

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

2 children drown in pond

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Two children drowned in a pond under Hoaikong union of Tekhnaf upazila in Cox's Bazar yesterday. Locals said, Saiful Islam, 6, son of Abul Kalam of Saghoria Para and Tahera Begum, 8, daughter of Nurul Islam were returning home after enjoying Bolikhela (one kind of local sport). Feeling thirsty, they went to a pond where they started playing with water. At one stage, Saiful fell into the pond. Tahera, who was standing nearby jumped into the water to rescue him. But they drowned as both did not know how to swim. Locals recovered their body from the pond in the afternoon.

Bombs recovered in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Kotchandpur police recovered two bombs from a house in Paura area yesterday. Police said, they went to the house of one Aminur Rahman and recovered the bombs from a bathroom. Kotchandpur police said, Aminur's daughter found the bombs when she went to bathroom. The bombs, wrapped in green tape, were kept in a bag.

Extortionist held in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Detectives on Friday night arrested the suspected outlaw who demanded Tk 10 lakh from Khulna City Corporation (KCC) Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque over cellphone on Tuesday. The arrestee, Moshataque Ahmed, son of Hemayet Ali Sheikh of Chakree Bazar under Rampal upazila of Bagerhat district, was taken to Khulna Sadar Police Station the same night showing him arrested on charge of extortion. The KCC mayor on Wednesday filed a general diary (GD) with Khulna Sadar Police Station seeking security of his life. DB police is quizzing the alleged outlaw.

Old man beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

An old man was beaten to death and three others of his family were injured in an attack following an altercation with relatives over a disputed land at village West Ramnagar in Sadar upazila Friday night. Liakot Hossain Mondol, 70, had an argument with his cousin Makbul Hossain Mondol and at one stage Makbul and his sons began to beat Liakot with sticks severely killing him on the spot, police and locals said. Liakot's wife Monwara, 60, daughter Rikta, 22, and son-in-law Shamim, 35, were also injured and admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital as they were also beaten up by them.

Victim of land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A farmer was killed and 10 others were injured when rivals attacked them at village Char Bahadurpur in Pulpur upazila yesterday morning. Police and locals said, victim Sohrab Ali, 40, had a long-standing land dispute with one Alal Uddin of adjacent Dharakpur village. When Sohrab was husking boro paddy near his house with others, Alal along with his gang men attacked him with lethal weapons killing Sohrab on the spot and injuring 10 others.



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Dirai-Shalla Unnayan Forum forms a human chain at the Central Shaheed Minar in Sylhet city yesterday demanding steps to unearth the mystery behind the death of sub-inspector Shiplu and removal of Superintendent of Police Rezaul.

Playmates kill teenage boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A teenage cricket player was stabbed to death yesterday afternoon by his playmates at village Gayaspur. Officer-In-Charge (OC) of Sadar police station said, it happened when two groups of young cricketers were playing a match at the local Benakur field. At one stage of altercation over a 'no' ball, rival team's players stabbed Sabuj, 18, to death on the spot.

Natore clash: Another dies

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Another person, who received injuries during a clash between Awami League (AL) and BNP activists at Hagrahari village under Lalpur upazila on Friday, died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) yesterday. The dead was identified as Abdur Rashid, an activist of local AL unit. AL activists led by Abdur Rashid and the BNP men led by Choyon Pramanik clashed at the village over a murder case. They used firearms and sharp weapons during the clash that left 15, including Abdur Rashid and Choyon, injured. Choyon succumbed to his injuries at Bagatipara Health Complex on Friday night while Abdur Rashid at RMCH at 9:30am yesterday.

AL men capture office at gunpoint, police free it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Awami league (AL) activists yesterday captured the office of Khulna Divisional Mini Bus Owners' Association at Sonadanga Central Bus Terminal in the city.

According to police and witnesses, about 50 AL men, led by Sonadanga unit President Abul Kalam Azad, went to the bus terminal at around 12:30pm and ousted association's president Mokammel Hossain and general secretary Rabiul Islam from the office at gunpoint.

