a bus skidded off Terokhada road and fell into a pond on July 21 and a three-year-old boy was run over by a bus on Kalia-Chapail road on July 9.

Two people -- an octogenarian motorcyclist and a schoolboy - were killed in separate accidents on Khulna-Sathkira road on July 23.

Police attribute the rising trend of road accidents in the region to reckless driving, overloading, violation of traffic rules and driving by unskilled men.

2 young girls gangraped by miscreants in Sirajganj

UNB, Sirajganj

A group of miscreants gangraped two young girls on Saturday night (Aug 3) taking them to a madrassaa at village Chabashikha Akandpara in Salonga police station.

The victims, who came from Dhaka by a Pabna-bound bus, got down at Hatikumrul road at about 8 pm and were waiting for a bus that would take them to their homes at Sherpur in Bogra.

Soon a group of hoodlums,

numbering 4-5, appeared in the scene and took the two girls to a nearby shop assuring of helping them to board a night coach. But later they forcibly took the girls in a rickshaw van to a nearby madrassaa and raped both one after another.

Hearing the hue and cry, several people, who rushed to the spot, rescued the girls, nabbed two of the rapists and handed all of them over to a village elder and 'gram' (village) police.

But the village police allegedly

released the rapists after he was threatened. The two rapists later forced the victim girls to board a Bogra-bound bus.

The Principal of the madrassaa, Moulana Nurul Islam, and other villagers on Tuesday demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in the unholy incident at the madrassaa.

When contacted, the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Salanga thana, Nowsher Ali said he has no knowledge about the incident.

10 hurt as BNP factions clash in N'ganj

BSS, N'ganj

At least 10 people were injured in an armed clash between two factions of local BNP at South Masdair under Fatullah police station recently.

Police and witnesses said the two factions -- one led by Rahman and the other by Mamun Khan -- clashed over control of a local BNP club. Both the groups exchanged gunshots, hurled home-made bombs during the clash.

The injured persons are -- Inna, 18, Jobon, 20, Rabin, 17, Jasim, 20, Sabu, 18, Alim, 22, Al-Amin, 25, Rahman, 20, Mamun, 20, and Nura, 16.

Alarming rise in woman, child repression in Rajshahi

UNB, Rajshahi

When the government is undertaking different measures to check violence against women and children, the incidents of woman and child repression are increasing in Rajshahi alarmingly.

Some 139 incidents of woman and child repression, including killing, suicide, rape, trafficking and abduction, were reported in Rajshahi in the last six months, according to a survey.

The survey conducted by Rajshahi-based human rights organisation, Association for

Community Development, said of the victims, 115 were women and the rest children.

Of the women, seven were killed while 29 committed suicide, 28 raped, four kidnapped and the rest faced various tortures during the period, the survey said.

Of the total, some 41 oppressive incidents took place in June alone while 20 each in May and January, 15 each in April and February, and 28 in March.

Besides, the survey showed that most of the repressive incidents took place in the rural areas of different upazilas.



The group leader of Madhupur Rani Bhabani High school making a point at an anti-corruption debate competition jointly organised recently by the Conscious Citizen's Committee, Madhupur, Tangail and Transparency International Bangladesh. The other group in the competition was Madhupur Pilot High School.