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Police informer slaughtered

UNB, Chuadanga
A police informer was slaughtered by the extremists of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) in Belgaonhi upazila on Monday night.

Police said the culprits picked up Zakir Hossain, 35, son of Abdul Aziz, from his Daulatdia residence and slaughtered him near the rail gate. The same group abducted and chopped Zakir following a previous enmity. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

Timber trader killed in road accident

UNB, Bandarban
A timber trader was killed in a road accident at Manurtek on Bandarban-Keranihat road on Tuesday. Police said a foodgrains-laden truck overturned on the road leaving its passenger, a timber trader Mohammad Osman, 40, dead on the spot. Two people including the driver of the truck were also injured in the accident.

Foreign liquor recovered

UNB, Sylhet
Police arrested the owner of a department store with 80 cans of foreign beer from Amborkhana area of the town on Saturday.

Plainclothes police went to Farooque and Brother's store in the guise of beer buyers and found 80 cans of banned foreign beer. They arrested the owner of the store Rafiqul Islam and sent him to jail hajat.

Extortionists rule 2 Sirajganj upazila

Crime on the rise in the district

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Panic gripped Ullapara and Kamarkand upazila (UZ) as criminals gave letters to two school-teachers for Tk 70,000 and threatened with death for failure, four days after four persons were killed for Tk two lakh toll.

The letters were sent to two Kiron Kanti Goshami and Kishore Kanti Goshami of Raildowlotpur village under Kamarkand upazila on May 14 for payment of the amount by 7 pm on May 18.

After receiving the letters signed by a "leader of ETI group", the two brothers lodged a case with Kamarkand police and fled home fearing reprisal by the criminals, family sources said. Police said they arrested one Shafiqul Islam, who allegedly sent the letters.

On May 14, four persons including an woman were killed at Kaliakair village in Ullapara by miscreants for failing to pay Tk two lakh.

Police are yet to identify the killers or find any clue to the car-

Son kills father in Comilla

Four women commit suicide, another beaten to death

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Five persons including four women committed suicide and another woman was beaten to death in four days from May 14 in the district.

A father was killed by his son in another incident during the period.

Sajeda Akhter, 34, mother of four children, committed suicide at Peerjatrapur village under Burichong upazila on May 15 allegedly due to torture by her father-in-law, police said.

She was the wife of one Tajul Islam.

She was taken to Comilla Medical College Hospital after she took poison, but doctors declared her dead.

Md. Shaheen Mia (30) son of Safiqur Rahman, committed suicide by taking poison at Neamotpur village under Muradnagarupazila on May 14.

A case was lodged with Muradnagar police.

Fatema Akhter alias Rekha, 18, daughter of Mahe Alam of Nurpur in Comilla town, committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling on May 16 allegedly following a family feud.

On the same day another young girl took her life by taking poison at Mongolpur village under the Sadar upazila. The victim has been identified as Shahena, 16, daughter of Mamta Mia.

Shahena Akhter, 22, wife of Golam Mostafa of Hoaninagar village under the Sadar upazila, committed suicide by taking poi-

Lack of record

42 new cases await disposal by Barisal Speedy Trial Tribunal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Forty-two cases are awaiting disposal by the Speedy Trial Tribunal, Barisal.

The cases can not be tried as their records have not yet reached the tribunal, according to the public prosecutor (PP) Majibur Rahman Nantu.

Of these, 22 are under Arms Act, 18 under Women and Children Repression Act and two are smuggling cases.

Ten of the cases are from



Winners in the Debate for Democracy are seen in the picture with Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University Vice-chancellor Dr AM Faruk, Prof. Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury, Student Affairs Advisor Prof Kamal Uddin Ahmed and moderator Md Rafiqul Islam. The debate, organised by the university debating society, was held in the city on Sunday.

Four houses in Moulvibazar border burnt by Indians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A young man --Jahidul -- was murdered by miscreants at Saguna village under Belkuchi upazila recently. Police recovered beheaded body of another young man from Ratan Khandi char in the same upazila on 10 April.

On 12 April, police recovered the body of two women from char areas in Chowhali upazila.

On the same day, one Abdul Mondol was murdered by miscreants at Naggati village under Belkuchi upazila.

A school girl --Salma Khatun (14) -- was kidnapped by miscreants from a village in Ullapara upazila.

Another school girl -- Chamli Khatun was murdered by miscreants on May 3 at Kunkunia village under Kaziupur upazila.

Police recovered the body of Planning Commission employee Abdur Rashid of Saidpur village from a char in Jumuna near Sirajganj town on May 3.

A teenaged girl was raped on April 22 night at a village under Raiganj upazila.



PHOTO: AKM MOHSIN
As the law and order is deteriorating, big size steel trunks are on sale in some north-western districts. The photo was taken recently from Patiar fair in Atrai, Naogaon. Sellers say the trunks are in good demand now for keeping valuables as armed robbery is rampant. Their price varies between Tk 1,000 and Tk 3,000 depending on the size.

RCC demolition

Evicted family members living under open sky

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The family of retired army sergeant Anwarul Islam is now living under the open sky after their house was bulldozed by the Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) on May 18.

They also held a rally and brought out a procession in the city in support of the demands.

The speakers at the rally said colleges under the national university are facing various problems like fund crisis, teacher shortage, inadequate classrooms and lack of library, laboratory facilities, transport and students' dormitory.

President over by Adnan Habib, president of Chittagong City SSF, the rally was addressed by, among others, Sanjoy Ghoosh, Fakhrul Kabir Atiq and Saifuzzaman Khokan.

'Free RU Press Club from Shibir occupation'

A RU CORRESPONDENT

A group of RU correspondents of different national and local dailies submitted a memorandum to RU Vice-chancellor Prof Faisul Islam Faruki on Monday to free RU press club from the occupation of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) activists.

The journalists led by Nazrul Islam and Zamul Ahsan Shipon also gave copies of the memorandum to pro VC Prof KHM Shahadat Hossain Mondol and Students' Advisor Prof Rafiqul Islam.

On May 16, 2002, a small group of local journalists representing pro-Jamat-e-Islami newspapers and Shibir cadres led by the then RU proctor Nurul Absar drove out all journalists of leading newspapers from the club and captured it.

Two days later, at a meeting with a few journalists, the RU VC and Students' Advisor formed a new three-member convening committee and changed the club's constitution in absence of majority of journalists. This was protested by journalists of leading national dailies.

Body recovered from Cox's Bazar hotel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police recovered the body of a young man from a residential hotel in the town on Tuesday.

The body was found hanging from the ceiling at room number 301 at SK International Hotel.

The victim has been identified as Shaharier Hossain, 28, son of Amjad Hossain of N/8, Nur Jahan Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka, police said.

He had rented the room on May 11. As the room remained closed till 3 pm Tuesday, the hotel authorities informed police who broke open the door and recovered the body.

Police sent the body to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital for autopsy. An unnatural death (UD) case was registered with Cox's Bazar Sadar thana.

Snatchers held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Two snatchers were arrested along with a shutter gun from the Barisal Medical College campus on Monday.

They are Saiful, 35, and Sharif, 20. Two others of the gang managed to escape, police said.

RCC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Khalilur Rahman when contacted yesterday claimed that the land was property of RCC.

He also said a civil court had rejected Islam's case that RCC was trying to evict him from his house. This proved that the land belonged to RCC, the CEO claimed.

But Islam, citing documents, said the case was rejected by court as it was filed without notifying RCC. "I was not aware of Section 38 of RCC Act 1987 that prohibits filing of a case against RCC without any notice".