They later locked the office and asked the owners and workers of all buses to support their action or to face dire consequences.

The AL men's action disrupted departure of outgoing buses for over an hour and created panic among the passengers. Most of them left the terminal cancelling their journey.

Police, however, entered the association office breaking open the lock at around 8:00pm and took control of it.

Association's President Mokammel Hossain and General Secretary Rabiul Islam told reporters that AL activists had

threatened to kill them if they take any move to recapture the office and run the activities relating to financial matter.

On Friday night, Rabiul and member of the association Moazzem Hossain were injured as they came under attack by AL activists near Khulna Circuit House at around 11:00pm. Moazzem received head injury and is now undergoing treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Sources said the AL activists, who captured the office at Sonadanga Bus Terminal, belong to the faction led by AL city unit General Secretary Mizanur Rahman Mizan.

Gas emission posing risk for 4 years but no remedial step yet

SHEIKH MD SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Brahmanbaria

Emission of natural gas continues through six tube-wells and hundreds of holes at Shyampur and Anandapur villages, Titas River and Loiska Beel near Location No 3 of Brahmanbaria Titas Gas Field, posing serious risk for the locals.

After such emission started noticeably about four years ago, a number of holes developed in the area but no effective step has been taken to save locals from possible disasters.

A few teams of Bangladesh Gas Field Company Limited (BGFCL) went to Shyampur village to test tube-well water and survey the area but there is no sign of any remedial work yet in this regard.

Many of the gas emitting holes are gradually getting larger, they said.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent saw gas coming out with bubbles from several spots in Titas River and Loiska Beel while gas and underground water is gushing out through all the six tube-wells of Shyampur and Anandapur villages.

Water from these uncontrollable tube-wells is warm and contaminated with gas and petroleum oil but helpless villagers are using it for household works, even for drinking.

Villagers' attempt to sink new tube-wells failed as gas and water started coming out automatically through them.

The tube-well of Sayed Hossain of Shyampur village started emitting gas a year ago and he closed it by putting a mound of earth. As the spot

now remains 'unusually hot', villagers fear a possible explosion.

Air pollution by gas also poses serious health hazards in the area.

Ignoring risks, a few village women use the flames of gas coming out from holes for cooking.

The BGFCCL authorities, however, claim that gas pres-

'risky spots'.

Four years ago, a six-member survey committee of Petrobangla identified faults in the wells of Location No 3 and suggested 'remedial work' on an urgent basis and taking steps to examine the underground layer.

When local gas explorer company Bapex started work for killing Well No 3, an old well

of Titas Gas Field, it showed an abnormal sign and huge quantity of gas had to be burnt up in the air to prevent a possible blowout.

In early 2008, Well No 3 was 'permanently killed' with the help of Boots and Coots International, an US-based gas control company.

After 'successful killing' of Well No 3, BGFCCL authorities

at a press conference said that it would take about six months to stop emission of gas through hundreds of holes at Shyampur and Anandapur villages as there was a vast amount of gas in the seepages.

But the emission has continued without any sign of receding till now.

Residents of Shyampur and Anandapur villages have

urged the authorities concerned to take urgent steps to prevent possible sinking of land and explosion due to large-scale gas emission.

When contacted, BGFCCL General Manager (Operations) Md Akher Awal said, 'A vast quantity of gas is stored in the seepage and it has started to come out. It will take time to stop.'



This tube-well, like other ones at Shyampur and Anandapur villages near Titas Gas Field in Brahmanbaria, is continuously emitting water and oil due to pressure from underground gas, left, gas from under the riverbed creates bubbles at different points of the Titas as the area has been witnessing gas emission for the last 4 years.



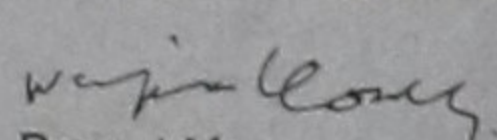
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