

SNAPS

Banana cost his ear

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

A youth lost his ear during a scuffle over plucking of banana on Thursday.

Witnesses and locals said, Sanjoy Kumar, 22, and his cousin Utpal, 20, of Durannagar village in Sreepur upazila locked in a scuffle over plucking of banana.

At one stage of scuffle Utpal bit Sanjoy's right ear and severed it.

Sanjoy was admitted to Dariapur hospital.

Motorcycle snatched from Jhenidah

Square staff

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Unidentified armed miscreants snatched a motorcycle from an employee of Square Pharmaceutics in Jhenidah on Thursday.

They also snatched Tk 4,000 from Golam Sarwar, area manager of the company at Bishkhali.

Extortion from cattle truck: 2 cops suspended

BSS, Faridpur

Two policemen were suspended yesterday for negligence in duty in checking extortion from cattle trucks at Rajbari-Faridpur crossing on the Dhaka-Khulna highway in the Sadar upazila Tuesday night.

They are ASI Khalilur Rahman and Havilder Abdul Hossain.

Faridpur Police Superintendent SM Hafizur Rahman paid a surprise visit to the area and saw toll collectors were collecting toll from a truck at the spot, where the two cops were on duty, police said.

The SP also caught the toll collector, Ismail Hossain. The policemen were standing were in the area when Ismail was collecting toll.

Ismail was arrested and a case under Speedy Trial Act filed against him.

Pro-BNP contractors ransack LGED office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A group of contractors belonging to ruling BNP allegedly ransacked the office of Nilphamari LGED Executive Engineer for payment of bills.

At one stage they ransacked the office, shouted at the Executive Engineer and humiliated him, creating a panicky situation, the sources alleged.

Hearing hue and cry inside, passers-by gathered outside the office, they said.

After the incident, Executive Engineer Sahadat Hossain told newsmen that the contractors pressed him for his signature on the final bill.

"As per rule I can not sign the final bill without inspecting the sight", Sahadat said.

He alleged that Nasir also pressed him for fitness certificate of

construction materials used.

Nasir told newsmen that the LGED Executive Engineer illegally held up his bills.

He claimed that the LGED thana engineer and other officials concerned inspected the sight.

Even the Deputy Project Director and the Field Engineer from Rangpur inspected the sight.

He claimed that the Executive Engineer held up his bill as he refused pay him seven per cent of the bill as commission.

He further alleged that the Executive Engineer went to Dhaka one week ago and returned just before the Eid. "We can not pay employees and workers before the Eid for non-payment of bills. The Executive Engineer is responsible for the situation", Nasiruddin said.



Girls decorating their hands with henna ahead of Eid festivities. The photo was taken from Rasha Commercial Academy in Rajshahi on Thursday.

BNP, AL two sides of same coin, says BSD chief

'Govt has failed to run country'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira

Hossain Belal.

Khalequzzaman alleged that the government has released 70,000 criminals from jails.

Twenty thousand women were raped and 10451 people killed during the 24 months of BNP-Jamaat rule", he alleged.

Workers are losing jobs as mills and factories are being sold out at throwaway prices in the name of privatisation on the advice of World Bank and IMF.

He called upon the people to launch a movement to protect their rights and the country's resources.

He opposed export of gas and said people will sacrifice their lives to protect it.

He also demanded the government's resignation, claiming that it has failed to run the country.

Attack on newsmen at Kolaroa

Property attachment of 8 Judo dal, JCD activists ordered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira

going to Jessor through Kalaroa after visiting a rape victim at Sathkhira Hospital.

Subash Chowdhury, Sathkhira correspondent of the Borer Kajoi, filed a case with Kalaroa thana accusing them of attacking and injuring some journalists.

After investigation, police submitted charge sheet against them on April last year.

Earlier the court issued arrest warrants against them as they did not appear for trial.

Local sources however claimed that all the accused are moving freely in the area and visit Kalaroa thana at times.

