

## SNAPS

## Businessman killed

**UNB, Gazipur**  
A businessman was stabbed to death allegedly by his neighbours at Chhoto Dewra here on Wednesday night.

Police told UNB the businessman, Abdur Rouf, 36, was killed following a land dispute. Police arrested Ramijuddin and his son Firoz.

## Unidentified man found dead

**UNB, Rajbari**  
An unidentified man was found dead at Koidanga beel in Sadar thana on Wednesday.

Police rushed to the spot and recovered the body. It was sent to hospital for autopsy.

## Filling station ransacked

**UNB, Barisal**  
Miscreants ransacked a filling station here early Thursday, leaving two of its employees injured.

According to police, the culprits went to Rabbi Filling Station at Kashipur in the city shortly after midnight and asked for fuel for their motorcycle. As the employees refused to sell fuel after 10 pm, they got angry and beat them up.

## 109 health projects implemented

**UNB, Rajshahi**  
One hundred nine projects, aiming to ensure healthcare facilities for rural people, have been implemented in Raja shahi, Nagaon, Chhainawabganj, Natore and Pabna districts.

Health and Family Welfare Ministry has implemented the projects at a cost of about Tk 24 crore.

## 25 fined for travelling without ticket

**UNB, Rajbari**  
A mobile court here Wednesday fined 25 passengers of train for travelling without ticket.

Railway sources said the court, led by commercial officer of Pashayi Railway Department, realised Tk 3,060 in fine from the passengers.

## Five with arms arrested

**UNB, Bandarban**  
Five youths were arrested along with firearms from Hafejdhona in the town on Wednesday night.

A joint team of police and army arrested Faridul Alam of Cox's Bazar, Jahangir at Chirringa, Sohel of Fatikchhari, Yusuf and Azam of Chittagong along with the arms.

## Valuables looted

**UNB, Sirajganj**  
Road pirates swooped on a group of fish traders travelling in a truck and looted cash and valuables worth over Tk one lakh at Hatikumul-Bonpara highway here on Thursday.

Police said the armed bandits, numbering 15-20, boarded the truck in the guise of passengers and swooped on the fish traders when it reached Cross Bridge area in Solonga thana, leaving five of the fish traders injured.

## Preservation of Zainul's works demanded

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**

Speakers at a discussion meeting demanded preservation of works of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, left uncared at Chittagong Government Public Library for long.

They appealed to the ministry of culture to take necessary steps in this regard.

They were speaking at a discussion on 'Fine Arts in Bangladesh and Contribution of Zainul Abedin', held at Chittagong Government Fine Arts College auditorium on Thursday on the occasion of Zainul's 27th death anniversary.

Among others, Rezaul Karim Sumon, SM Nayem, Ashraful Hasan, Taufiqul Islam took part in the discussion with Moin Hasan in the chair. Abu Naser Rabi presented the key note paper.

## Heroin seized at Rajshahi, two held

**BSS, Rajshahi**

Detective Branch (DB) of police seized 460 grams of heroin worth about Tk 46 lakh from two bus passengers here on Wednesday.

Acting on a tip-off, a DB team arrested Alamgir Kabir alias Joy, 26, and Ansar Ali, 28, from a Naogaon-bound bus at Muraripur in Pabna upazila and recovered the heroin after searching their bags. They were handed over to Pabna police.

## Alleged sale of bullets by Ansars to criminals stir Khulna police

**QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna**

Alleged pirates Wahab Akand and his younger brother Habib Akand, arrested on May 25 from Khalishpur industrial belt, confessed to police that they had purchased rifle bullets from Ansars.

The six bullets recovered from their possession are among the 600 looted from the store at Daulatpur Jute mill on the night of April 24, they told Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) detectives.

According to official records, 42 arms and over 1000 bullets of different kinds were looted from Ansars in Khulna, Jessor and Bagerhat districts in the last seven years.

Of these, five rifles and 30 bullets were looted by outlaws on December 29, 1997 from on-duty Ansars in Rupsha upazila.

