

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Rivals murder outlaw

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Outlawed operatives killed a man at a crowded market at village Shibpur in Atghoria upazila yesterday...

Nor'wester in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Nor'wester lashed about 20 villages of Khaliajuri upazila Sunday night damaging houses, boro paddy and uprooting trees.

The worst affected villages are Nazirpur, Mujibnagar, Laxmipur, Satgaon, Muradpur, Kutubpur, Gochigai, Royel, Amatipara and Jugipara.

During the 30-minute storm at least 25 people were injured. Seriously injured Raham Ali, Sabuj Mia of village Najirpur, Nurul Islam and Fatema Begum of village Kutubpur were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.



Alleged abductor and the rescued boy.

PHOTO: STAR

Boy rescued, abductor held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police Sunday night rescued an abducted boy from Moharazpur village and arrested one person in this connection. Seven-year-old Nahid is son of Rabiul Islam of Jorhbagan in the district town and the arrested person is Abdullah, 50, of the same area.

BNP leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Manpura police Sunday night arrested Abdul Mannan Howladar, secretary of Manpura upazila BNP and UP chairman of Hazirhat union in Bhola. Mannan was sent to jail yesterday as his bail prayer was rejected by the court.

Journo murder verdict May 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Judgment in journalist Manik Saha murder case will be delivered on May 19. Manik Saha, Khulna Correspondent of The New Age and stringer of BBC Bangla Service was bombed to death by extremists at noon on January 15 in 2004 near Khulna Press Club.

One killed in Satkhira clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

An old man was killed and 11 others were injured as two groups clashed for possession of a disputed shrimp enclosure at Parshemari beel in Shyamnagar upazila yesterday.

30 hurt as addicts clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least 30 people were injured as two groups of drug addicts clashed in Sirajganj town yesterday morning. Police and locals said the clash ensued over taking a new drug, locally known as "Dandy Gum", by addicts living at railway colony, Mirpur and Mahmudpur.

Late Kamrun Nahar Laily



On the occasion of my mother's twenty fifth death anniversary friends and relatives are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Shoma

JMB man remanded, another arrested

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Outlawed Jama'atul Mujahidden Bangladesh (JMB) cadre, arrested on Sunday in Tangail, was placed on a seven-day remand yesterday while another cadre of the outfit, charge-sheeted in a murder case, was arrested in Rajshahi the same day.

Yunus Ali, 32, JMB coordinator of greater Mymensingh district, was arrested at his uncle's house at Habla Dakkhin Para village in Basail upazila of Tangail early Sunday, reports our correspondent.

Police produced him before Judicial Magistrate's Court here seeking a 10-day remand, but the court granted seven days' remand for the JMB cadre.

Yunus had been absconding since serial bomb blasts across the country on August 17, 2005. Abul Khayer, officer-in-charge (OC) of Basail Police Station, told The Daily Star that the JMB operative was wanted in seven crimi-

nal cases, three in Mymensingh, three in Netrakona and one in Joypurhat.

Yunus was involved in militant activities, including arms loot and assault on police at Khetlal in Joypurhat, bomb blasts at four cinemas in Mymensingh, and bomb attack on Netrakona Udichi premises, police sources said.

Our staff correspondent from Rajshahi reported that Altaf Hossain Master, 42, a fugitive JMB cadre, was arrested at his house at Konopara in Bagmara upazila yesterday.

Altaf, headmaster of Sajuria Primary School, was charge-sheeted in poultry trader Golam Rabbani murder case filed with Bagmara Police Station in 2004.

JMB militants, including Altaf Master, abducted Mukul on April 11, 2004. They took Mukul to Taherpur school ground and tortured him. Mukul succumbed to his injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on April 16.

18 more sued in four districts for war crimes

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Eighteen more people have been sued for their alleged involvement in war crimes in Magura, Meherpur, Dinajpur and Mymensingh districts in 1971.

In Magura, a petition case was filed with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday against eight alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces for killing several freedom fighters in Sadar upazila in 1971, according to our correspondent.

Khan Ali Reza, former commander of Muktiyoddha Sangsad Magura unit, filed the case.

In the case statement, the plaintiff said the accused killed several freedom fighters, including Lutfur Rahman Lutu of Parnanduli and Meer Hadek Ali of Meerpara in Magura town, during Liberation War in 1971.

Six alleged rajakar were sued in Meherpur yesterday for killing a freedom in Sadar upazila in 1971.

Bulu Mondol of villegge Chougasa under Gangni

upazila filed the case with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Meherpur, against the six for killing freedom fighter Haresuddin Mondol on August 23, 1971; reports a correspondent.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reported that two alleged collaborators were yesterday sued for killing two people in Parbatipur upazila of the district in 1971.

The complainant said the accused killed his father Rahim Uddin and freedom fighter Anwarul Islam at the village in 1971.

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds: A case was filed with a Mymensingh Court yesterday against two people for their alleged involvement in war crimes in 1971.

