

NEWS SNAPS

Man killed

by nephew

UNB, *Sherpur*

A man was allegedly killed by his nephew at village Mazidbari in Nakla upazila on Wednesday night.

Police said Khalil and his associates killed his uncle Qudrat Ali, 50, following a land dispute. A case was filed with local police station.

Road mishap

claims one

UNB, *Jessore*

A man was killed and 10 people were injured in a road accident on Jessore-Magura road on Wednesday.

The deceased was identified as Shihabuddin, 35, of village Roypur in Bagerpara upazila and a teacher of Shekher Batan Alia Madrassa.

Fish fries

released

UNB, *Pabna*

Some 10,000 fries of various species of fish were released in ponds of Baropit exhibition fish farm of Bangladesh Water Development Board in Bhara on Wednesday.

District fisheries officer released the fries at a simple ceremony for the beneficiaries of the farm. Asiab, a local non-governmental organisation (NGO), organised a discussion on pisciculture.

Uplift projects

implemented

BSS, *Joypurhat*

Repairing and development works of nearly 19-km long existing metalled roads are progressing fast.

The Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) is implementing the work under two projects in the current fiscal, official sources said.

According to engineers in the local LGED, projects are 8.40km long Panchbibi-Chechra road in Panchbibi upazila at a cost of 136.02 lakh taka and 10.45 km long Panchbibi-Sonatola road under the same upazila at a cost of 152.32 lakh taka. The work will be completed by June next in the current fiscal.

Many flee home as post-polls violence flares in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Reports of post-polls violence are pouring in from different areas of Rangunia, Satkania, Rauzan, Anowara, Banskhali, Boalkhali, Pomra, Hazipara, Modipara, Maizpara and Malirhut in Chittagong district.

Many have fled their villages in the trouble-torn Satkania, Rauzan, Anowara, Banskhali and Boalkhali areas.

In Rangunia at least 11 persons including a pregnant woman have been injured after election on February 19. Incidents of looting

and ransacking of houses and shops of supporters of rival candidates have been reported.

Misceants beat up and threatened the correspondent of Dainik Purbokone, Pantha Nibash Barua.

A protest meeting has been held at Dobhashi Bazaar Press Club on Saturday. Local journalists have demanded punishment to the culprits.

Local criminals Rashed, Khorsheed and Jonayed are behind violence in different areas of Pomra, Hazipara, Modipara, Maizpara and Malirhut.

Misceants physically assaulted a housewife and dragged her out of her house at Malirhut on Friday night. They allegedly looted and ransacked the houses of Master Nurul Quddus and Zahir Ahmed, a member candidate.

Hired goons of a losing candidate have opened fire at the elected chariman of Kodala union, Abdul Quayum Talukder, at around 8.30pm on Friday night.

A protest rally has been held at Kodala High School ground at 5:00pm on Saturday.



PHOTO: STAR

A deserted railway land at Godagari in Rajshahi where thousands of river erosion victims live for over three decades. They appealed for permanent settlement there on payment of nominal amount.

RU student killed in road mishap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

A university student was killed by a speeding truck at the city's Bornali crossing on February 25 evening.

The victim was Forhad Hossain Tedel, 27, a final year student of Rajshahi University (RU). He died on the spot when a Natore bound speeding truck crushed him under its wheels. Police seized the truck, but the driver fled. A case was filed with Boalia police station.

10,000 landless in Rajshahi want rehabilitation on abandoned railway land

ABDUL KADER, *Back from Rajshahi*

About 10,000 landless families at Godagari upazila in Rajshahi have appealed to the government to rehabilitate them on 720 acres of abandoned railway land.

All are victims of erosion by the Padma and the Mahananda. They

have come from Char Kashimpur, Char Basudevpur, Char Uluk Nagar, Baliagata, Hatnabad, Char Alatul, Saheb Nagar, Kodak Kathi of Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts. They have been living on the deserted railway land since 1965.

"We want a permanent settlement here on payment of small amount of money to the railway authorities," Fazlur Rahman, a landless, said to this correspondent who visited Godagari recently. The Association for Land Reforms and Development (ALRD) sponsored his tour.

The inhabitants told this correspondent that all of them had constructed shelters on payment of money to three alleged touts- a railway staffer, a sacked bank manager and a school peon. They gave them false assurance that they would distribute land among them permanently.

The residents of Mohanpur union (no-2) further said to this correspondent that the land had been under occupation of a retired railway staffer Wadud of Ishwardi. He sold land to the landless people in collaboration with his accomplices.

Another resident revealed that the railway land is under control of Jalaluddin, Rakibuddin and Entaz Maral.

The touts assured people that they would hand over the railway authorities' legal documents to them in due time. But till date they did not get any legal paper from them, he added.

"About seven years back I paid 19,000 taka for 11 decimals of land to Jalaluddin, a peon of Digram High School in the area, Amina Begum, another female inhabitant informed this correspondent

BNP, AL patronising black money holders: Dr Kamal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Dr Kamal Hossain, president of Gono Forum, blamed the ruling BNP and the main opposition party Awami League (AL) for patronising the black money holders and politics of terrorism.

Dr Kamal urged the people and the political forces to be united for healthy politics, better living and for establishing rule of law in the country.

He was addressing a public meeting organised by Oikya Procheta, a forum to unite the same minded democratic forces, at Magura Nonani Maidan in the afternoon on February 25. He alleged that both ruling BNP and the main opposition AL did not bother about the welfare of the people.

Chaired by Dr Mizanur Rahman, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Pankaj Bhattacharya, advocate Zahirul Islam, advocate Fazlur Rahman, advocate Mustafa Amin, advocate Abdus Shaheed Lal and Engineer Abul Kashem.

Man allegedly killed by son-in-law

UNB, *Kurigram*

A man was allegedly killed by his son-in-law at village Boraidangi in Rajibpur upazila on Saturday.

Locals said Abu Hanif hit his wife's uncle Ismail Hossain, 55, with a sharp weapon following an altercation over a disputed land.

People caught Hanif and handed him over to police.



President Iajuddin Ahmed (middle) inaugurates the 11th Jatiyo Jubo Red Crescent Camp-2003, a national youth camp, at Mouchak training centre in Gazipur on February 25. Maj Gen (retd) Z A Khan, chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Professor Dr Gazi Abdul Huq, vice-chairman and Dr Fazlul Kabir, treasurer of the Society were present there.



Norwegian Ambassador Gard Wahlstorm along with Lena M Hasle, Second Secretary of the embassy observing the activity of a fish production project of Samata, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) at Durgapur, a remote area in Pabna. The envoy was on a two-day visit to the northern district.

Listed criminal killed in Munshiganj

UNB, *Munshiganj*

A listed criminal was killed and six others were injured in a police - criminals gunfight at village Pukurpara in Sadar upazila on February 25.

Police identified the dead as Mostafa Sheikh. He was wanted in eight cases.

Police raided a house at about 5pm to nab Mostafa and his accomplices at Pukurpara, about 10-kilometre away Munshiganj

town.

Sensing presence of the police, Mostafa and his accomplices opened fire, leading to a fierce gunfight between the two sides. Mostafa was killed while two of his accomplices and four policemen, including two sub-inspectors (SIs), suffered bullet injuries.

Police recovered a revolver loaded with two bullets.

Mostafa's body was brought to hospital morgue for autopsy.