On November 22, 1999, outlaws looted 12 rifles and 150 bullets from Ansars at Nowpara Akij Jute Mill in Swarankhola upazila.

The alleged sale of bullets to criminals by Ansars has created sensation in the police department.

Investigation has been started to ascertain whether the six bullets recovered from pirates were

among those looted along with 20 rifles by PCBP outlaws allegedly with the help of two on-duty Ansars at Daulatpur Jute mill.

"We are deeply concerned and have taken the matter seriously because many of the Ansars have criminal background", said a senior official of KMP.

There are allegations that there is no chain of command in the Ansar department in Khulna division. As a result, higher authorities fail to take departmental action against Ansars.

Besides, many extremists got enrolled as Ansars, taking advantage of the general amnesty in 1999, KMP sources said.

When contacted, District Ansar Adjutant S M Nazimul Islam refuted the allegation, saying there is no scope for Ansars to sell bullet because they have to get their arms and bullets checked by higher authorities every day.

Mentionably, arms and ammunition looted by outlaws in the south-western districts in the last seven years are yet to be recovered and the alleged looters arrested.

On May 12 in the same year, outlaws looted five rifles from Ansars at a passenger launch at Rampal upazila in Bagerhat.

On May 16, police submitted a prosecution requesting the court to cancel their bail and to issue warrant for their arrest.

Police had arrested the accused Abdul Gafur, Maynal and Abdul Mannan -- in the first week of April after the victim filed a case with Boraigra thana on February 8, two days after she was gangraped at her house in absence of her day labourer husband.

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To Dhaka, their relatives and hospital sources said.

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Filing of the GD angered the rapists. On the night of May 27, the three alleged rapists along with another man -- Abdul Khalil -- entered the victim's house at Boraigra thana in absence of her day labourer husband.

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## Troops reinforced at Kawkhali after PCJSS-UPDF shootout

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati**

Additional troops have been set to Kawkhali after a shootout between activists of Parbatty Chittagong Jono Sanghati Shamity (PCJSS) and United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF) at Hazachori village on Monday left one person injured.

The injured, identified as PCJSS activist Govashnath Chakma, 30, is now under treatment at a clinic in Chittagong, Kawkhali police said.

Sources said, a group of 35 PCJSS activists led by Purnanga Chakma and Dhirendra Chakma swooped on the UPDF-dominated village, firing shots.

They torched the house of local UPDF leader Robi Chandra Chakma and confined four others inside their houses.

UPDF activists replied with shots, leaving Govashnath injured.

On May 21, another shootout took place between the two rival groups at Panchchori village in the upazila that left two UPDF activists bullet-hit. The house of UPDF leader Amolendu Chakma was gutted during the gunbattle.

Earlier, Farua Union Parishad member Jacop Tripura had appealed to the RHDC for emergency help, he said.

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## Relief for remote CHT people

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati**

Two tonnes of rice, medicine worth Tk 25,000 and lunghis have been supplied to 12,000 tribesmen in 15 villages in Raingkhong Bortholi area under Farua union in Billaikhori upazila.

These have been supplied on an emergency basis as the tribesmen face food shortage for three months each year as their crops from Jum cultivation become exhausted in May, Rangamati Hill District Council (RHDC) Chairman Maniklal Dewan told this correspondent.

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## Man killed by son-in-law in Barisal

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal**

A son-in-law killed his father-in-law and injured four others including his mother-in-law and her three sons at Shakubnia village in Bakerganj upazila during a clash over a disputed land.

Motahar Boati tried to plough the disputed land on Tuesday. His father in law Akram Howlader, 70, mother in law Aleya Begum and her sons resisted.

In a fit of rage, Motahar beat them, killing his father in law on the spot. The injured Aleya, Alom, Jahangir, Ruhul and Altaf are now being treated at Bakerganj health complex.

The mazua are in Amtali, Bargaon, Pathorghata, Bamma and Betagi upazilas.

The smuggled pillars are sold at between Tk 2 lakh and Tk 4 lakh each in India, sources said.

The smugglers locate the pillars

