

## NEWS SNAPS

**Body of unidentified man recovered****UNB, Narsingdi**

Police recovered the body of an unidentified man from New Balaka Dying Factory in Satirpara area in Narsingdi town Monday.

Police said the man was killed four or five days ago. Several torture marks were found on the body, which was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed with Sadar Police.

**Boatman drowns in river in Jhalakathi****UNB, Jhalakathi**

Abotman drowned in the Basanda river in Jhalakathi Monday.

Mohammadullah, 26, of Moheshkahli upazila in Cox's Bazar district fell into the river and drowned while working on a salt-laden trawler. The body was recovered after five hours of his drowning. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

**Feni JCD leader arrested****UNB, Feni**

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader of Dagonhuiya upazila was arrested Friday on charge of extortion and other criminal acts.

Police said Saifur Rahman Swapan, JCD secretary of the upazila, is accused in several cases. Following the arrest, supporters of Saifur demonstrated and put up barricade on Feni-Maizdi road disrupting traffic for more than an hour.

**Repair work of college completed****UNB, Madaripur**

Reconstruction and renovation works of Madaripur Government Sufia College were completed at a cost of Tk 1.82 cr.

The project has been implemented under "Selected College Development Programme." The development works include construction of dormitory, classrooms and administrative building.

**Cash, valuables worth Tk 3 lakh looted****UNB, Rangpur**

Bandits looted cash and valuables worth Tk 3 lakh from a house on the Carmichael College campus Sunday.

A gang of armed bandits numbering 10/15 entered into the house of Mokbul Hossain, Associate Professor of Botany Department of the college, by breaking open the door and looted 30 tolas of gold, cash and other valuables at gun point. They beat up Farhadul Kabir, son of Mokbul Hossain, as he tried to resist them. He was rushed to hospital. A case was filed.

**Muggers loot Tk 3 lakh from woman****UNB, Khulna**

Muggers looted Tk 3 lakh from a woman at Baitun Nur Complex in Khulna town Monday.

Police said the snatchers took away the money from Toslima Hossain, Project Director of UPHGP, at gunpoint when she went to the shopping complex. A case was filed.

**Three foreign made revolvers recovered****UNB, Brahmanbaria**

Police recovered three foreign made revolvers from the rooftop of a bus at Ashuganj ferry ghat here Monday.

Police said they recovered the revolvers searching a Dhaka-bound bus from Sylhet. The arms were kept in a bag. None was arrested in this connection.

**Mother of four children raped in Sirajganj****OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj**

A mother of four children was raped by miscreants at village Mohisulti in Tarash Upazila in the early hours on Monday.

The victim was identified as Mazeda Khatun, 40, wife of Safiz Uddin of the aforesaid village in Sirajganj.

Police and witnesses said after finishing their dinner the couple slept in separate rooms. The housewife slept with two of her children in a room while her husband along with two other children slept in another room.

A gang of miscreants led by Abul

Hossain and three of his associates locked the room of Safiz Uddin from outside and entered into his wife's room. At the gun point they raped her. When the victim cried aloud then his husband broke open the door of his room. His neighbours also came to spot. A clash ensued among the criminals, house owner and neighbours. As a result both husband and wife along with two others sustained injuries.

However, the villagers caught Abul Hossain and handed him over to police while other miscreants fled the scene. Police sent to the victim to Sirajganj General Hospital for medical check-up. A case was lodged with Tarash police station in this connection.

**Erosion threatens flood control dam in Magura****HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura**

About half portion of the 6-km Kashipur-Muhammadpur police station flood control sub-embankment has been washed away due to continuous erosion by the Madhumati.

No erosion threatens the main Kalisankarpur-Charsalamatpur flood control embankment.

About two kilometers area from Kashipur to Bholanathpur and one kilometer area from Ruijani to Jangalia of the sub-embankment have been completely washed away.

While talking to The Daily Star, Abdul Majed Molla, member of Mohammadpur Sadar Union Council and a resident of erosion affected Kashipur said, "Not only the three-km area of the sub-embankment has been washed away but also a portion of the 30-km Kalisankarpur-Charsalamatpur flood control embankment in the Kashipur graveyard area is under threat of erosion. This is because it stands only 60 yards away from the river bank. If any breach develops in

the embankment at least three unions including Mohammadpur upazila headquarters will be inundated," he feared.

