

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Shops demolished at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University authorities yesterday launched a drive to remove illegal shops, tea stalls and drive out vendors from the campus to keep RU outsiders-free.

Mawa ferry service resumes

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Ferry service at Mawa-Karakandi point resumed yesterday noon. Some 400 vehicles were waiting on both sides of the river when ferry Thobal left Mawa at 1.10 pm.



PHOTO: STAR

Family members of detained BDR jawans form a human chain on the premises of Sylhet District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday demanding release of the border guards.

Wall collapse kills 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Wall collapse at Muslimpur Hotatpara village in Nachole upazila claimed the lives of a couple early morning yesterday.

Shops looted in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A gang of 10 to 12 criminals yesterday looted valuables worth Tk 10 lakh from 11 business establishments.

Robbery in Comilla

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Armed robbers yesterday looted over Tk 2 lakh in cash and gold ornaments from 'Mir House' at village Nadaysher in Nangolkot upazila.

Drug addict murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A 'drug addict' was murdered on Monday night at Diarha village under Rupsha upazila. Beheaded body of Ashish Kumar Saha, 32, son of Chitta Ranjan Saha of Cemetery Road of Khulna Sadar was recovered by police yesterday.

EXTORTION, KIDNAP RAMPANT IN BANDARBAN

Armed criminals make villagers' life a misery

MONIRUL ISLAM MONU, Bandarban

People in remote Bandarban pass sleepless nights in fear of armed criminals while youths in groups patrol streets of their respective villages.

Alleging that over a hundred armed criminals are active in the areas, public representatives have demanded strengthening security measures in remote areas of the hill district.

Faced with security threats from the criminals -- both locals and outsiders, villagers are forming teams of 10 to 20 youths for patrolling at night, sources said.

The initiative, however, sometimes prove too inadequate to resist armed criminals.

Armed criminals introducing themselves as members of Democratic Party of Arakan, are engaged in extortion and kidnap for ransom in south-

eastern part of Roangchhari upazila and bordering areas of Ruma and Thanchi upazilas for the last few months.

Nue Sue Prue, councillor of Bandarban Hill District Council (HDC), said at a high level meeting last month.

"Several public representatives and local indigenous leaders informed me that they have to live with fear. They have requested me to put up the matter to higher authorities," he said at the meeting held at HDC auditorium in Bandarban town.

Ruling Awami League lawmaker Bir Bahadur, a state minister status holder chairman of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB), Prof Thanjama Lusai, chairman of Bandarban HDC, Tutul Chakrawarty, the acting superintendent of police and senior government officials were present at the meeting.

Seeking active help and

cooperation from local people to check criminal activities in remote CHT areas, Bir Bahadur urged forming local committees to build up local level security system in every village.

As part of the present government's measures to ensure security for the CHT people, army patrol and anti-crime operation in remote areas have increased, the CHTDB chairmansaid.

Some derailed people are out to foil the initiative, he said, adding that he will apprise the higher authorities of the situation so that proper steps can be taken.

Talking to journalists at a meeting on Monday, Bandarban acting Superintendent of Police Nihar Ranjan Hawlader said they are strengthening anti-crime operations in the district following instructions from the home ministry.

4 more Shibir men held at Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police continued their raid in Rajshahi, arrested four more Shibir activists and sought help and cooperation of local people and committees for success of the ongoing drive.

The arrested shibir activists are Nishat Ahmed, Kawser Islam, Shahinur Rahman and Shahidul Islam. They all are students of Rajshahi University and active members of Shibir-backed cultural organisation 'Fulkuri Ashor'.

They were held yesterday in connection with two cases filed by police with Mother Police Station following Saturday's violence in Binodpur area near RU.

In the cases, the law enforcers accused 84 Shibir men of attacking police camp, exploding bombs and hurling stones and bricks at the law enforcers during the violence. Of the accused, police have so far arrested 36.

High police officials, including RMP commissioner, yesterday met the leaders of Binodpur Bazar Committee, local ward commissioners and local people at Binodpur Bazar and sought their all-out cooperation in arresting the accused Shibir activists.

