

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Rajshahi College reopens today

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi Government College reopens today amid tight security and restrictions imposed by the authorities on rallies, processions and activities of the student bodies.

Child trafficker jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

A child trafficker was sentenced to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Tk 10,000, in default to suffer six months more in jail.

Bomb attack on BNP man

A CORRESPONDENT, Meherpur

Two bombs were hurled at a BNP leader when he was entering his house at village Bamundi under Ganpi upazila.

Assaulted journo's complaint

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Kanak Rahman, senior staff reporter of Dainik Purbanchal and Khulna Bureau office of Dainik Samokal filed a complaint yesterday with the Khanjahan Ali Police Station alleging murder attempt by a group of students of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET).

UP chairman murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Criminals Monday night murdered a Union Parishad (UP) member at Machpara village in Pangsha upazila in Rajbari.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Arms, bullets and bomb making materials seized by Rapid Action Battalion from Hamidpur in Jessore Monday night.

Arms, bombs recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Members of Rab-6 Monday night recovered arms, ammunition, bombs and bomb making materials from a nursery at Hamidpur under Sadar upazila.

TALE OF ALA-HUZUR, AN AIDE TO BANGLA BHAI Smuggler turns top JMB leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Alauddin alias Ala-huzur, involved in smuggling from 1990 to 1995 on Kuskhali border under Sathkira Sadar upazila, later became an organiser and planner of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in south-western region.

Detective Branch of police picked up Alauddin on April 13 from his house at Kuskhali village under Sathkira Sadar upazila.

Alauddin, who read up to class eight in Satani High School under Sathkira Sadar upazila, fled to 24 Parganas district of West Bengal after killing a man from Punjab during the Liberation War, locals said.

After the independence of

Bangladesh, he spent a long time in India, marrying a woman of Balti village under Swarnnagar Police Station in 24 Parganas district, said Abdus Salar, a freedom fighter and former army member hailing from Taluigachha village under Sathkira Sadar upazila.

Alauddin joined the militancy after coming in contact with JMB kingpin Shaikh Abdur Rahman and second-in-command Siddiquil Islam Bangla Bhai in Sathkira around 1997 and gradually became a most trustworthy operative of JMB.

In the guise of imam he served at Kuskhali mosque and then Taluigachha mosque.

During khutba of Jum'a prayers, Alauddin would call upon Musallis to join jihad against persecution of Muslims in

Pakistan, America, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Alauddin was the planner for bomb attacks at five spots in Sathkira town and several places in a few districts of south-western region, sources said, adding that he had several secret meetings with Shaikh Abdur Rahman and Bangla Bhai at his house before August 17 serial bomb blasts.

On August 18, a day after the country-wide serial bomb blasts in 2005, police raided the house of Alauddin, who used to train JMB members at dead of night, said Nur Islam, Mominur Rahman and Sharif Hossain of Kuskhali village.

The JMB leader then fled to India and stayed there shaving off his beard.

Alauddin's wife Mashtura, son Sarul Islam and daughters Shefali and Rizia denied Alauddin's involvement with JMB.



PHOTO: STAR

Ala-huzur, Khulna division 'in-charge' and planner of banned militant organisation JMB, after his arrest recently.

Kaptai power badly hit by drastic fall in water level

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

Power generation at Kaptai Hydroelectric Project (KHP) has come down to only 90-MW against its capacity of 230MW due to drastic fall of water level in the Kaptai Lake.

As the country's lone hydroelectric power plant is now keeping only one of its five units operative during daytime and two units from 5:00pm to 6:00am, frequent load shedding is disturbing public life and hampering office works in Rangamati town.

On an average, the town dwellers are experiencing eight to ten times of power cut in a day.

At the end of the current dry season, the Means Sea Level (MSL) of the lake is 75.05 feet whereas it usually remains 82.40 feet during this period of the year.

At the end of winter, water level of Kaptai Lake begins to decline and continues until the start of rainy season.

At least 88.82 feet MSL in Kaptai Lake is required for power generation in fullest capacity at KHP.

Due to the severe power cut, water supply by the Department of Public Health



PHOTO: STAR

With drastic fall of water level at the end of dry season, large islands have emerged in Kaptai Lake in Rangamati district.

Engineering (DPHE) is being disrupted for the last 15 days in Rangamati town, DPHE sources said.

To find a solution to the power generation problem at the KHP, a cabinet meeting on April 6 formed a committee comprising the divisional commissioner of Chittagong,

chairmen of three hill district councils, deputy commissioners, manager of KHP, a representative from the Ministry of Water Resources, concerned upazila chairmen and concerned UNOs.

At a meeting held at the house of the governor of hydroelectric dam on

Monday, the committee suggested setting up two power plants with 120MW to 150MW capacity, re-examination of the canals around Kaptai dam, forestation on the catchments on 4250 square kilometre barren hilly area, social forestation and steps to check jhum cultivation.