Zulekha Khatun, daughter of late Akuluddin Bepari of village Uttar Dapunia in Sadar upazila, filed the case with Judicial Magistrate's Court, Mymensingh.

Judicial Magistrate Ferdous Wahid accepted the case and asked the local police to take necessary steps after proper investigation.

Human chain in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A human chain was formed in front of the local shaheed minar here yesterday afternoon to press for immediate cancellation of lease of a government land for a proposed private school.

The land situated behind Sylhet Infectious Diseases Hospital in Shahi Eidgah area was allegedly allotted to a man in name of Jalalabad International School.

Earlier, a group of sports organisers and officials of various clubs met the Deputy Commissioner on Sunday and handed over a memorandum demanding allotment of the land for a playground.

Indigenous girl killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Lama police yesterday exhumed the body of a teenage indigenous girl who was killed by a young man at Gazalia on Friday.

Police said Jewel Miah, 25, killed Mya Ching Khoy by hitting her mercilessly with a brick.

A murder case was filed with Lama Police Station on Saturday following which Jewel was arrested the same day.

Post-mortem of Mya Ching will be done today, hospital sources said.



PHOTO: STAR

Quarters built for consultants of C' Nawabganj Sadar Hospital have remained vacant since their construction five years ago as the physicians prefer staying at rented houses allegedly to do private practice.

C' NAWABGANJ SADAR HOSPITAL Patients suffer as docs don't live in quarters

RABIUL HASAN, C' Nawabganj

The Tk 2.5 crore residential quarters built in the compound of Chapainawabganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital are lying unused for years.

Doctors and other staff do not live there, for which patients are deprived of treatment in time of emergency.

Hospital sources said, in 2004, the 50-bed hospital was upgraded to a 100-bed one. The residential buildings were constructed the same year and handed over to the civil surgeon on February 25.

Two of the residential buildings were built for senior consultants, four for junior consultants, one for

medical officers, three quarters for nurses, one for second-class employees, four units for third class employees and four for fourth-class employees.

Although nurses, second, third and fourth class staffs are now living in their allotted buildings, no doctor or consultant resided in their flats from the very beginning. At this, the government is losing a large amount of revenue which could be earned through renting out the vacant buildings. On the other hand, the patients coming from remote villages of five upazilas are not getting proper treatment in time of emergency, locals and patients alleged.

Sources said, there are at

least five consultants working in the hospital, but all of them are living in rented houses in the town allegedly to make extra bucks through private practices.

The Civil Surgeon directed them many times to live in the hospital quarters but they did not pay heed to it for which the quarters are still lying vacant, they said.

Contacted, Civil Surgeon Rezaul Karim said surgery and gynaecology consultants have been transferred recently. "I am trying my best to bring the other consultants to their quarters. As long as they stay outside the hospital compound people will continue to suffer for lack of proper medical service," he said.



PHOTO: STAR

Shushashoner Jonno Nagarik forms a human chain in Khagrachhari town yesterday demanding steps to recover land of Khagrachhari Sadar Hospital from grabbers, upgrade it to a 100-bed one and appoint adequate doctors.

4 hurt as pro-AL, BNP transport workers clash

Indefinite strike snaps road links with Lalmonirhat

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Four leaders and activists of Sramik League were injured in a clash with pro-BNP transport workers over recruiting drivers for Dhaka-bound coaches at Lalmonirhat bus terminal yesterday morning.

Demanding arrest of the attackers on Sramik League men, district Motor Sramik Union transport workers organisation started an indefinite transport strike yesterday, snapping road communication between Lalmonirhat district and other parts of the country.

The injured in yesterday's clash -- district Motor Sramik Union President and Sramik League leader Aminul Islam, 42, district Motor Sramik

Union Secretary and Sramik League leader Bulbul Ahamed, 38, Sramik League workers Jamal Mollah, 38, and Hamidul Islam, 32, were taken to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital.

As the four people went to the bus terminal for a talk with the pro-BNP transport leaders and workers about recruitment of drivers for Dhaka-bound coaches, pro-BNP men led by Jalal Uddin attacked them with local-made weapons, injuring them seriously, police quoted the injured as saying.

Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Foyezur Rahman said a case was lodged against eight people including Jalal Uddin.

The accused went into hiding after the clash, he added.

Students block road in Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

General students of the Engineering and Survey Institute of Rajshahi yesterday barricaded busy Shaheb Bazar Road at Shaheb Bazar to press their three-point demand.

The demands include recognition of the institute's students as diploma holder in job sector, their recruitment as survey diploma holder, sub-assistant settlement officer, deputy assistant land surveyor, building inspector, sub-assistant engineer (survey) and taxation officer and inclusion of modern technologies in their survey education.

Earlier, around 200 male and female students of the institute brought out a procession and paraded different streets of the city.

They then held a protest rally blocking Shaheb Bazar-Sonadighi Road creating a huge traffic jam for over an hour.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Public Utility Board (পল্লী ভবন) regarding electricity supply and meter installation. It includes a table with columns for meter number, type, location, and status.