

## NEWS SNAPS

## Body of young woman recovered

UNB, Comilla

The body of a young woman was recovered from Faridpur Pashchim para area in Burichar upazila on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Rohina Akter, 18, daughter of Sadiqul Islam in the same area.

## Body of unidentified man recovered

UNB, Manikganj

Police recovered the floating body of an unidentified man from a ditch at Uchutia in Sadar upazila on Friday.

Police suspected that the victim was the passenger of a Dhaka-bound bus, which skidded off the road and plunged into the roadside ditch on Dhaka-Aricha highway on Friday. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.

## Indian national arrested with arms

UNB, Chapainawabganj

An Indian national was arrested with arms from Gopalpur ghat area of Shibganj upazila Thursday.

BDR sources said acting on secret information they arrested Sinarul Islam, 30, of Maldaha district of India along with a revolver. Sinarul said he came here to give the revolver to Ittaju Alam of Shyampur village of Chapainawabganj. Later he was handed over to the police. A case was filed.

## 20 fish demonstration plots set up

UNB, Madaripur

Fisheries Department has set up 20 fish demonstration farms in four upazilas of Madaripur to attract the people to fish farming. Officials said various species of fish fry, including ruhi, katla, mrigel, silver carp and grass carp, have been released in the farms.

Special arrangements have been made to impart training to promising fish growers and provide them with necessary inputs. Meanwhile, the Fisheries Department has launched a programme to release 20 lakh various varieties of fish fry in Shashikar Beel in Kalkini upazila to give a boost fish production.

## Eyes of 2 cow-lifters gouged out

UNB, Faridpur

Unknown miscreants at Bhajandanga village gouged out eyes of two alleged cow-lifters in Kotwali thana on Friday night.

Family sources said Lokman, 40, and his brother-in-law Kader, 35, were abducted from their respective houses at dead of night. Later the following morning villagers found them in an unconscious state near the Bhajandanga Primary School and informed the police. They were sent to Dhaka for treatment. Police said both of them were the identified cow-lifters and criminals of the area.

## Sherpur Upazila Officers' Club opens

UNB, Sherpur

The Upazila Officers' Club was inaugurated in Sadar upazila of Sherpur for recreational facilities of the officials.

Whip of the Parliament Alhaj Jahed Ali Chowdhury inaugurated the club as chief guest on August 10 while

Deputy Commission ABM Abdus Satter was present as special guest. Earlier, the Whip distributed stipends and saplings among the students and also disbursed loans among the aborigines.

## Unidentified girl undergoes treatment

UNB, Patuakhali

An unidentified girl has been undergoing treatment at Patuakhali General Hospital for over a week in an unconscious state.

Two people of Badghat area in the town dropped the girl aged about 18 at the hospital in an unconscious state on July 19.

The girl came here from Dhaka on a Patuakhali-bound launch Sagar-4. The hospital authority said the girl became unconscious from poisoning. Civil Surgeon Dr Habibur Rahman said the girl is an expectant mother.

