

Failed suitor throws acid on 2 sisters

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Two sisters sustained serious burn injuries with acid thrown by a rejected suitor of one of them Friday night.

The culprit, Akash of Bogra Sadar upazila, threw acid when the two sisters were sleeping at their Ranachandi Dakkhinpara village home in Kishoreganj upazila of the district, said family members and locals.

The victims -- Mahmuda Akbar Shimu, 16, and Masuda Akbar Shanto, 22, -- are daughters of Abdul Mannan, a primary school teacher.

Akash became furious as Shimu, a student of Haziqara Hafizia Madrasa in Rangpur district, rejected his 'offer for love and marriage'.

Shimu came to her village home on Friday and slept with her elder sister Shanto at night when Akash threw acid through the window and fled away before family members and neighbours rushed there hearing scream.

Following Shimu, Akash had come to the village that day, sources said.

With serious injuries on the face and other parts of body, the two sisters were rushed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. They were transferred to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday noon.

The officer-in-charge of Kishoreganj Police Station said preparation was on to file a case in this connection.

15 militant suspects sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Rajshahi

Fifteen militant suspects, arrested in the city on Friday, were sent to jail by a metropolitan magistrate's court yesterday, police said.

Police arrested them on suspicion of their links with JMB militants, but they are yet to confirm their involvement in militant activities.

The law enforcers arrested 18 people, including women and children, from a house in the city's Tikapara area. They later released three children.

Solar electricity changes life in Dahogram-Angorpota

Over 400 households, shops get connection

A CORRESPONDENT,
Lalmirhat

The people of Dahogram-Angorpota enclave under Patgram upazila in Lalmirhat district are now enjoying the benefits of electricity, thanks to the initiative of Grameen Shakti, Brac and local NGO Padokhkhkhep.

Following easy term arrangement of solar power-run electricity by the three non-government organisations, the enclave people first got electricity connections in May 2007.

The initiative brings bright prospect for about 16 thousand inhabitants of Dahogram-Angorpota enclave, who have so far been deprived of the benefits of the age of information due to lack of electricity.

About 220 consumers of solar power-run electricity and almost equal number of beneficiaries of 'shared connections' are using energy bulbs, small fans, TV and VCD in their houses and shops.

Unlike the people in the mainland, they do not have to face load-shedding problem.

About eight years ago, Palli Bidyut men set up poles and cables for supplying electricity to the enclave area but they failed to give electricity connections there as the Indian authorities did not allow bringing the electric cables through the Tinbigha Corridor.

"I have taken 80-watt solar power connection from Grameen Shakti for Tk 45 thousand which is to be paid in instalments for three



PHOTO: STAR
People at a house in Dahogram enclave watching TV with uninterrupted power supply from a solar energy device. The residents of the enclave, which is deprived of regular electricity supply, could hardly think of such opportunity only one and a half years ago.

years. With 30 watts I use two bulbs, a small fan and play cassette. I have arranged providing the rest 50 watts for four nearby shops on monthly rent basis," said Golam Mostafa, a cloth shop owner at Dahogram Bazar.

"I, other seven members of my family, even neighbours watch TV programmes several times a day at my house. We enjoy different entertainment programmes and get news about the country and the world," Delowar Hossain,

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payment and the rest is payable in 24 to 36 monthly instalments.

Students are happy as they can study at night with the light run by solar power.

Grameen Shakti, Brac and Padokhkhkhep are providing solar panels, batteries, and necessary tools of solar power device for Tk 12,000 to 55,000 depending on capacity that ranges from 20 watts to 120 watts, said solar power consumers.

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payment and the rest is payable in 24 to 36 monthly instalments.

"We have provided solar power equipment to about 180 consumers. Thirty people have got connections from Padokhkhkhep and 10 people from Brac. Users are given 15 years guarantee. More and more people are showing interest to use solar power," said Mehedi Hasan, area manager of Grameen Shakti.

70 BDR mutineers face trial in 2 dists

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Sedition charges have been pressed against 40 BDR mutineers in Bandarban while the trial process of 30 others in Chapaingawabganj will start on July 14.

The law enforcers arrested the BDR men on May 18 following the sedition case filed with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on May 17.

Our Staff Correspondent from Sylhet adds: The District and Sessions Judge on Wednesday deferred again the charge framing date for 34 BDR men of Sylhet sector headquarters.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

10 hurt as Shibir, BCL clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Ten people were injured in a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) at Beanibazar Government College yesterday. The injured were admitted to the upazila health complex. Of them, seriously injured BCL activist Md Zul Hasan Open was sent to Dhaka as his condition deteriorated. The clashing groups also set seven motorbikes afire. The incident took place at around 1:00pm when the two rival student organisations were trying to woo the first year admission seekers. Police arrested four Shibir men on the campus.