SHYAMNAGAR CLASH 122 sued as AL, JP file cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Awami League (AL) and Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad) yesterday filed two separate cases with Shyamnagar Police Station against 122 leaders and activists of both the partners of the grand alliance for attacking each other at upazila headquarters on May 12.

Local AL leader Bappi Kumar Nandi filed a case with the police station accusing 62 local JP leaders and activists of beating up the AL activists, looting and ransacking the shops owned by AL men on the day.

The accused include Shyamnagar upazila JP General Secretary Maulana Abdur Rashid, Sadar union JP General Secretary Hasan Mia and local JP lawmaker Golam Reza's nephew Fazlur Rahman.

Hasan Mia, JP leader and also an accused in the AL case, sued 60 AL men for allegedly ransacking the local JP office and setting fire to three motor-

bikes parked in front of the office.

The accused include Shyamnagar upazila AL Organising Secretary Golam Mostafa Mukul, district Juba League Organising Secretary Abdus Sattar, AL leaders Atiar Rahman, Akbar Kabir, Babu and Akbar Khan.

According to police and witnesses, the local units of the two parties clashed at around 6:00pm as JP men were allegedly trying to implicate AL leader Shafiq Azam Lenin in a murder case.

Both sides used sticks and sharp weapons during the clash that continued for three hours, leaving 15 people injured.

Local JP office was ransacked, three motorbikes parked in front of the office were torched and four shops belonging to the AL men were damaged during the clash.

Police fired 71 rubber bullets and tear gas shells and brought the situation under control at around 9:00pm.



PHOTO: STAR

A section of influential people occupy the ground of Khochabari School in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila to arrange weekly cattle market there on Saturdays.

ANOTHER CHEATING CASE

SIT Foundation men sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Bogra-based NGO Science and Information Technology (SIT) Foundation Chairman Md Abdul Mannan Sarker, his son and SIT Foundation Executive Director ASM Rawshan Kabir Shahin and official of the NGO Mohosin Ali Reza were sent to jail yesterday in connection with a cheating case.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Ziaur Rahman rejected their bail petitions and sent them to Bograjail.

Earlier seven cases were filed against the SIT Foundation chairman and eight others for cheating job seekers from several districts.

Job seeker Pijush Chandra Roy filed a case against Abdul Mannan Sarker, Rawshan Kabir Shahin, Mohosin Ali Reza and Hafizur Rahman Jahangir on 27 April this year

for cheating him and embezzling Tk 1.14 lakh and the court issued summons to the accused to appear before the court yesterday.

Next date of hearing has been fixed on July 3.

At a press conference at Bogra Press Club auditorium a few days ago, several job seekers told local journalists that Abdul Mannan Sarker and his accomplices embezzled Tk 12 crore from about 4,000 job seekers who applied after the accused published advertisements in local newspapers.

A couple of years ago, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed three cases for embezzling about Tk 54 lakh against Abdul Mannan Sarker, who is also director of National Academy for Computer Training and Research (NACTAR) under the Ministry of Education.



PHOTO: STAR/BANGLA CHOKH

Houses ravaged in Mongla by cyclone Aila on Monday, top, people search for bodies of near and dear ones at Karing Char in Hatia under Noakhali district yesterday. The cyclone that battered the southern districts left over 120 people killed and caused much damage to crops, cattle and dwellings.

Advertisement for 'এটাগোইজ গ্রুপ' (A Tagor Group) featuring a table with columns for 'ক্রমিক নং', 'পদের নাম ও সাফল্য', 'পদের সংখ্যা', 'বয়স', and 'শিক্ষার যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা'. It lists various candidates and their details for a recruitment process.

Advertisement for 'অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড' (Agrani Bank Limited) featuring the bank's logo, name, and contact information. It also includes a section for 'নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (Job Advertisement) with details about the bank's recruitment process and requirements.

Advertisement for 'HITACHI MULTIMEDIA PROJECTORS' featuring images of various projector models (CP-1253, CP-1201, CP-1301, CP-1401, CP-1450) and their specifications. It also includes the Unioque logo and contact information for the company.