

## SNAPS

**120 ton Hilsha fries being netted daily**

BSS, Chandpur

Indiscriminate fishing of Hilsha fries (jatka) by current nets is going on from the Meghna and the Padma. About 120 tons of fries are being caught every day from the two rivers using over 2,000 current nets. Besides Hilsha fries, other small-size fishes are also being netted from the rivers. According to sources in Chandpur Fisheries Department, mobile courts seized about 1,000 current nets. Two major Hilsha breeding grounds have been located in the Meghna in Haimchar upazila and in the Padma in Shaitnal in Matlab upazila. According to Chandpur Reverine Fisheries Institute, on average about 4,380 tons of Hilsha fries are caught from the rivers every year.

**Erosion threatening C'nawabganj town**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Chapainawabganj town and Sona Mosque Land Port Road have come under threat due to erosion by the Padma. The threat came following failure in implementation of a town protection project involving Tk 120 cr due to faulty design, low quality work and negligence of duties of the BWDB (Bangladesh Water Development Board) engineers. Nearly 1,000 people in seven unions and the district town on Monday staged a demonstration demanding immediate steps to protect themselves from the scourge of the Padma. They also submitted a memorandum to Rajshahi Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, demanding immediate measures as the Pagla came 400 meters closer to the Padma.

**5 outlaws among 8 killed in 3 districts**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Eight persons were killed in separate clashes in Chuadanga, Jhenidah and Kushtia on Monday.

Two top outlawed party leaders were killed during 'crossfire' with police while three outlaws killed by party rivals in Chuadanga. A couple was slaughtered in Jhenidah and a businessman was beaten to death in Kushtia for not paying illegal toll.

A Sub-Inspector (SI) of police was also injured during shootout in Chuadanga. According to police, two top leaders of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) Abul Hasem alias Kajal 35, son of Ramzan Ali of Khadimpur village and Obaidul Haq alias tiger 30, son of Asef Ali of Bhedmari in Alamdanga upazila, Chuadanga were arrested on Saturday. Police recovered two rifles and 20 rounds of bullets from them.

Police said they took Hasem, an accused in 24 murder cases and Tiger, an accused in 12 criminal cases to Khadempur Akondobaria field to recover hidden firearms as per their confession during interrogation.

At one stage, PBCP cadres opened fire on police. Police returned fire. The shootout continued for an hour. Hasem and Tiger received bullet injuries while trying to escape. Hasem died on the spot while Tiger died on way to hospital.

Police SI Ebad of Alamdanga was injured during the shootout. Police recovered two guns and three bullets from the spot.

In another incident at Westpara village in Alamdanga upazila, PBCP-ML cadres gunned down two brothers. Police said PBCP men stormed into the house of Panjab Ali and picked up his two sons Sariful Islam, 30, and Rafikul Islam, 27, at gunpoint.

They took them to a nearby field and shot them point blank. Both died on the spot. Police said, both of them belonged to PBCP-Janajuddho. PBCP claimed responsibility of the killings. Police recovered the bodies and sent to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed.

In Kushtia, outlawed cadres have beaten a businessman to death as he denied to paying them illegal toll in Kumarkhali upazila. Police said the gang allegedly belonging to outlawed party stormed into the house of Biduyt Kumar Kundu in Elongipara area in the upazila town and picked him at gunpoint.

They took Biduyt, a timber trader to an abandoned house of Noor textile market and beat him. Then the gang strangled him. Family sources said the gang demanded illegal toll amounting to Tk 50,000 from him.

Police sent the body to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Kumarkhali police station.

Police said Janajuddho men stormed into the house of Salok, an alleged cadre of outlawed PBCP-ML. They took him out to a nearby field and killed him. Salok's wife Sobeda followed the gang and appealed to them to save her husband's life.

But they tied her with her husband and slaughtered her also. Police recovered the bodies and sent those to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Police said Salok was an accused in a murder case filed with Harinakundu police station. A case was filed.

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**Motorcyclist mugged**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Miscreants on Tuesday snatched away Tk. 40,000 away from a motorcyclist near the Deputy Commissioner's office, police said.