Outlaw killed by rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An underground operative was killed by his rivals at Dulnagar village under Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district early yesterday. He was identified as Kalu, 43, a regional leader of outlawed Purbo Bangla Communist Party (PBPC-ML). Locals and family sources said a gang of five stormed into Kalu's house at around 2:30am and picked up him at gunpoint. They took him to a field and slit his throat. Police recovered Kalu's body yesterday morning and sent to the hospital for autopsy. Kalu was one of the most wanted outlaws. Police announced bounty for his arrest in 2005.

One abducted in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A villager was kidnapped allegedly by the supporters of Parbatya Chattogram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJS) from Kurukutichara village under Barkal upazila on Friday night. Police and locals said a gang of 15 PCJS supporters, led by Shanti Chakma, raided Kurukutichara village on Friday night and picked up Modhu Mongal Chakma from his house at gunpoint. Shantideb Chakma, leader of UPDF Rangamati unit, in a press release yesterday condemned the incident and demanded immediate release of the villager.



PHOTO: STAR
Freedom fighters bring out a procession in Manikganj town yesterday demanding trial of war criminals.

Four bombs recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Rab recovered four bombs from Ganna Bazar in Jhenidah on Friday night. Being informed, a team of Rab-6 reached the bazar at around 10:00 pm and found a bag containing the bombs beside Grameenphone tower.

Two children drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two children drowned in a pond at Putia village in Kumkhali upazila of the district on Friday evening. The children were Sagar, 7, son of Amirul Islam and Nirob, 6, son of Haider Ali, both were students of class one. A six-year-old girl named Urmee informed their families that she had seen Sagar and Nirob on the bank of a pond of the village. Receiving the information, members of the families rushed to the spot and found the boys floating on the pond.

Sylhet fuel dealers start indefinite strike today

Drastic cut in LPG price demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

other major demands, which the authorities had accepted, Rashid said.

The demands include,

reducing LPG price to Tk 400

from existing Tk 850 per cylinder and withdrawal of the

decision for bulk supply of

LPG to Jamuna Spacetrack

and other private concerns,

withdrawal of the decision to

shut the barge depot at Sachna

Bazar in Sunamganj and

making functional the

Meghna Petroleum depot at

Moglabazar, Sylhet which has

remained unusable for 15

years.

They will also keep selling

of the items from filling sta-

tions suspended to press their

demands including drastic

reduction of LPG price and

withdrawal of the decision for

its bulk supply to Jamuna

Spacetrack and other private

concerns.

Earlier at a press confer-

ence at Sylhet Press Club on

June 8, the dealers, agents and

distributors announced the

programme.

President of Sylhet Division

Petroleum Dealers, Agents

and Distributors Association,

Tank Lorry Owners

Association and CNG Filling

Station Owners Association

went on an indefinite strike to

press the demands. After four

days' strike, the authorities

accepted the demands and

assured taking measures, but

nothing has been done yet,

Rashid said.

On April 29, Sylhet Division

Petroleum Dealers, Agents

and Distributors Association,

Tank Lorry Owners

Association and CNG Filling

Station Owners Association

held on May 6 in the office of

the prime minister's adviser

for energy affairs.

The state minister for

energy and officials of BPC

were also present in the meet-

ing, he said.

The government last week

announced reduction of the

LPG price to Tk 700 per cylinder.

But there had been no

announcement about the two

RPGCL plant at Golapganj as the three associations of petroleum dealers of the region stopped lifting those.

Presently, huge LPG gas has been lying unsold at the LPG Bottling Plant at Golapganj. Cylindering of the gas had gone down to 20 per cent, an official said yesterday.

2 more cases against SIT Foundation men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Bogra

Two more cheated job seekers have filed cases against Bogra-based NGO Science and Information Technology (SIT) Foundation Chairman Md Abdul Mannan Sarker and his accomplices.

Md Saiful Islam filed a case on Tuesday accusing seven people of cheating him and four others of Tk 2.71 lakh.

Complainant Reshma Khatun alleged in her case filed on Monday that SIT Foundation officials cheated her and six others of Tk 3.17 lakh including deposit and salary.

Earlier, five cases were filed with several courts in Bogra against SIT Foundation Chairman Abdul Mannan Sarker, his son and other accomplices for cheating job seekers.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Ziaur Rahman on May 26 sent Mannan Sarker and two others to jail in a cheating case.

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