While visiting the areas recently this correspondent observed that at least 120 families of six villages have been forced to shift their houses due to continuous erosion by Madhumati river and about 150 acres of croplands have been devoured in the river in the last few days.

Some 30 families including that of Zafar, Dhala Mia, Al-Amin and Makbul have taken shelter on government lands adjacent to the Kalisankarpur-Charsalamatpur embankment in the Kashipur area. They lost their croplands and abodes in the river.

The worst affected villages are Kashipur, Dhuljhur, Bholanathpur, Ruijani, Gopalnagar and Jangalia. Atiar Rahman a septuagenarian at village Gopalnagar said, "Erosion by the river Madhumati has been going on for years together devouring thousands of acres of crop lands and hundreds of dwelling houses.

But it has taken a serious turn in recent days due to onrush of water from the upstream and heavy downpour".

The affected people complained that none from the local administration visited the affected areas or took any initiative to stop the erosion.

Despite repeated attempts this correspondent failed to reach the Upazila Nirbahi officer (UNO) of Mohammadpur to record his comments.

When contacted, the Executive Engineer of local Water Development Board (WDB), Abdur Razzak said to The Daily Star, "I heard about the erosion from my sub-divisional engineer. After proper investigations I shall try to take steps to stop erosion".

When this correspondent contacted the Sub-Divisional Engineer (Madhumati project) of local WDB Tanziur Rahman, he admitted the reality of erosion and said, "I have already visited the affected areas. I shall submit the report to higher authorities very soon."

**Road mishaps claim 2 in Manikganj, Narsingdi****STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Two persons were killed and six others injured in two separate road accidents in Manikganj and Narsingdi on Monday.

**UNB reports from Manikganj:** A man was killed and four other people were injured in a road accident in the Joka area in Ghor upazila on Dhaka-Aricha highway Monday.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound minibus dashed a van carrying patients from Pukuria to Sadar hospital from behind.

The dead identified as Razzak died at Sadar Hospital. The injured people were Somejuddin, 30, Khudaza, 40, Lalchan, 20, and Roushanara, v30.

A case was filed.

**Another report from Narsingdi says:** A man was killed and two other people were injured in a traffic mishap on Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Narsingdi town Monday.

The victim was identified as Golap Miah, 40, son of Moslehuddin of Chaitanya village in Shibpur upazila.

Police said the accident occurred in the Bhelanagar area at about 3pm when a Dhaka-bound bus from Bhairab knocked a rickshaw from behind and killed its passenger Golap Miah on the spot.

Two other people suffered critical injuries in the accident. They were sent to sadar hospital.

Driver of the bus managed to flee the scene after the accident.

Body of Golap Mia was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with sadar police.

**8 corrupt jute traders in Narayanganj sued****UNB, Khulna**

District Anti-corruption Bureau filed a case against eight jute traders for embezzling bank loan given for purchasing jute.

Police said the accused identified as the owners and partners of Glory Enterprise of Narayanganj took a loan of Tk 4 cr from Agrani Bank, Narayanganj Court branch in the name of purchasing jute.

But the bank authorities found shortage of jute in the two godowns of the company at Doulatpur and

Narayanganj.

Some 40.69 lakh bales of jute were found in Doulatpur godown instead of 67.62 lakh bales.

The bank authorities informed the matter to the Bureau of Anti-corruption and the Assistant Director of the Bureau Abu Hasem Kazi filed the case after investigation.

The accused jute traders are absconding.

Police suspect that bank officials were involved in the deception case.

**JCD activists lock up Victoria College principal's office****OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla**

Some activists of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) backed student organisation Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) locked the office room of the newly appointed principal of Comilla Government Victoria College on Saturday accusing him to be a man of 'Janatar Monch'.

Md Asrafur Islam joined as the principal of Victoria College on September 5 from Brahmanbaria Government College. Since then he was working regularly in his college office.

All on a sudden at 11 am on Saturday, some JCD activists led by Ashiqur Rahman, Vice President (VP) of Victoria College came to the

college campus and locked the office of the principal including all the classrooms. On information, the general students rushed to the spot and protest the illegal activity.

At that time a clash ensued between JCD and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists resulting in injuries to three persons.

One of the injured was identified as Asaduzzaman, a student of first year intermediate of Commerce group and son of Md Samsul Haque Bhuiyan. Now he is undergoing treatment at Comilla Sadar Hospital.

Following the incident, the Victoria College Teachers' Council met at an emergency meeting at 6 pm, which was continuing till filing of this report.

