

NEWS SNAPS

Body of unidentified youth recovered

UNB, Bagerhat

The beheaded body of an unidentified youth was recovered from Bagerhat Wednesday. Police said the headless body of the youth was recovered from Moubhog in Fakirhat upazila. Khulna police recovered the head of the body from Ghatbhog village of Rupsha upazila.

Unidentified man's body found

UNB, Chapainawabganj

The body of an unidentified old man was recovered from Amnura area in Sadar upazila Wednesday.

The body was found floating in a canal. It was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

Youth strangles newborn daughter

UNB, Comilla

A young man allegedly strangled his newborn daughter to death at Patwar village in Nangolekole upazila Monday.

Police said Harun-ur-Rashid, 26 of Khatachou village married Shahina Akter, 18, two years ago and she gave birth to a girl at her parents' house last week. On Monday, Harun went to his in-law's house and demanded Tk 18,000 from his wife as dowry. As she refused to give him the money, Harun killed his 5-day-old daughter and dumped the body in a bush. Shahina was asleep during the incident. Police recovered the body the following day and arrested Harun.

Pichchi Kamal sues 17 persons

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Md Kamal Hossain alias Pichchi Kamal, chairman of Nabipur Union Parishad in Muradnagar upazila filed a case on Thursday against 17 people including former state minister Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad, MP, and ASP (CID) Md Nurul Islam. Pichchi Kamal, now in Comilla Central Jail, for several cases including three murder cases, filed a case by his private lawyers in the Magistrate's Court in Comilla for alleged harassment by the members of law enforcing agencies with help of Kaikobad, MP. Meanwhile, CID police, Comilla recovered huge arms and ammunition from the house of Pichchi Kamal on the night of August 18. Later, aggrieved Pichchi Kamal filed the cases.

Police unwilling to record case in Comilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

The Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Comilla Kotwali thana did not receive a case of snatching of a Commissioner of Comilla Pourashava, it is alleged. Akchirul Bashar Shohag, a ward commissioner (Ward No-1) of Comilla Pourashava came under attack by some armed miscreants in Bishnapur area in the town at day light on Tuesday while he was going to his Vhatpara residence with Tk 60,000 in his possession. Armed miscreants looted all his money and gave him a good beating.

Father allegedly kills new-born baby

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

One greedy father allegedly killed his new-born baby at Khatacho village in Nangolkot upazila on Wednesday night.

According to family and police sources, one person named Harun-or-Rashid, 25, son of Shamsul Haque of Khatacho village strangled his five-day old baby girl and threw the same into a nearby pond at the same night on Wednesday. Earlier, Harun-or-Rashid demanded Tk 18,000 to his father-in-law, but he did not meet his demand.



PHOTO: IQBAL SIDDIQUEE

Erosion by the Dholai has taken a serious turn at Companyganj in Sylhet. The erosion affected area was supposed to be turned into a tourist spot.

Tk 57cr for development in Barind areas

UNB, Naogaon

The government has allocated Tk 57 cr for the implementation of various development projects undertaken by the Barind Multipurpose Development Authority (BMDA) in the current fiscal.

The development projects include construction of irrigation channels and rural roads, afforestation, re-excavation of canals and ponds, and pisciculture.

State Minister for Finance and Planning Maj Gen (ret) Anwarul Kabir Talukder said this while

exchanging views with farmers after visiting field-level development projects here Thursday.

He said the government under the supervision of BMDA would pave 22 kilometers of road in every upazila of Rajshahi, Naogaon and Chapainawabganj in the current fiscal.

The state minister was apprised that BMDA has already implemented a good number of projects, involving Tk 813 cr, in its efforts to change the lots of the people living in the area.

BMDA has so far installed 6,846 tube-wells, re-excavated 56-

kilometers of canal and 1,990 ponds, paved 449 kilometers of road and planted 1.66 cr saplings in its area.

It has also set up 26 establishments for preserving drinking water, given power connections to 4,141 deep tube-wells and imparted training to over 16000 farmers.

As a result, an additional 10.73 lakh mts of foodgrains worth Tk 773 cr is being produced in the area every year.

Local MPs and high officials of BMDA accompanied the state minister during the visit.

Indian held with medicine worth Tk 2.12 lakh

UNB, Chapainawabganj

An Indian national was arrested Wednesday from Hutmapara in Ajmatpur frontier area along with medicine worth Tk 2.12 lakh.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) troops, led by Havilder Kafiluddin, arrested Abdul Quaiyum, 30, along with the medicine.

Quaiyum, who came from Maldaha of India, was handed over to Shibganj police.

Meanwhile, police in a raid on a hotel in the town arrested two teenage sex workers along with the hotel manager Monday.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided Alhera Hotel and arrested its manager Abdul Jali, 32, along with Ruby, 15, of Mymensingh and Bristi, 15, of Barisal.

A case was filed.

Son stabs mother in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Believe it or not, a son has stabbed his mother who died after four days while under treatment at Gopalganj hospital.

Samsunnahar, 60, wife of late Jamir Mollah of village Bedgram in Gopalganj Sadar upazila was stabbed by her son Lulu Mollah, 25, during a quarrel over retirement allowance.

At one stage Lulu became very angry and stabbed his mother with a sharp knife in the morning on August 18. As a result she was seriously injured and got admitted in Gopalganj Sadar Modern Hospital in a critical condition. She died there after four days (August 21) while under treatment.

A case was filed with Gopalganj Police Station (PS) in this connection. The body was sent to the Gopalganj hospital morgue for autopsy. Police already arrested Lulu Mollah.