31 more sued for war crimes Muktijoddha Sangsad commander held in Natore

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Thirty-one alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces were yesterday sued for murder, rape, looting and arson in Magura, Khulna and Kishoreganj districts in 1971.

Meanwhile, a commander of Muktijoddha Sangsad was arrested in Natore yesterday in a case filed against him for his alleged role in war crimes.

Our Magura correspondent reported that a petition case was filed with Judicial Magistrate's court, accusing nine more alleged rajakars of killing a freedom fighter in

Magura Sadar upazila during Liberation War in 1971.

The accused are Kashed Molla, 67, Hashem Molla, 65, Rostam Molla 62, Aziz Molla 62, Sattar Molla, 63, and Mustafa Molla of Kalupara village, Kalam Sheikh of Rupadh village, Akmol Sheikh of Sankochkhali village and Afjal Hossain of Baharbagh village under Sadar upazila.

Md Sharafat Ali Meer of Kalupara village filed the case against the accused for killing his father Belayet Ali Master, also a freedom fighter, on October 27, 1971.

On Monday, freedom fighter Kazi Fakhruzzaman filed another petition case with the same court, accusing eight 'rajakars' of killing his brother Baku Kazi, also a freedom fighter, during the Liberation War in 1971.

In Natore, police yesterday arrested Abul Hossain Sheikh, commander of Muktijoddha sangsad Natore Sadar Upazila Command, for his alleged involvement in war crimes in 1971, according to a correspondent.

Freedom fighter Sheikh Alauddin of Kapuriapotty in

Natore town filed a case with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Natore, on April 30 accusing 13 people, including Abul Hossain Sheikh, of their alleged involvement in war crimes at Satey, Fulbagan and Kapuriapotty in 1971.

The accused also killed freedom fighter Abu Sama at Matiapara village, Ati, Happy and Abinash at Mallijhati village on April 4 and December 16 in 1971, said the complainant in the case statement.

Abul Hossain denied the allegations, saying that he is a real freedom fighter.

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna reports: Twenty alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces were sued in the district yesterday and on Monday night for war crimes.

On Monday night, a case was recorded with the Batiaghata Police Station against 13 alleged collaborators for killing freedom fighter Haridas Majumdar on October 10, 1971 at Halia village under the upazila.

The 13 accused are Nazrul Joarder, Abdul Jabbar Sheikh, Abu Saed Sheikh, Hemayet

Hossain, Ohid Joarder, Atiar Rahman Sheikh, Musa Fakir, Motassan Molla, Iru Ali Biswas, Ashraf Ali Sheikh, Mozahar Ali Sheikh, Nazrul Sheikh and Amjad Halder.

Another case was filed yesterday with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Khulna, against seven people, including former president of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Sheikh Shahidul Islam, for their alleged involvement in war crimes in 1971.

Six other accused are Aziz Khandaker, Sheikh Arjan Ali, Sheikh Jamaluddin, Torab Ali, Sheikh Shamsur Rahman and Sheikh Abu Taleb.

In Kishoreganj, a case was filed with Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday against 18 alleged rajakars for killing two people at Sagra village in Sadar upazila during Liberation War in 1971, reports a correspondent.

The accused are Tajul Islam alias Tajul and Shamsur. The complainant, Sarbanu, filed the case against the two for killing her husband Abdur Rahim and brother-in-law Abdul Hakin on November 5, 1971.

OFFBEAT



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WHIM OF NATURE: With around 200 jackfruits coming out of the lower trunk, this tree, owned by Dipu Mondal of Baghail village in Pakshi union under Ishwardi upazila of Pabna, surprises visitors.

2 Bangladeshis beaten to death by BSF

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Two Bangladeshi cattle traders were beaten to death by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) along Benapole and Sathkira borders on Monday night.

Of them, one was identified as Madhu of Puthkhal village under Benapole Police Station while identity of the other could not be known as of 8:00pm yesterday, reports UNB.

BDR sources said BSF troops of Angrail camp caught Madhu while he was returning home from India.

The Indian border guards beat him to death and threw the body into the Ichhamati River.

Locals found the body floating on the river yesterday morning and informed the police.

Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Our Sathkira correspondent reported that an unidentified Bangladeshi cattle trader was beaten to death by the BSF personnel near Tarali border under Swarnnagar Police Station of West Bengal on Monday night.

The Indian border guards arrested the cattle trader when he reached at Tarali village. They beat him up, resulting in his death on the spot, according to report received in Sathkira from across the border.

When contacted, Lt Col Iqbal Azim of 41 Rifles Battalion, confirmed the incident, saying that BDR is trying to know the identity of the victim.

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Advertisement for 'RAB-6' (Rapid Action Battalion) featuring a list of services and contact information for 'মধ্যপাড়া গ্রানাইট মাইনিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড'.