

## NEWS SNAPS

**Two girls drown in pond in Nilphamari**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Two little girls drowned in a pond on Friday at Masterpara of Jaldhaka upazila in Nilphamari.

The victims were Imeza, 5, daughter of Enamul, and Mahmuda, 6, daughter of Mahubar, all in the Masterpara area. They slipped into the pond near their house when they were playing on its brink, according to family sources. Afterwards, villagers recovered their bodies.

**Body of unknown youth found floating**

UNB, Munsiganj

The body of an unidentified youth was recovered from the Dhaleswari river here Friday.

Locals found the body floating in the river near Mireswar bridge and informed police. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

**Young man's body recovered**

UNB, Jhalakati

The body of a youth was recovered from a roadside tree at Kukila village of Nalchhity upazila here on Thursday.

Police said family members found the body of Nurul Islam, 18, son of Abdus Sattar of the village, hanging from a tree beside the road. Mystery shrouded the death of Nurul Islam, as his body bore several marks of injury. The body was sent to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

**Young man allegedly commits suicide**

UNB, Manikganj

A youth allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Kanchannagar village in Singair upazila Thursday.

Habibur Rahman Habu, 24, married a girl secretly 16 days back. As his parents did not accept the marriage he committed suicide. Habu was scheduled to leave for Saudi Arab on the following day. The body was sent to hospital morgue.

**Pregnant woman's body found**

UNB, Hobiganj

The body of a pregnant woman was recovered from the Shaka Borak at Horipur village in Nobiganj upazila here Wednesday.

Locals said some youths called Fatera Begum, 20, out of her house assuring her of settling the dispute with her husband Saidul Tuesday. Her body was found in the river on the following day. Locals caught Saidul and handed over him to police. A case was filed.

**Two Juba Dal leaders arrested**

UNB, Munsiganj

Police arrested two leaders of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal (JJD) on various charges from Sonarang of Tongibari Wednesday night.

The arrested were identified as BNP's youth front JJD leader Mamun Malik and one of his accomplices Sentu.

Police said Mamun, who had long been committing different criminal activities in the area, was wanted in four cases.

**Miscreant arrested with toy-pistol**

UNB, Jhalakati

An identified criminal was arrested along with a toy-pistol from Nalchhity upazila here Thursday.

Local people chased and caught the miscreant Shazal, 24, when a he hit and injured a betel nut seller who wanted the outstanding money from him. Police produced him before a court here Friday and the court sent him to jail hajjat.

**Police sergeant transferred on charge of corruption**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Mahmudunnabi, a police sergeant of Hatikumrul on Dinajpur-Dhaka highway has been transferred to Kurigram following an investigation report submitted by Dhaka Security Cell for his alleged involvement in smuggling of various Indian goods like sugar, salt, cosmetic items, spare parts, phensidyl, heroin and some other goods. His faults were proved by Dhaka Security Cell beyond doubt. Now Mahmudunnabi has been turned into a millionaire by pursuing smuggling.

The transfer was made on August 12, according to Memo No 31-2002 (Sirajganj/ 868) of the range of Rajshahi Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of police. The probe

report further suggested to immediately transfer him from the traffic department.

But surprisingly he was again transferred to Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), according to Memo No 'Niog' /240-2002/4747, dated August 18 of the Police Headquarters.

According to a reliable source who wished not to be named it has been gathered that Mahmudunnabi has become very keen to join in the duties of traffic again at Hatikumrul in Sholonga Police Station.

This highway has become one of the biggest transit route for smuggling of Contrabands in the country following commissioning of the Jamuna Bridge in 1998.

In the previous Awami League

(AL) regime this corrupt police personnel used to identify himself as a close associate of the then Home Minister Mohammad Nasim. He also maintained very close relationship with the aides of the former minister while at present he claims himself to be a staunch supporter of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), because 'he hails from Bogra', according to himself.

It is worth mentioned that his father was a police constable at Sirajganj where he was born and studied in educational institutions. From then on he established rapport with the local smugglers and miscreants, it is widely alleged. His is the reason of his option for staying at Hatikumrul for a longer period.

**Dengue victim detected in Kushtia**

UNB, Kushtia

A schoolgirl in the Kalishankarpur area in Kushtia town was admitted in the local hospital with dengue fever.

