

SNAPS

'Outlaw' killed by rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*
An alleged cadre of outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz (BNF) was shot dead in the town on Sunday.

Police said, Safiul Islam alias Safi, 27, was killed allegedly by cadres of outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) in Kalishankanpur area of the town when he was going to a pond for a bath.

He died on the spot as four to five armed men shot him point blank.

Safi was accused in a murder case and an extortionist, police said.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy.

Folk singers' confce ends

BSS, *Barisal*
A two-day conference of folk singers concluded at the Sher-e-Bangla Samabaya Institute in Kashipur here on Sunday under the joint auspices of the Department of Mass Communication and the UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund).
Sixty participants in 15 groups from 10 southern districts of Barisal, Jhalakathi, Pirojpur, Patuakhali, Bhola, Barguna, Faridpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj and Shariatpur took part in the conference.

Contractor murder
2 Jubo Dal men
among 7 held
in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Chuadanga*

Two alleged activists of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth front of ruling BNP and five others have been arrested in connection with the killing of contractor Minarul Islam Suruj.

The arrested are Sharif and Mukul, both Jubo Dal activists, Shahbul, Hamidul, Ilias, Liakot and Shafi. They were arrested in the last two days.

Contractor Suruj was shot dead by armed miscreants at Amirpur in the Sadar upazila on Friday when he was overseeing a construction work there.

34 murdered in Khulna in 2 months

'Target murder' can not be stopped, top police official says

QUAZI AMANULLAH, *Khulna*

Thirty-four people were killed in Khulna district in the last two months.

Of these, 16 were killed in July, 15 in August and three this month till yesterday.

Victims of these murders include politicians, policemen, Union Parishad chairmen and outlaws.

In the latest political killing, Khulna city Awami League leader Kamrul Islam Kutu was murdered in a bomb attack on AL office on Saturday.

Arms and bombs were used in the murders committed even during the Operation Spider Web, wound up last month as it virtually failed to curb crimes.

Most of killers and their godfathers are yet to be caught, creating a sense

of insecurity among the people.

On September 4, another AL leader of Batiaghata, Mir Salam, was killed.

On September 3, a 'listed criminal' Shagor-- was killed at Labounchora under Khulna thana.

The 16 murders in July include those of SI Shamsul Huq and Havilder Abu Bakar of Rupsha thana (killed on July 3), Alamgir and Shajahan of Rupsha and Batiaghata (killed on July 4), Abul Khair Molla of Rupsha (killed on July 5) and UP chairman Jahan Ali of Batiaghata (killed on July 6).

Those murdered in August include City AL leaders Manjurul Imam and Advocate Bijon Bihari Mondol (killed on August 25), alleged outlaws Abdul Majid, Abdullah, Azizul, Dabir, Bubu Shaikh and 'listed criminal' Johny.

When asked, a top police official said it is not possible for police to stop 'target murder' unless advance information is received.

Security measures have been stepped up in Khulna city, caught with unusual panic since August 25 murder of AL leader Manzurul Imam.

Teams of riot police wearing bullet proof jacket have been posted in front of AL, BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami offices and also in other vulnerable areas including the industrial area.

Meanwhile state-controlled BSS news agency quoted Khulna Metropolitan Police Commissioner Bazul Rahman as saying that the killers adopted similar method of hurling bombs in six incidents in the last six months. All these incidents took place in Khulna thana.

AL leader killed in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

A local Awami League (AL) leader was killed at his Suargaon village home of Doyamir under Osmaniagar Police Station (PS) on Saturday night.

The victim, Gopal Mohan Dutta, 55, was taking his dinner at about 9 pm when Shahed, a neighbour called him out of his house saying that ex-MP Shah Aziz called him.

As soon as Gopal came out of his house Shahed and four others took him to a nearby pond and stabbed him severely. He was rushed to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital where he died at about 5 am on Sunday.

Police arrested five persons including Shahed. A revolver, one dagger and a knife were recovered from his possession, police said.

Police disclosed that Shahed took ornaments from Gopal three months back which he did not return even after repeated requests. This might have been the cause of his murder, police suspected.