2 housewives killed allegedly by husbands

UNB, Chuadanga

Two young housewives were killed allegedly by their husbands here on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Police said Aslam aided by his parents and sister beat his wife Shabana, 25, to death Wednesday night. They later hanged her body from a tree to prove that she had committed suicide.

The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

After the murder, Aslam, his father Moulvi Sheikh and sister went into hiding. Police arrested

Abductor sentenced to 14-year RI

UNB, Munshiganj

An auto-rickshaw driver was sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) by a court here Thursday in an abduction case.

The court also fined convict Fazlul Haque, son of Budai Madbar of Shariatpur, Tk 5,000.

According to the prosecution, Fazlul tactfully took Duranta, 5, into his auto-rickshaw in presence of his parents at Sonbari crossing and sped away.

Local people chased the auto-rickshaw and caught Fazlul at Hasara on Dhaka-Mawa road and rescued the little boy.

Aslam's mother Sakhina Khatun in this connection.

Locals said the accused used to torture Shabana for dowry.

In another incident, Momena Khatun, 25, was poisoned to death allegedly by her husband Fazar Ali with the help of his brother Ramzan Ali and their mother at Porpara in Damurhuda upazila Tuesday night.

All of them went into hiding after the murder.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Separate incidents claim three in Manikganj

UNB, Manikganj

Three people, one of them a little boy, were killed in separate incidents in Singair upazila here Thursday.

In the first incident, Shajeda Begum, 20, wife of A Razzak of Char Nayabari village, who apparently showed no sign of illness, suddenly died on the day.

A nine-year-old boy, Ruhul Mia, son of Alam Mia of Wahednagar village, allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in their house.

In another incident, A Gani, 45, of Chandahar village, allegedly killed himself by taking poison following a family feud.



PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

These fallen trees bear the testimony of illegal logging in Keshabpur area on Jessore-Satkhira road. The bad practice already caused an ecological imbalance in the area.

Teenage girl rescued after 69 days of abduction

UNB, Noakhali

Police rescued a kidnapped teenage girl from Bandanda village in Sadar upazila Tuesday night, 69 days after her abduction.

Police said Jamaluddin, 25, of the village and his associates picked up their fellow-villager Tania Sultana, 15, on June 12.

On information, police raided the

area at dead of night and rescued the girl and arrested Jamaluddin and his father Tajul Islam.

The arrested were produced before the court Wednesday and the court sent them to jail hajat.

Tania alleged that the miscreants took her to different places of the country after abduction and raped her on several occasions.

She was sent to General

Hospital for medical test at the directive of a first class magistrate, but the committee formed to conduct the test sent her back to police as its members felt embarrassed to perform the test.

The committee was formed with supervisor of the hospital and gynecologist Dr Zakir Hossain, RMO Dr Mafizul Islam and registrar (gynecology) Dr Salma Sultana.

3,107 arrested in Brahmanbaria in four months

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Police in their intensified crackdown on criminals in the district arrested 3,107 people and seized huge drugs in last four months.

Police Super M Abul Kalam disclosed this in an opinion exchange meeting with local newsmen at the police conference room Thursday.



Md Akbar Husain, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Sariakandi, Bogra distributing relief materials among the flood victims. World Vision Bangladesh, an international development organisation, organised the five-day relief distribution programme among the deluge affected people at its Sariakandi Programme Office. They have a plan to distribute relief materials amounting to Tk 14,96,000.

Jute growers in Jhenidah, other districts frustrated

DELWAR KABIR, Jhenidah

Farmers in 10 south-western districts have become frustrated as they are deprived of fair price of jute this year. They did not receive fair price of sugarcane and banana also. They have been moving from door to door of jute purchasers and middlemen with their produced jute, but in vain.

According to Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), farmers in Jhenidah, Jessore, Magura, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Chaudanga, Meherpur and Kushtia

brought 114,428 hectares of land under jute farming this year. It was 30 per cent more than that of the last year. Due to ban of polythene, last year's good price of jute fibre and continuous demand of jute sticks encouraged them to bring more land under jute farming this year. But they are deprived of fair price of jute as there is lack of demand of their produce in the markets.

Talking to some middlemen at Daulatpur market in Khulna town they said, the price of jute has fallen down in international market.

Furthermore, the closer of

Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) is also a reason of fall down of jute price.

Talking to a numbering of jute farmers as Bhai and Saikupa bazaar in Jhenidah and Nowapara bazaar in Jessore this correspondent came to know that they are not in a position to sell jute in market. Many of them did not even cut down jute plants from the field.

According to farmers, in local markets one maund of jute is being sold between Tk 240 and 270 instead of last year's price of Tk 450 to 500.

Some Aratdar at Daulatpur, when asked, said the price of one maund of jute is between Tk 270 and 280.

Farmers also said, sugarcane was one of the most profitable cash crops of the farmers in the south-western districts. About 20,000 hectares of land were brought under sugarcane farming in 10 districts last season. Except the mill zone areas, the farmers prepared molasses from their sugarcane. This year the price of each maund of molasses did not exceed Tk 300 while it was at least Tk 500 last year. The farmers incurred huge loss this year. They further said, the banana growers are also frustrated.

At least 30,000 hectares of land was brought under banana farming this year. But the farmers could not receive fair price of banana.

This year banana growers also deprived of fair prices of this produce.



PHOTO: STAR

Two jute growers returning home with their produce from a local bazaar at village Baroipara in Saikupa in Jhenidah. Purchasers offering prices beyond the production cost of jute. As a result they have become frustrated.