Meanwhile, local municipality authority has taken up a 12-day programme to prevent dengue fever.

The programme began in the Kalishankerpur area in Kushtia town Wednesday through starting spraying of insecticide using six fogging machines to eliminate Aedes mosquito.

Acting chairman of the municipality Mohiuddin Chowdhury Milon said pesticide will be sprayed in all the 12 wards.

**3,107 arrested in B'baria in 4 months**

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Police in separate drives arrested some 3,107 people on various charges from different parts in Brahmanbaria in last four months.

Of the total, some 2,183 people were nabbed under arrest warrants and some 924 in regular cases. The law enforcers recovered 26,215 bottles of Indian Phensidyl from different parts of eight upazilas.

**3 killed in separate road mishaps in Sylhet**

UNB, Sylhet

Three people were killed and 12 others injured in separate road accidents in Sylhet Friday.

In the first mishap, two people were killed and 10 others injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch on Biswanath-Jagannathpur road in the afternoon.

Witnesses said the Biswanath-bound bus fell down into the ditch after its driver lost control over the steering leaving the two people killed on the spot.

The deceased were identified as

bus helper Abdul Quiyum, 28, and Abdul Hannan, 30, of Biswanath.

The injured were admitted to different hospitals.

Police arrested the driver of the bus.

Meanwhile, a man was killed and two other people were injured when a tempo rammed into a truck on Salutikar-Companiganj road on the day.

The deceased was identified as tempo driver Haris Ali, 31.



The signing ceremony of NIIT, a major Information Technology (IT) training company in Asia, is in progress. The ceremony was aimed at expanding its network of centres to Barisal. Taposh Ray, from NIIT Zonal Office Calcutta, Afzalur Rahman Sinha, Director, ACME IT Ltd., Tanveer Sinha, Executive Director, ACME IT Ltd, K M Badruddin, Finance Director, ACME Laboratories Ltd, Devjit Sarker, Location Head-Bangladesh, NIIT and A K M Ghaffar, CEO Beximco Systems Limited attended the function.



PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

Haturia, a ferry ghat (terminal) in Manikganj which was shifted recently from Aricha in grip of river erosion from the very beginning of its establishment here.

**Rickshaw van driver commits suicide**

UNB, Thakurgaon

Failing to bear the stigma of branding him a thief at a village arbitration, a rickshaw van driver committed suicide here recently.

Locals said, a rickshaw of Majedul Islam of Gorea village in sadar upazila was stolen in the first of week of this month, but he could not trace it out.

Van driver Surja Mohan of the same village detected the rickshaw in the district town and he informed it to its owner.

Accordingly, Majedul recovered the rickshaw from the possession of one person named Rafiq in the town.

During the village arbitration, Rafiq confessed his guilt but to punish Surja for providing information about the rickshaw, he termed Surja as his associate.

Both Rafiq and Surja were fined and beaten up in the meeting.

On the following day, Surja Mohan took poison and died at the local hospital on August 7.

An unnatural death (UD) case was registered with Sadar police.

**Eight armed robbers arrested**

UNB, Kushtia

Eight armed robbers were arrested along with arms and ammunition from Islampur village in Daulotpur upazila Friday.

Acting on a tip off, a team of police raided the house of late Shahjahan Ali and arrested the bandits at 1:45pm while they were allegedly holding preparatory meeting to commit an armed robbery in the area.

One gun, one sawed-off rifle, two pipe-guns, four rounds of bullet and four live bombs were recovered from their possession.

The bandits were identified as Hanif, Roushan alias Roushnai, Bakkar of Daulotpur, Asadul, Alamot, Billal, Rafik and Badiul of Bheramara.

**Transport worker injured by miscreants in Barisal**

UNB, Barisal

A transport worker was critically injured in an attack by miscreants at Rupatali bus terminal here on Friday.

Police said the criminals attacked the transport worker Koyel, 20, at the terminal at noon and chopped him indiscriminately.

He was admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Meanwhile, a construction worker was seriously injured when he fell down from a building on the campus of local BM University College on the day.

He was admitted to the hospital in an unconscious state.