

## NEWS SNAPS

**Three commit suicide**

UNB, Naogaon

Two housewives and a teenager allegedly committed suicide in Naogaon on Saturday and Sunday.

Police said Rashida, 35, wife of Azhar Ali of village Billhobanipur in Sadar upazila took poison and died at Sadar hospital Sunday.

Another housewife Aklima, wife of Abdus Sattar of village Atita and Nazmul, 13, son of Narul Islam of village Sahapur of the same upazila took poison as a sequel to family feud and died at Sadar hospital Saturday. Three separate unnatural death (UD) cases were registered with the police.

**440 gas cylinders seized**

UNB, Jhenidah

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) jawans seized a truck loaded with 440 gas cylinders from Moheshpur border Thursday night. They handed over the truck and its driver Alam to local police station and a case was lodged in this connection. Besides, BDR men arrested 17 people while intruding into Bangladesh territory from India through Samanta border area on the same night.

**Shortage of onion seeds**

UNB, Jhenidah

Onion cultivation is being hampered in the district due to acute shortage of seeds.

Local farmers said the prices of the onion seeds have shot up abnormally owing to the scarcity.

Tin Pata brand of the seed is being sold between Tk 925 and Tk 1050 and Lal Teer between Tk 1050 and Tk 1150.

**Ransacking of Krishak Dal president's shop****19 Pabna AL leaders, workers acquitted of charges**

UNB, Pabna

A court here Saturday acquitted 19 Awami League (AL) leaders and workers of a case under Speedy Trial Act.

The court after examining the records and witnesses found them not guilty and acquitted them.

Those acquitted are district AL office secretary Monir Hossain Manna, vice president of district Chhatra League Mustafizur Rahman Sweet and general secretary of Poura Chhatra League unit Polash.

Krishak Dal president Khondakar Mosaddek Ali filed the case against them on August 31 this year for ransacking his shop.

**Eid preparations on**

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As Eid-ul-Fitr knocks at the door, people of all ages in Magura, get prepared to celebrate their greatest religious festival in a befitting manner. (Left-right) One person paints mehendi patterns on a lady's hand at a beauty parlour in the district town while two young men select Eid greeting cards at a stall.

**Schoolboy shot dead by bandits in Jhalakati**

UNB, Jhalakati

Armed robbers shot dead a schoolboy and injured two more at village Banaigram in Kathalia upazila early Monday.

The dead was identified as Arifur Rahman Badal, 15, a student of Dhanmondi school in Dhaka.

Police said the gang stormed

the house of Asmat Ali Hawladar at 2 am by breaking open the door and looted valuables.

But, when the inmates started screaming, the bandits hacked Asmat, 70, and his son Badal grievously. At one stage they shot and killed Badal and fled the scene.

They also stabbed one person named Fazlur Rahman Molla when

the villagers chased them.

Badal, who lived with his brother in Dhaka, came to the village to celebrate holy Eid-ul-Fitr with his parents.

On the same night, another gang committed robberies at the houses of Noor Mohammad and Abdul Jabbar Master at village Vailabunia in Kathalia upazila.

**Expelled JCD leader arrested**

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra.

Police arrested expelled Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Moniruzzaman Moni from the district BNP office on Sunday night.

Acting on secret information police raided the BNP office at Nawabbari Road and arrested Monir at about 11pm. Police produced him before the court and the court ordered him to be sent to jail on Monday afternoon. Police said he was arrested under section 54.

Monir contested as a general secretary at the district JCD's council on November 23 at Bogra Circuit House.

Centering alleged vote rigging Monir and others damaged furniture and glass of the circuit house and misbehaved with the central leaders of JCD. Afterwards JCD central committee expelled eight of its leaders and activists of Bogra Zilla Unit including Monir for their anti-organisational activities. They also lost their preliminary membership of JCD.

Nazir of Deputy Commissioner filed a GD with sadar thana in this connection. After the expulsion police has been seeking Monir and seven others by order of the BNP high command.

**Kurigram BNP leader released from jail**

UNB, Kurigram

Former member of parliament (MP) and vice president of the district BNP Saifur Rahman Rana was released from jail Tuesday as per court order.

The joint force arrested him from his Nageshwari College Road residence on November 9 and handed over to police.

When produced the local court sent him to jail hajjat.

A writ petition was filed with the High Court challenging his detention order and the court after hearing ordered his release on November 30. But the jail authorities after completing all legal formalities released him Tuesday.

**84 more rescued from Sundarbans**

UNB, Bagerhat

Eighty-four more people, who were held hostage by miscreants in the Sundarbans and other areas, were rescued by the coastguard on Saturday and Sunday.

The coastguard rescued 54 people on Saturday and 30 on Sunday, raising the total number of people rescued in last 10 days to 136.

The rescued people, who hailed from Chittagong and Bagerhat, were sent back to their homes.

Over 50 coastguards raided the Sundarbans, Dublar Char, Meher Ali Char, Alorkal and Andar Manik and rescued the people, mostly teenagers, who were used by the miscreants to help them commit various crimes in the Sundarbans and coastal areas.