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Man killed in road mishap

UNB, Pirojpur
An unidentified man was killed when two tempos collided head-on at Tulotola on Mothbaria-Bhandaria road Friday. Separate cases were filed with the police.

Body recovered

UNB, Jhalakati

The body of a missing youth was recovered from the Bishkhali river in Sadar upazila here Sunday. The deceased was identified as Shohag, 26, Shachilpur village in the upazila. He was missing since Friday night. The body bore marks of injury. The reason behind the murder could not be ascertained. Police arrested a woman identified as Sonabhan Bibi.

4 sued for fish cultivation in govt canal

UNB, Bagerhat
A case has been filed against four people under Special Powers Act for cultivating fish in a government's canal in Moreljanupazila.

As per the direction of the Magistrate Court the case was recorded on Sunday after the preliminary investigation.

Police said, according to the complaint, the four people - Atiar, Alaudin, Giasuddin and Kibria - of Teligati union have been cultivating fish illegally in Lotibun Government canal by constructing dam blocking the flow of water for the last one year.

Dacoity in

Jhalakati

UNB, Jhalakati
Robbers swooped on a house at Putiakali village in Rajapur upazila and looted valuables worth Tk one lakh, injuring five people Saturday night.

Police and witnesses said 10 to 12 bandits attacked the house of one Noor Mohammad Muhuri at dead of night and looted the valuables after severely beating him and his family members.

35 uplift projects underway

UNB, Sharatpur

Some 35 development projects are being implemented in the district at a cost of over Tk 65 lakh under the annual development programme of the local municipality.

Official sources said the projects include construction of municipal market, hotel and mosque. The projects are likely to be completed by the next month.

Training for farmers

UNB, Sharatpur

A daylong training course for farmers and block supervisors was held at the conference room of the Department Agriculture Extension (DAE) on Saturday.

A total of 60 male and female farmers and 10 block supervisors took part in the training organised by DAE.

Jeep accident was a sabotage to kill me, says Tariqul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The accident of the jeep carrying Information Minister Tariqul Islam on May 22 in Jessor town was an act of sabotage to kill him, the minister told newsmen at Khulna press club on Sunday.

The minister, however, escaped unhurt as the left side rear wheel of the Toyota Land Cruiser jeep got detached and the vehicle dragged on the road about 70 yards on three wheels before it stopped.

The minister was on way to Khulna to inaugurate a branch of the Premier Bank.

The Land Cruiser belonging to Power Development Board (PDB) was requisitioned by police for the minister.

Driver of the jeep had to take risk to halt it, the minister said.

The Land Cruiser was immediately sized and the minister was provided with a Pajero jeep by Jessor Deputy Commissioner to enable him to reach Khulna.

The one-man committee headed by ADC (Gen) Jessor, in his report also said that all the six nuts of the rear wheel of the Land Cruiser were found loose during investigation.

This is an act of sabotage and it can not be ruled out that it was planned, obviously to make an attempt on the life of the information minister, the report submitted to Jessor DC said.

PDB has also submitted another report to the DC.

A general diary was also filed with Kotwali thana in this connection by the minister's APS Hafizur Rahman.

The inquiry committee also recorded statements of Traffic Inspector Sohrab Ali and the minister's security Huda. They refused that they were negligent to duty.

Stop unfair means in exams or face action

Education minister warns at Moulvibazar as HSC examinations near

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haque Milan has said the government has taken up the issue of stopping cheating in public examinations as a challenge.

Government steps in this regard produced results during the last SSC, HSC and degree examinations, he said.

He was addressing a divisional level meeting of officials and educationists, held at the Saifur Rahman Auditorium here on May 22.

Organised jointly by the Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Sylhet and Moulvibazar district administration, the meeting was presided over by Moulvibazar Deputy Commissioner M Mukhlesur Rahman. M Naser Rahman MP, M M Shaheen MP and Prof Abdur Rahman, Chairman of the Board also attended the meeting.

Officials of Moulvibazar, Hobiganj, Sunamganj and Sylhet district administrations and principals and teachers of different government and non-government colleges under Sylhet divisional attended the meeting.

Milan said prevention of unfair means in public examinations is a continuous process and needs a strong commitment of teachers and guardians. He urged the teachers and officials to give serious attention to prevent unfair means in the ensuing HSC examination beginning on May 29.

Teachers found negligent to duty as invigilators should be punished, he said.

Answering questions he said the government will give full security to teachers during examinations and no teacher will lose his job for lower percentage of pass in their college.

Scared silent

A CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Villagers heard the loud voices of the rapists and screams of the victim, but none dared to resist when 14 year-old schoolgirl Runa was gangraped and slaughtered.

The incident took place at Gobindaguri village in Mirpur in the district on the night of May 15.

When a group of journalists led by advocate Nargis Chowdhury, executive director of PALOK, a local Legal Aid and Human Rights organisation, went to the village on Saturday, some villagers burst into tears.

Runa's parents and the

villagers told the journalists that they did not dare to face the criminals allegedly led by Imrul as they are very influential and carry arms.

Imrul, son of Shamsuddin of the same village, is an accused in Aslam murder case and involved in crimes in the area, they said. Aslam was murdered in December last year.

Runa was a student of class eight at Mirpur Girls High School. Imrul used to tease her on way to school.

They said Imrul proposed to Runa's father Mahbub to marry Runa. But Runa declined. Imrul threatened to take revenge.

