

SNAPS

Man killed in road mishap

UNB, Pirojpur
An unidentified man was killed when two tempos collided head-on at Tulatola 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 Morelganj upazila. 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, Alauddin, Giasuddin and Kibria - of Teligati union have been cultivating fish illegally in Lotbunia 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 Putiakhal 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, Shariatpur
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, Shariatpur
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 Jessore 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 Jessore Deputy Commissioner to enable him to reach Khulna. The one-man committee headed by ADC (Gen), Jessore, 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 pre-planned, obviously to make an attempt on the life of the information minister, the report submitted to Jessore 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 the 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 Gobindaguni 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.

Two killed in Mymansingh bus mishap

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

One person was killed and 20 people were injured when a Metrokona-bound bus from Dhaka hit a roadside tree at Gachhtala on the Mymensingh-Netrokona highway in Phulpur upazila on Saturday. The victims were identified as Lipton Sarker, 35, son of late Hirendra Sarker of Brahampalli, police said. Twelve of the injured people were admitted to Mymansingh 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 PBCP's 'class enemy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Armed cadres of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) has alleged that Shahidul Islam Sabuj was gunned down by police in a pre-planned way. Sabuj was 'second-in-command' of Rupsha upazila unit of PBCP. He was shot dead at Anandanagar 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 PBCP. 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 PBCP to physically liquidate all class enemies will continue till the 'goal' is achieved. PBCP will not only 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 is a major foreign exchange earner.

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. Most of the affected persons were children and women. The most affected villages are Goshirchar, Gobra, Sonakasi, Gosgati, Gopanthpur, Bormi, Kushali and Korpara, Kusla, Kandi, Gosapara and Unashia. 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 Anowara 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 accusing 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 including Humayun Kabir, suppressing the police records, they said. A warrant of arrest was issued against Humayun Kabir on the basis of the second charge sheet and he was detained for two days. Later, following a complaint by the KEPZ authorities, the matter was investigated. The probe report submitted to Police Super on May 13 said that two sets of charge sheets were prepared in the case in violation of law.

5 fake passport holders held at Sylhet airport

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Five people were killed and 20 injured in two road accidents at Korpai in Burichang and at Lalpur near Feni on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway on Sunday. At Korpai, two trucks collided head-on killing two and injuring five, UNB reported. The dead could not be identified. The injured were admitted to different hospitals. Our Feni Correspondent reported that three persons were killed and 10 injured when a brick loaded truck skidded off the road. Brick field labourers Harun, 17, Shahabuddin, 25 and Ismail, 28, all from Sudaram in Noakhali, died on the spot. Among the injured, Kalam, 27, Salauddin, 25, Abdur Rahman, 30, and Ismail, 27 were admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital in critical condition. The rest were given first aid. The drivers escaped.

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, Soheli Rana, Abdul Quddus, Sajjad Miah, and Matiur Rahman, all hailing from Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj district. They were handed over to Kotwali Police who lodged a case against them.



PHOTO: STAR

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 Dhubaur 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 setup 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

146 schools in the thana, which is nearly impossible, they said. It is a mandatory for the ATEO's to visit at least 10 schools a month, they can not maintain the schedule. Despite all these problems, 17 students got scholarship in the thana in 1999-2002 academic years, Thana Education Officer Md Abdur Rahim said.