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Youth allegedly commits suicide

UNB, Cornilla
A youth allegedly committed suicide by taking pesticide at Ramarbag village in Laksam upazila Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Jashim Uddin, 25. Police said Jashim went to his pesticide selling shop at Doulatganj Bazaar of the upazila at night for sleeping.

But the following morning finding him late to get up from the bed nearby shopkeepers broke open the door of the shop and found him dead. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed with police.

Ariel Kha boat tragedy: One missing

UNB, Madaripur
A woman remained missing as a boat capsized in the Moisherchar area in the Ariel Kha river Friday.

Family sources said, when Mozida Begum, was going to her relative's house along with 6 other passengers the boat capsized in the river after being caught by strong current. The other passengers swam ashore but Mozida, wife of Abu Mia of village Moisher Char in Sadar upazila remained missing.

Rampal triple murder suspect arrested

UNB, Bagerhat
Police arrested the main suspect of July 3 Rampal triple murder from the Shabujbag area of Dhaka city Sunday. The suspect Shukur Ali was arrested at the instance of Superintendent of Police (SP) of Bagerhat Abdul Jalil Mandal.

On July 3, local BNP leader Aslad, schoolboy Rakibul and hawker Arab Ali were shot dead by armed assailants at Gourambha bazaar of Rampal. Five policemen were also injured in the shootout. Police earlier arrested five people from Dhaka, Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat in connection with the gruesome murder.

One nabbed with automatic pistol

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A miscreant was arrested along with an automatic pistol from the Arpara area of Kaliganj upazila Sunday.

On information, police raided the area at about 8pm and arrested Rana of Kalikapur village in Sadar upazila, with the German-made automatic pistol and eight rounds of bullet. A case was filed with the police.

Relief for flood victims of Madaripur

UNB, Madaripur
Government has allocated 266 metric tons of rice for the flood affected areas in four upazilas of Madaripur under its Test Relief Programme.

The allocation will be used for the reconstruction and renovation of educational and religious institutions and construction of dams, bridges and roads. The government has been distributing some 50 metric tons of rice among the flood-hit people as relief.

One critically injured by miscreants

UNB, Bagerhat
A man was critically injured as, miscreants shot him at his house at Fakirhat upazila here early Sunday.

Police and family sources the miscreants following previous enmity over land dispute shot Shahin Khan, son of A Samad Khan of the upazila, at about 2am when he was asleep. He was rushed to the Upazila Health Complex in a critical condition. A case was filed with the police accusing three people.

Six miscreants arrested after gunfight

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Police arrested six miscreants from Bamnail village in Sadar upazila after a gunfight for an hour Saturday.

Police said when they raided the village, acting on secret information, the miscreants opened fire at them. Police also returned the fire and arrested gang leader Sushen and his accomplices Joyanta, Nazul, Fulendranath, Asish Kumar and Dud Saha.

Loan for distressed families

UNB, Joypurhat
Some 50 distressed families and 26 voluntary organisations received over Tk four lakh interest free loan and one-time donation on Friday.

The Social Welfare Minister distributed the loan and donation at the local Town Hall under the Rural Social Service programme.

He also distributed goats and fruit bearing saplings among the poor people. The Minister informed that the government has allocated interest free Tk 30 cr loan in the current fiscal year to save the poor people from the clutches of Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) who are engaged in giving loans with high interest rate.



A portion of a pucca bridge on Nabiganj-Innatganj Road has been collapsed due to poor quality of work and bad condition of the approach.

PHOTO: IQBAL SIDDIQUEE

SI murder was planned at KDA market meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A secret meeting of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) was held in a place of Khulna Development Authority (KDA) New Market in Khulna city one week before the murder of sub inspector (SI) of police Altaf Hossain. The murder was ordered in the meeting by party's ringleader Abdur Rashid Maittha alias Tapan who escaped from police custody from Khulna Judges' Court early this year, said Zahidul Molla in his judicial confession under section 164 to Magistrate

Shahidul Islam in Bagerhat court on Saturday.

PBCP armed cadre Zahidul was one of the 12-member killing mission. SI Altaf Hossain was killed at Chulkat bazaar in Fakirhat upazila on the evening of July 17 this year.

Zahidul said to magistrate that the murder was planned in Khulna city in presence of Tapan who presided over the secret meeting of the party. Because, it was SI Altaf who disturbed the armed cadres of PBCP in executing the hit-list while he served in Khulna thana. The 12 member killing mission was led by

the party's second in-command Khaliur Rahman Kajol who was recently arrested from Khulna city on charge of his involvement in 12 murders. Zahidul said to Magistrate Shahidul Islam during recording of his judicial confession.

"SI Altaf made our life miserable. He created serious problems for us in carrying out our killing mission in Khulna city. So, we decided to finish his life," Zahidul Molla said to the magistrate. He was arrested on August 6 from the Chargram area in Bagerhat sadar thana.

Six feared drowned as trawler capsizes in Bay

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Two trawler men were killed and four persons missing as a cargo trawler capsized in the deep water in the Bay of Bengal near Saint Martins Island.

According to police and local sources, a Teknaf bound cargo trawler sank in the deep sea on Saturday evening with 12 men due to rough weather. Of them 6 trawler men were able to reach the coast with the help of another fishing trawler. The bodies of the drowned trawler men were found on Sunday morning in the Teknaf beach.