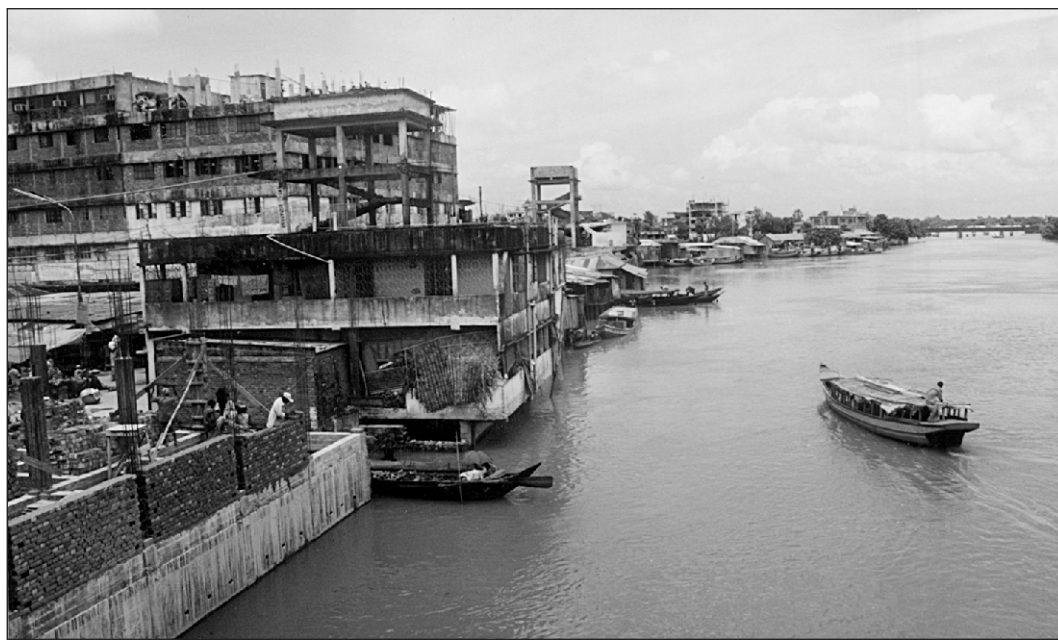


PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

Unabated encroachment of the Turag in Tongi by unscrupulous people is going on. As a result the environment is at stake, but who cares?

## 5 land in jail for possession of illegal arms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Four young men were sentenced to suffer 14 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) each on Saturday on charge of possessing fire arms illegally.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge-I of Sylhet Shamsul Alam Khan passed the judgement under Section 19 Ka of Arms Act.

The court also ordered for 7 years more RI to seven other each accused under Section 19 Cha of Arms Act.

The prosecution case, in brief is that, the accused persons were getting ready for committing an armed robbery. They were caught red-handed along with revolvers,

light guns and knives from the Mohanagar Hotel on the Sylhet Airport Road on January 12, 2002.

The Sylhet Detective Branch (DB) police conducted the raid on a secret information.

Police submitted chargesheet in the case. The court after examining the records and 19 witnesses passed the judgement.

The accused are, Saidur Rahman Sayeed, son of Abdul Hannan hailing from village Paschimpara of Nabinagar upazila in Brahmanbaria, Rinku Dass, son of Rabindra Dass of Dariapar, Sujun, son of Tota Miah, Laldighirpar, Sylhet city and Haider, son of Jamir Miah of Sheikh Ghat, Sylhet city.

## Dissolution of Netrakona BNP body slated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A district level BNP leader in Netrakona who is an accused of a murder case criticised the State Minister For Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babor while addressing a meeting here on Friday.

ATM Mustafa Chunnun, former joint secretary of Netrakona district BNP who is an accused in Sawpan Joarder murder case strongly condemned Lutfuzzaman Babor for his role in dissolving the Netrakona district committee of BNP.

The meeting was held here at the local BNP office which was surrounded by a large number of police and members of different intelligence agencies.

## River erosion a perennial problem in Barisal

AROOP TALUKDAR, Barisal

River erosion has taken a serious turn in Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Barguna, Jhalakati and Pirojpur districts of Barisal division due to incessant rainfalls.

As a result hundreds of families have become homeless and shelterless.

Some 30,000 dwelling houses, commercial establishments including hundreds of educational institutions, over five lakh hectares of croplands and religious institutions have been devoured by different rivers in the southern districts in last 10 years.

Erosion continues unabated by the rivers Meghna, Tetulia, Lohalia, Paira, Sugandhya, Sandhya, Karkhana, Bishkhali, Ilisha, Kacha, Kirtonkhola, Baleswar, Arial Khan and some other smaller rivers in Barisal, Patuakhali, Barguna and Bhola.