A case was lodged accusing 10 persons. A case under Arms Act also started.

However, police claimed that the murder was not a political one.

Pension money snatched from retired schoolteacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

Two snatchers who boarded an autotempo in the guise of passengers snatched Tk 1.72 lakh pension money from a retired schoolteacher in the city.

Police said Santoosh Majumder, retired headmaster of Oxford Mission School, withdrew Tk 1.72 lakh pension money from his account with Barisal General Post Office recently.

He boarded an autotempo. Minutes later, two young men boarded it in the guise of passengers, snatched the money and tried to flee.

Santoosh and people nearby caught the two. Soon, some members of local Navajagoran Club swooped on them and snatched one of the two, with whom the money was.

The other snatcher, identified as Babu, was handed over to police.

Babu said the name of his associate snatched by the club members is Wahab. They are from Shariatpur and have link with the local club, Babu said.

The snatched money could not be recovered, police said on Friday.

Gunmen miss target!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Four young men carrying a sawn-off gun and a pistol entered the Miapara residence of Khulna city BNP Secretary Nazrul Islam Manju at about 5 pm on Sunday, according to a GD filed by his wife. When chased by neighbours, the unidentified young men ran away.

Monju's wife advocate Syed Sabiha Sultana, when contacted, said her husband has been receiving threats over phone.

The unidentified young men with arms in hands were looking for Monirul Islam Badal, younger brother of Nazrul Islam Manju, some sources claimed.

The young men belong to Monju's rival group in BNP, they claimed.

Officer-in-charge of Khulna thana Shibli Noman on receipt of information went to Manju's house and talked to his wife. The police commissioner has also been informed about the incident, she said.

Nazrul Islam Manju is now in Dhaka.



Thousands of people joined a mourning procession with the body of slain Awami League leader Kamrul Islam Kutu in Khulna city on Sunday.

Rally, procession to cancel lease of Sylhet Singha Bari

Hartal on October 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

A grand rally was held and a procession brought out in the city on Sunday demanding immediate withdrawal of the "illegal" lease order of the historic Singha Bari here.

At the rally, a day-long hartal programme in Sylhet on October 9 was announced if the demand is not met by that time.

The Arpita Sampatty Ain Protirodh Andolan (vested property law resistance movement) organised the rally, held at the Registry Maidan.

A divisional convention of the Andolon will be held in Sylhet on September 30, it was also announced at the rally, presided over by Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, also convenor of the Andolon.

It was addressed by, among others, district Awami League President ANM Shafique, Amnesty International, Bangladesh chapter president Barrister Arash Ali, District Bar Secretary EU Shahidul Islam and city AL Secretary Misbahuddin Siraj.

The speakers called for scrapping the Vested Property Law. They demanded fresh lease of

the Singha Bari to descendants the owners, who are now in possession of the property and said their agitation will continue till the "illegal" lease is not cancelled.

The rally also demanded transfer of the Deputy Commissioner.

However, the issue has now become complicated as both the parties—the old lessees and the new lessees—filed writ petitions in the High Court.

Land grabbers have been trying to grab the property for long.

Govinda Narayan Singha Majumder was the owner of the Singha Bari in the city's Chouhata area, now valued at about Tk four crore.

Dignitaries like Rabintra Nath Tagore and Nazrul Islam visited the house.

Some of Govinda narayan's successors went to India during Pakistan period while some others are still in possession.

The absentee's share was declared 'abandoned property' in 1973. The abandoned portion was leased out to other co-sharers in the seventies. Since then they are in possession of the property.

2 brothers get life for killing stepbrother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bogra*.

The Third Additional District and Session Judge, Bogra, K G Mustafa, has sentenced two brothers and another person to life term imprisonment for killing a man in 1998.

The convicts are two brothers Lafiz Uddin and Afzal Hossain and Nayeab Ali, all from Dumur village under Kahu upazila.

The victim- Alek Uddin was a stepbrother of Lafiz and Afzal. He was called out of his house by some unidentified persons on the night of June 18.