The dead bodies were identified as Md Unus and Md Alam. Trawler men Jeabul Hossain, Nurul Islam and other men remained missing till writing of this report on Sunday evening.

The bodies were sent to the sadar hospital for autopsies.

Brave young man captures mugger, killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A brave young man met his tragic end of life, when he chased and caught a mugger who stabbed him severely causing his death.

The mugger was fleeing after snatching away a necklace from a woman. The incident took place at Rikabi bazaar in Sylhet city Saturday night.

At about 9:30 pm, a woman was returning home in a rickshaw from the Sylhet Industrial and Trade Fair, being held at the Alia Madrashah ground.

As the gang of muggers swooped on her and snatched away her necklace from her body near the stadium market area, she shouted aloud seeking help from the pedes-

trians. Shahed Ahmed was there in search of the chamber of a doctor. Immediately, he riding on his motor-bike chased the muggers and at one stage caught one of them at Rikabi bazaar, while others managed to escape. The mugger was also given a good beating and was later handed over to the police. The mugger stabbed him on the chest. Shahed was immediately rushed to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. Shahed, 25, was the son of Haji Habibur Rahman of the Masimpur area in the city.

The body of Shahed was handed over to his family on Sunday afternoon after post-mortem in the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College.

Death of six people in sleep in B'baria: 12 sued

UNB, Brahmanbaria

A case was filed on Sunday in connection with Thursday night's sensational death of six people of the same family accusing 12 people including Rezzak Mia of Aminpur in the town. Ramzan Ali, younger brother of Abbas Ali, one of the victims, filed the murder case.

Following the case all the accused went into hiding.

Police sub-inspector Shuvo Darshan Barua will investigate the murder case.

The petitioner said Rezzak Mia had long enmity with Abbas Ali. Recently Rezzak filed a false case against Abbas Ali and his sons.

On August 8, police along with Rezzak ransacked the house of Abbas Ali.

On the same night, Rezzak and his men were seen around the house of Abbas Ali, the petitioner said.

The petitioner said Rezzak and his men threw gas or toxic substance inside the house of Abbas Ali, leading to the death of six people in sleep.

Satkhira jail super released

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The jailor of Satkhira jail was stand released on Saturday for alleged negligence in duty.

Mosharaf Hossain, Deputy Inspector General of Prison of Jessore visited Satkhira jail on Sunday and detected the negligence of the jailor, Mofazzel Hossain.

The convicted and under-trial prisoners about irregularities and misbehaviour complained to the DIG of the jailor.

Prisoner escapes from hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A handcuffed prisoner who was under treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital escaped on Sunday.

Two sepoys engaged to guard him there have been suspended for negligence of duty, officials said.

Iqbal Ahmed, an expatriate who had been in the United Kingdom (UK) for several years, was first caught in Sylhet in 1999 on charge of forging credit cards and other important papers.

Later, police came to know more about his forgery in the UK. He was also convicted in UK, but managed to escape in Bangladesh.

Iqbal was on bail in Bangladesh till he was caught again on July 27 in Sylhet. He was sent to the hospital on August 6 for an operation. The jailor of Sylhet Central Jail had written a letter to the hospital authorities on August 8 to provide additional securitymen to guard Iqbal, the officials said.

Iqbal was missing from the hospital ward since noon Sunday, hospital sources said.

The two sepoys engaged to guard him gave different statements about his escape. Sepoy Nurul Islam said Iqbal pointed a pistol at him and escaped. The other sepoy, Abdul Motaleb, said Iqbal went to the toilet and was not found after that incident.

The matter will be investigated soon, the officials said.



Mizanur Rahman Sinha, MP, State Minister for Textiles visiting the Century Spinning Mills after inaugurating it at Mawa in Shreepur upazila, Gazipur recently. Alhaj Nuruddin, Managing Director of the mills is also seen.



PHOTO: STAR

A B M Mahbul Alam, Civil Surgeon, Gopalganj speaking at a gathering of school students at the Seventh Day Adventist School ground on Friday on the occasion of a health fair organised by the Seventh Day Adventist Church of ADRA Bangladesh. The fair was presided over by W G Palia and aimed at creating public awareness about health.

Search operation at BNP MP's house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel stationed at Chuadanga conducted two separate raids in two separate places in Chuadanga on Saturday night.

The first operation was conducted at the residence of local BNP parliament member (MP) Shahidul Islam Biswas. But nothing was recovered from his residence. The MP told that the BDR members came and talked to him but no search operation was conducted at his residence while Lt. Col. Talukdar Alauddin, commanding officer of the BDR, 28 Battalion stationed at Chuadanga told that at the directive of the high command, a search operation was conducted at the residence of the MP. Another search operation was conducted at the residence of one Giridhari Modi at Alamdanga upazila headquarters. BDR seized Bangladeshi currency

notes amounting to Tk 37 lakh and 72 thousand, Indian notes amounting to Tk 10 thousand 267, one hundred Iraqi dinar and wine. The manager was arrested. A case has been started in this connection with the Alamdanga police station.

Dengue patient detected

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A dengue infected patient was detected for the first time in Satkhira.

The victim, SM Sawkat Hossain, 42, of Katia in Satkhira Municipality and general secretary of Satkhira sadar upazila Awami League was admitted to Khulna hospital where the attending doctor diagnosed him as dengue affected. He fell sick a week ago.