Alimabad, Kaliganj, Sreepur, Kazirchar, Bhanga, Andharmanik and Mullikpur in Mehendiganj upazila; Aliganj, Badartuni and Hizla bandar of Hizla upazila; Saipur, Patachar, Khasherhat and Muladi Bandar area of Muladi upazila, Doarika Ferryghat, Mirganj, Rahimganj of Babuganj upazila; Dasherhat, and Shikarpur bandar area of Uzirpur upazila and Banaripara upazila in Barisal are always at the threat

of continuous erosion by the Arial Khan, the Sandhya, the Sugandhya and the Meghna. Swarupkati upazila of Pirojpur is also being eroded by the Sandhya river. The Bishkhali river in Barguna also devours vast tracts of land.

At present erosion takes a dangerous turn in the Barguna launchghat area and also at Haringhata point of Patharghata upazila.

In Patuakhali, Laukati and Lohalia rivers have been devouring Laukati, Telikhali and Bighai villages continuously.

At least 300 shops, commercial establishments and dwelling houses have been devoured by the river Kacha in Bhola. Huge areas of Chowkighata and Hajiganj in Daulatkhana upazila have already gone in river bed.

The launch ghat in Hularhat, including the bridge and a passenger shed disappeared into the riverbed in the last three years.

Local people said, at least seven people died because of erosion after 1971. Fresh areas are going continuously in the riverbeds of the Kirtonkhola, Meghna, Arial Khan in Barisal, the Libukhali in Patuakhali, the Baleswar in Barguna, the Sandhya in Jhalakati and the Meghna in Bhola.

## One killed in clash over control of pond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Shoib Morol, 35, an affluent man of Srifaltala union was hacked to death by unidentified miscreants at about 10:30pm on Friday.

He was returning to home from the union parishad office when the armed attack came on him on the road claiming his life on the spot.

Eyewitnesses said the murder was committed only eighty yards away from his house. The murder is a sequel to personal enmity with one of the miscreants who led the killing mission.

Police said personal enmity grew

over possession of a pond at Srifaltala union with one Gaffar Sarder in the same area.

A case was recorded with Rupsha police station in this connection. None was so far been arrested.

Police and villagers said that victim's father-in-law and brother-in-law were also murdered in 1999. Shoib Morol was one of the prosecution witnesses of the two murder cases.

Accused of these two murder cases gave him death threats several times, said his relatives.

## Youth killed allegedly by three friends

UNB, Natore

A young man was killed allegedly by three of his friends at Agmurshan village in Singra upazila Wednesday.

Family sources said Milton, Mamun and Fozlul called Joynal Abedin, 26, out of his house in the name of watching television. Later Joynal's body was found in front of his house on Friday morning.

Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. The reason behind the murder could not be known.

A case was filed but none was arrested in this connection.

## Armed robbery at Sonali Bank in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

An armed robbery was committed at Sonali Bank, Islamkati Branch in Tala upazila on Friday night. The armed robbers looted cash amounting to Tk over 70,000.

Police sources said a group of armed robbers numbering 10 to 12 raided the Sonali Bank at Islamkati Bazar, caught two night guards of the bazaar and tied them with rope in a tree.

Later the armed robbers entered into the bank by breaking open the collapsible gate and also broke open the almirah and looted away cash amounting to over Tk 70,000.

Zillur Rahman, ASP, Sadar circle visited the spot. High officials of Sonali Bank visited the Islamkati branch on Saturday.

A case was lodged with Tala police station. None was arrested in this connection. The ASP said an investigation is going on and all-out efforts are being made to nab the culprits.

One year ago the higher authorities of Sonali Bank ordered closure of the branch as it was vulnerable.



PHOTO: HOSSAIN SERAJ

Teachers, students and employees of all the educational institutions at Dariapur of Sreepur upazila in Magura organised a demonstration at the tragic death of an 18-year old college girl Zahida by a group of miscreants on July 5. They demanded punishment to the killers.