His body was recovered from a nearby jute field next morning.

Police filed a case against the victim's stepbrothers Lafiz, Afzal and neighbour Nayeab Ali. The verdict was delivered on Wednesday.

Wife held for acid attack on husband

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

A housewife has been arrested on charge of throwing acid on her husband.

Police said, Salma Khatun, 22, wife Kabir Mistry, threw acid on her husband on August 24 at Adalatpara village in Assasuni upazila.

The husband came under the acid attack as he came to know his wife's alleged extra marital affairs with a local man, police said quoting villagers.

Kabir was admitted to Assasuni hospital with serious burn injuries and later shifted to the Acid Survival Foundation Hospital in Dhaka.

Salma had gone into hiding soon after the incident.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested her from Budhaha Bazar on Friday.

Rapist given life in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

A rapist was sentenced to life term imprisonment and fined Tk 5,000 here on Sunday.

Sessions Judge ABM Syeed handed down the punishment to Jaharul Islam alias Ful Mia of Baro Gopalpur village under Sadullapur upazila for raping a teenage girl at a neighbour's house on the night of March 6 last year. The girl came to visit her sister in the village.

9 killed, 36 hurt in road mishaps in Mymensingh, Dinajpur

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Nine people were killed and 36 injured in road accidents in Mymensingh and Dinajpur on Sunday and the night before.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reported that two persons were killed and four injured in two separate road accidents in the district on Sunday.

An unidentified person died on the spot and four others were injured when a truck loaded with sand overturned at Shikarikanda in Sadar upazila on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway.

The injured were sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH).

In another accident in front of Trishal Upazila Health Complex, one Azizul Haque, 24, was crushed under the wheels of a Dhaka-bound bus on the same highway.

The bodies were sent to MMCH morgue for autopsy.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent reported that seven people were killed and 32 injured, ten of them critically, when a Dhaka-bound cattle loaded truck collided head on with a Dinajpur-bound minibus at Jalkamri on the Gobindaganj-

Dinajpur highway Saturday night.

The vehicles were smashed, police said.

Only four of the dead were identified as bus driver Tara Mia, 28, of Dinajpur, Shawkat Ali, 60, of Gaibandha, Severdin Marandi, 30, of Ghoraghat and Abdur Rahim, 65, of Dinajpur.

The injured were taken to Dinajpur and Rangpur medical college hospitals. Three cows were also killed in the accident.

Police said the truck had only one light when it hit the minibus.

A case was filed with Birampur thana.

Rajshahi BCL protests killing of Khulna AL leader

A RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University (RU) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Sunday held a rally and brought out a procession on the campus protesting killing of Awami League leader Kamrul Islam Kutu in Khulna on Saturday.

Speakers at the rally alleged that AL leaders are being killed as per a blue print of the government. They demanded immediate arrest of the killers.

Rajshahi City unit of BCL also held a separate rally and brought out a procession in the town protesting the killing.

The processionists chanted various anti-government slogans while parading the city streets.

288 Gram Sarker units formed in Jhalakathi

BSS, *Barisal*

A total of 288 Gram Sarker units have been formed in all the four upazilas of Jhalakathi district till September 1, official sources said.

Of the total, 90 units have been formed in number of wards in 10 unions of Sadar Upazila, 90 in 10 unions of Nalchity upazila, 54 in six unions of Rajapur upazila and 54 in six unions of Kahtalia upazila.



T Sree Nibasan, Manager, East Market, Pepsi Cola International, handing over the International Quality Award-2002 to MA Jafar Iqbal, Chittagong factory manager of Transcom Beverages at a function held at the factory on Thursday. The award is a bronze medal. The function was moderated by Personal Officer Md Nasir Uddin. Prodip Kumar Halder, Abdur Rashid and Salahuddin also spoke.



An essay competition on Awareness About Reproductive Rights of Adolescent, jointly organised by the District Information Office, Noakhali and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), was held on Sunday at Noakhali Government Girls' High School. First prize winner Zakia Sultana of the school receiving an award from District Health Officer Adam Ali at the function.