Two youths kicked motorcyclist Anupam Dewan, a village 'Karbari' in Ghagra and snatched away his money bag, police said.

The criminals were following Anupam from a branch of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd situated in the court building area from where he drew the amount, Sub Inspector Abdus Satter said.

Satter said after recognising them, the victim filed a case naming the two youths as accused persons.

**Formation of new BNP body triggers factional clash in Rajshahi**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

BNP factions on Saturday locked in a clash over formation of a new committee of BNP city unit.

The division in local BNP widened with announcement of the committee making Saleh Uddin Baby its president and Mustafa, a lawmaker from Puthia-Durgapur upazilas general secretary.

Earlier, Minu was chosen to be the president of the committee at a meeting on Thursday where BNP first joint secretary Tarique Rahman was present. But later he was dropped.

District BNP president Azizur Rahman and Jubo Dal leader Ashik Iqbal were injured in the clash. District BNP vice president SM Altaf Hossain allegedly fired three gunshots during the clash.

A faction of BNP led by Charghat municipal chairman Zakirul Islam declared the district BNP president as persona non grata for going against Altaf, a supporter of Rajshahi city Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu MP.



Brigadier Dr Suraiya Rahman of the Breast Cancer Support Group addressing a workshop on breast cancer while board members of Zonta Club, Dhaka-4 are seen on the dais. The workshop was held at the office of the Lakhmsa Sweaters Limited at Board Bazaar in Gazipur on Friday.

**Raising awareness about breast cancer**

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A workshop on 'Breast Cancer Awareness' was held on the premises of Lakhmsa Sweaters Limited, Board Bazaar, Gazipur on Friday.

Zonta Club, Dhaka-IV organised it aimed at creating awareness about breast cancer and providing treatment facilities to underprivileged women.

**Strike in demand for schoolteachers in Rangamati**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Teachers and students of Bhubonjoy Government High School in Jurachhari upazila on Monday observed a half-day strike demanding immediate appointment of teachers.

Sources in the District Education Office said six out of 11 posts of teachers are lying vacant in the school. An assistant teacher is working as the acting headmaster of the school.

Earlier, a daylong strike was also observed at the upazila headquarters demanding immediate recruitment of teachers.

During the strike period a memorandum was submitted to the Education Minister via UNO demanding fulfillment of their demand.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Saleh Ahmed told this correspondent over telephone that he had sent the copies of the memo to the Education Minister and the Deputy Commissioner of Rangmati on Tuesday.

Only two out of about 100 students passed the SSC (Secondary School Certificate) examination this year, he said.

**Illegal liquor factory demolished**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Angry people demolished an illegal local liquor manufacturing factory at a village in Syedpur upazila on Tuesday.

Hundreds of people led by Botlagari UP (Union Parishad) chairman Syedur Rahman launched a joint raid and demolished the 'Bangla liquor' manufacturing factory.

A brisk business of 'Bangla liquor' was going on in Hindupara area of Koya Golahat village near Syedpur town for a long time. Though the matter was known to police, yet they did not take action against the violators of law. People brought it to notice of police on several occasions, but they were indifferent to their complaints. Being annoyed, local people decided to demolish it themselves. While demolishing it, local people seized good quantity of 'Bangla liquor' kept in four barrels and 10 big plastic pots. Those were deposited in Botlagari UP office.



Road communication between Gobindaganj in Gaibandha and Dinajpur may be snapped any moment due to submersion of the North Bengal Highway by floodwaters at Tarafmanu in Gaibandha. This picture was snapped on Wednesday.

**Movement of BSF vehicles along border increases**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Movement of vehicles of the Indian BSF (Border Security Force) along the pucca road attached to the border increased in recent days, according to border people.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Bangla-speaking Muslims were assembled on the other side of the border in the Indian territory, attached to the district. They were allegedly kept there for the last few days. People in border areas are apprehending that they were assembled there for push-in purpose.

However, no incident of push-in occurred, according to sources in BDR (Bangladesh Rifles), Rangpur. BDR members remained vigilant to thwart any push-in bid, sources added.