On the night of May 15, Imrul

and his five accomplices entered into Runa's room and forcibly brought her out pressing a cloth on her mouth. They took her to a paddy field nearby.

The gangraped and slaughtered her.

Police recovered the body on the following day and sent it to Kushtia general hospital for autopsy.

On Friday, a large number of people of the area staged a demonstration demanding immediate arrest of the culprits. A case has been filed.

Police arrested one of the alleged killers --Mahtab -- but Imrul, the gang leader, is still at large, the villagers alleged.



This is a primary school at Dhubaura in Mymensingh while the government attaches top priority to education...

Compulsory primary education faces setback in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Compulsory primary education is being hampered in frontier Dhubaura upazila due to shortage of teachers and lack of infrastructure facilities.

There is no primary school in 37 of the 183 villages. At many schools, students sit on floors due to lack of tables and benches.

officials at the upazila education office said.

The number of students has increased but no new primary school was set up in the last five years, they claimed. At government primary schools, posts of 10 teachers are vacant.

Only two assistant thana education officers (ATEOs) have to monitor academic activities at

Two killed in Mymensingh bus mishap

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

One person was killed and 20 people were injured when a Netrokona-bound bus from Dhaka hit a roadside tree at Gachhata on the Mymensingh-Netrokona highway in Phulpur upazila on Saturday.

The victim was identified as Lipton Sarker, 35, son of late Hirendra Sarker of Brahampalli, police said.

Twelve of the injured people were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. The body was also sent to the hospital for autopsy.

In another incident on the day, a day laborer was electrocuted in College Road area of the town.

Ismail Hossain, 45, died on the spot as he came in contact with a live electric wire when he was hanging a banner of a coaching centre in front of Government Ananda Mohan College.

Outlaws kill young man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A young man was shot dead allegedly by outlaws in Ataikanda village under Bharera union on Saturday.

The victim has been identified as Tareq Mondol, 27.

A gang of seven broke into Tareq's house at night identifying themselves as law enforcers. They shot him point blank, killing him on the spot, family sources said.

Police said previous enmity with the outlaws might have led to the incident.

Police arrested Tareq's neighbours Belal and Mukai. The victims elder brother Munim Hossain lodged a murder case.

Police PBPC's 'class enemy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Armed cadres of outlawed Purbo Bangla Communist Party (PBPC) has alleged that Shahidul Islam Sabuj was gunned down by police in a pre-planned way.

Sabuj was a second-in-command of Rupsha upazila unit of PBPC. He was shot dead at Anandagar police camp soon after being arrested on April 18.

This allegation has been made in leaflets circulated throughout Khulna city Wednesday night. The leaflets have been printed in the name of Khulna Bagerhat Zonal unit of PBPC.

According to eye witnesses, four parsons were found with arms in a white private car that crossed the Picture Palace square at 11-30 pm on Wednesday. Leaflets were circulated through windows of the fast running car having no number plate.

It is stated in the leaflets that no cross-firing took place between police and outlaws on April 18. Sabuj was caught and later gunned down at the police camp, it said.

It has also been mentioned in the leaflets that police have been branded as 'class enemies' and operation of PBPC to physically liquidate all class enemies will continue till the goal is achieved. PBPC will not kill policemen but also loot their arms, the leaflets stated.



Is it collection or destruction of shrimp fries? Boys netting fries in the Bay of Bengal through mosquito nets and more than half of their collections perish. No concerted effort is made for collecting the fries in a better way though shrimp

Diarrhoea turns epidemic in Gopalganj

Six children die, 1,379 attacked in one month

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Diarrhoea has turned epidemic in Gopalganj, claiming at least six children and affecting 1,379 people in the last one month.

Unofficial reports put the death toll at 12 and the number affected at 2,000.

Of the seven, five died in Gopalganj sadar upazila, one in Katalpara and one in Tungipara upazila, according to sources at the Sadar hospital.

Scarcity of drinking water is the main cause of outbreak of the

disease, the sources said.

The district civil surgeon said 93 medical teams, one in each union, are working to face the situation.

He said he urged the authorities in Dhaka to send oral saline, cholera vaccine and other drugs immediately, but nothing reached so far.

People in some areas alleged that they were not getting proper treatment at government health centres due to inadequate number of health workers and lack of medicine.

Cops face action for charge sheet in 'false' case against KEPZ staff in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Departmental action has been ordered against some policemen of Anwara thana for submitting charge sheet against some officials and employees of Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) in a false case.

The order was given after investigation into the matter, ordered by Additional Police Superintendent (north) Hasib Aziz, following a complaint by the KEPZ authorities.

One Shamsun Nahar Begum

had filed a case with Anwara thana on August 6 last year against eight persons including KEPZ Security Officer Humayun Kabir Chowdhury. The case was filed allegedly at the instigation of some vested quarters, sources in the KEPZ claimed.

Charge sheet of the case was submitted against six persons excluding Humayun Kabir and one Md Faruq. It was recorded in the thana register.

But later, a separate charge sheet was submitted to court involving all the eight accused

Road accidents kill 2 in Comilla, three in Feni

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five outgoing passengers were arrested at Sylhet Osmani International Airport on Saturday for carrying forged passports.

They were supposed to fly to London. The arrested were identified as Mujahid Ahmed, Sohel Rana, Abdul Quddus, Sajjad Miah, and Matur Rahman, all hailing from Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj district. They were handed over to Kotwali Police who lodged a case against them.

5 fake passport holders held at Sylhet airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

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