Police said they could not arrest them and informed court that they were absconding.

Abduction scare grips Kushtia, police inactive 3 kidnapped for ransom in 2 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Abduction of three persons including two students for ransom in two days created a panic in the district but police could neither rescue the abducted persons nor arrest any of the captors.

Two of the abductions took place in Bighagram village in the Sadar upazila on Wednesday night.

Outlaws allegedly belonging to Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF), an offshoot of Sromojibhi Mukti Andolon (SMA), abducted Sabir Hossain Mithu, 12, student of class six at Sheikhpara High School and son of Nurjan Hossain while he was returning home from a local market.

In the same night, another gang of outlaws abducted one Bablu 30, son of Kalu Mullah while he was returning to home at the same village.

The outlaws demanded Tk two lakh ransom for each.

In another incident on the following day, outlaws belonging to New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) abducted Osman Gani Aloni Roni 19, son of late Mokbul Hossain, when he was returning home at Chapra village in Kumarkhali Upazila from college at Kushtia town. He was a student of Kushtia Police Line School and College.

The abductors demanded Tk 10 lakh ransom.

The convicts are four brothers Mahabub, 32, Moser Uddin, 46, Nabi 48 and Daud, 44; Ismail Hossain, 46, Naeb Ali 33, Tashin Ali, 38, Atu, 34, Saban, 42, Siraj Uddin, 34, Ruhul Alam, 30 and Belal, 34.

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Ashuganj launch dacoity Body of missing cop, one rifle recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

The body of Constable Sukumar, who was thrown into the Meghna during a launch dacoity near Lalpur marker in Ashuganj on Tuesday night was recovered Thursday evening.

One of four rifles snatched from four policemen who were on duty at the launch was also recovered.

Police said yesterday they arrested three persons in connection with the dacoity.

At least 40 passengers were injured when 20 to 25 armed dacoits snatched rifles from four policemen, threw them into the river and robbed the passengers.

The dacoits had boarded the Bhabar-bound launch --MLC Queen-- from Nabinagar in the guise of passengers.

The three other policemen-- Habider Abdul Matin, and constables Jane Abam and Moni Chakna swam shore but Sukumar drowned as he was stabbed. The three are now being treated at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

Patrol boat tragedy

Body of another missing ASI found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Body of a missing assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Jhalakati Sadar thana has been recovered, at last.

Body of missing ASI Mahtab Hossain, 35, was recovered from Charvatkanda area of Dhansiri-Gabkhali estuary on Tuesdays.

Jhalakati police sources said local people recovered the decomposed floating body.

After its recovery police sent it to his village home at Puthia in Rajshahi district after proper identification.

A patrol boat of Jhalakati Police Station capsized with 10 cops at a place four miles away from Jhalakati town after being hit at night by a launch, MV Belayet on January 21.

The cops were on an operation to Ponabalia to nab criminals. Both the vessels were running without marking and searchlights. All but two cops ASI Nizamuddin and ASI Mahtab managed to save their lives by swimming.

The body of ASI Nizamuddin was recovered from a nearby shoal of the spot of accident two days later.

Eight firearms with about three hundred rounds of ammunition drowned.

Woman killed, 15 hurt as launch hits shops at Boga ghat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A woman was killed and about 15 people were injured when a launch rammed into a cluster of shops on the bank close to the river water at Boga terminal on Tuesday night.

The woman-- Sofia, 35-- was waiting for a launch.

Police said the Dhaka-bound double-decker MV Sagar-6 from Patuakhali hit the shops nearby instead of touching the terminal as its crew lost control.

Seven shops were damaged.

Police seized the launch and arrested two of its staff--Meher Ali and Shahidul Alam.

12 get life for UP member murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Additional District and Sessions Judge Ainul Islam has given life term to 12 people for killing a Union Parishad member at Tekala village in Daulatpur upazila in 1995.

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When contacted, police said they were trying to rescue the abducted persons.

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