**Training of female volunteer Ansars at upazila level begins**

A platoon of female volunteer Ansars has been created in each upazila of the country with a view to empowering women, says a press release.

Each platoon consists of 32 women. A total of 14,752 women are included in the platoon. Members of the platoon will be imparted training on various aspects on development of women and their welfare so that rural women can be self-conscious and can engage themselves in uplift activities.

Out of the total, 7520 women will be trained in two phases in the district headquarters on basic foundation course.

First phase of the 21-day foundation course has been started in all the district headquarters from September 7. Intensive training on discipline, operation of arms, drill, vigilance will be imparted to them in the training courses.

In future the number of female volunteer Ansars will be increased and one platoon of female Ansars will be posted in each and every union.

This will increase consciousness on rights of women and self-confidence.

Besides, women will get more opportunities to maintain the law and order in the respective areas.

**Thisha murder case 4 prosecution witnesses cross-examined****OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha**

Four and last prosecution witnesses (PWs) in the sensational Trisha murder case were cross-examined in the court of the District and Sessions Judge, Gaibandha on Monday.

With the cross-examination of four prosecution witnesses namely Morshed Ali and Mokarram Ali, constable, Ashrafur Rahman, OC, Caibandha Thana and Rafiqul Islam, Investigation officer (IO), the court ended cross-examination of all prosecution witnesses.

Out of total 31 witnesses, court accepted 26 witnesses in the prosecution side of Trisha murder case while the remaining five witnesses were not produced before the court.

First three witnesses submitted their respective deposition describing the incident. Rafiqul Islam (IO) was cross-examined for two hours. He told the court that after being ordered he began investigation of Trisha murder case. He produced evidences of Trisha before court which he seized during investigation. The evidences are one black parasuit made school bag with her locks, a pair of sandal and parts of clothes.

During the cross-examination IO told the court that after closure of classes at 4-15 pm on July 17 Trisha was returning home. When she reached the maternity complex, accused persons Modern, Shaheen and Asha moved fast towards her in a bid to kidnap her. Being afraid Trisha took a short cut way to her home through Khapara.

Meanwhile, the accused persons chased her upto the pond at the end of the lane. Finding no other alternative she jumped into the pond and drowned.

Investigating Officer (IO) Rafiqul Islam brushed aside the cross-examination of the defence lawyer. The IO replied that his submitted report was not indifferent and the witnesses were not forced to submit deposition against the accused persons.

The defence lawyer, however, pointed out that the IO did not check the attendance register of the class, Trisha was reading in, and he did not include classmate of Trisha in the prosecution witness. The IO remained silent.

The next day was fixed on September 16 for examination of the accused persons under Section 342 of Bangladesh Penal Code (BPC).

**Old man, grand daughter drown in Gorai****UNB, Kushtia**

An old man and his grand daughter drowned in the river Gorai Sunday.

Family sources said Abdur Razzak, 65, of Kamalapur in the downtown along with his grand daughter Shashi, 12, a student of class VI, went to take bath in the river at about 1 pm.

Suddenly Shashi slipped from his hand and fell into deep water and Razzak, in a bid to rescue her, jumped into the river and went missing.

Local people after frantic efforts failed to recover both the bodies. Shashi, daughter of Shawkot Ali, an army officer in Syeedpur Cantonment, came to visit her maternal grandfather's house some days back.

**Sugarcane farming on 16,000 acres****UNB, Thakurgaon**

A total of 16,000 acres of land will be brought under sugarcane cultivation in Thakurgaon in the current season.

Managing Director of Thakurgaon Sugar Mills M Akramuzzaman inaugurated the cultivation programme recently. Cultivation of sugarcane in all units of the sugar mill zone also began on the same day.

The mills authority has taken up a programme to disburse Tk 8.24 cr loan among the growers in the current season. Steps have also been taken to increase production applying modern methods of cultivation.

**Belgium made gun recovered: Youth held****UNB, Noakhali**

Police recovered a gun from village West Shaktola in Sonaimuri upazila and arrested a youth in this connection Sunday morning.

Villagers said Saiful Islam of the village became angry when co-villager Abdul Awal demanded the money Saiful borrowed from him. At one stage he threatened to kill Awal brandishing a sophisticated Belgium made gun.

Sensing danger Awal cried out for help and in the face of hot chase by the villager Saiful threw the gun into a pond and fled away.

Police recovered the gun and arrested Yusuf, the younger brother of Saiful in this regard.