

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH

Students of Rajshahi University form a human chain in Rajshahi city yesterday demanding punishment to the killers of RU student Nima.

60 hurt as villagers clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

At least 60 people including a union parishad (UP) chairman were injured in a clash between the people of two unions here over teasing a school girl in Sadar upazila on Sunday, police and witnesses said. A gang often teased a student of a high school in Kathi union on her way to school. When the girl's maternal uncle protested it on Sunday, the teasers started beating him at Kathi Bazar. A few people of neighbouring Majhiati union tried to resist the attackers. At this the teasers attacked them resulting in a bloody clash. Kathi union chairman Kamrul Islam Mollah was also assaulted during the clash and his motorbike was set on fire. No sooner had the news spread, people of Kathi union rushed to the spot and locked in a fierce clash. Both the groups were equipped with lethal weapons like knives, rods and sticks.

One gets life for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A Manikganj court on Sunday sentenced a youth to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) for raping a young woman. Convict Sirajul Islam, 18, son of Akali Mia of Noarapa village under Singair police station was also fined Tk 10,000 in default, to suffer one year more RI in jail. According to the prosecution story, convict Sirajul Islam entered the house of Halima Begum, 23, daughter of Karimunshi of Binodpur village under the police station at night on May 19 in 2007 and raped her. Halima filed a case with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Special Tribunal on December 13, 2007 accusing three people.

Shibir cadre held at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested an outsider Shibir cadre during a raid on Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall of Rajshahi University (RU) on Friday midnight. Arrestee Abdus Salam is a second year student of Anthropology Department. He was held from Room No 203 as he stayed in the hall without any legal identity. The arrestee was later handed over to Mother police. RU proctor Prof Chowdhury M Zakaria told newsmen that they along with police raided the hall following an information that outsider Shibir cadres were staying in the dormitory.

Life term for acid attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A Chapainawabganj court yesterday sentenced one person to life term imprisonment for throwing acid on his wife in 2000. Judge Anwar Hossain of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal pronounced the verdict in absence of the accused. Convict Korban Ali is son of Sumuruddin of Ramkrishnopolur-Jorbagan of Chapainawabganj municipality area. According to the prosecution story, mother of three Jarina Begum and her husband went to Mohanada river for a dip on April 5, 2000 at around 5:30am. When they reached the riverbank at Nayagola her husband suddenly threw acid on her inflicting serious burn injuries. The next day, victim's father Ekramul Haque filed a case with Chapainawabganj Sadar police station.

BNP leader sent to jail

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Sirajdikhan upazila BNP general secretary, also Rajanagar Union Parishad chairman Jasim Uddin Khokan was sent to jail when he went to Munshiganj judicial magistrate's court yesterday for seeking bail in an extortion case filed by Rajanagar UP woman member Selina Akhter. Selina alleged that on October 20, 2008 Khokan called her and her husband Moudud Ahmed to his house and demanded Tk one lakh illegal toll. The chairman also threatened to drive them out of the village if they fail to pay the amount, she said in her complaint. On the same day Selina filed a case with the court of judicial magistrate Nargis Akhter against the chairman.

Vow to fight corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira.

Several hundred people yesterday brought out a procession, formed a human chain and held a rally vowing to root out corruption from the society. Pragati Durniti Birodhi Pracharana Samannay Committee organised the programmes in the town to create awareness among people about corruption. Speakers at the rally alleged widespread corruption in every government organisation and department. They emphasised the need for strengthening transparency and accountability in the government organisations for ensuring steady growth. They said youths can play a vital role to arrest corruption raising their voice against the evil.

BCL, Shibir men clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two persons were injured as cadres of BCL and Islamic Chhatra Shibir clashed at Dinajpur Government College over a trifling matter on Sunday. Injured Ripon, 22, and Kayes, 23, are outsider activists of BCL. Sources said that the clash ensued around 12:30 over a seating place on the campus. Shibir cadres left the place but reappeared with a group led by Motiur Rahman and Abdul Kayyum, Shibir president and general secretary respectively of Dinajpur Government College unit. They attacked the BCL men suddenly with wooden sticks and brickbats leaving at least two people wounded on the spot. Protecting the attack, the BCL men brought a protest procession on the campus. They also submitted a memo to the principal demanding punishment of the attackers.

AS APPEAL TO ALL FALLS ON DEAF EARS

Villagers themselves build embankment finally

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The people of Gobordhan village in Mohishkhocha union in Aditmari upazila under Lalmonirhat district have joined voluntary service to construct a three kilometre long embankment to protect their life and property from erosion and flooding by the Teesta River.

About 40 per cent work of the embankment has been completed till yesterday as about two thousand people, both male and female, started work for the embankment on Saturday morning following suggestion and encouragement by Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Ala Uddin Fakir.

People hope they will be able to finish the work within four days.

For years the villagers have placed demand to Water Development Board, upazila administration and political leaders to take steps for building the embankment but to no effect.

Finding no alternative, affected people themselves started working to construct the three kilometre earthen embankment through voluntary service.

Gobordhan, a village on the Teesta River, is vulnerable to flood and erosion, and about five thousand people of one thousand families living there have to struggle with poverty.

Nurul Islam, 45, a villager of

Gobordhan said, "I cultivate different kinds of crops on my five bighas of land but floodwater and erosion often destroy it. All the villagers face the same problem."

"We got encouragement from the DC to render voluntary service for building the three-kilometre embankment to protect our village," said a villager.

"The embankment will

save the villagers at Gobordhan from floodwater and river erosion. They will also get bumper crops from their cultivable land. The embankment will help to revive the lost land devoured by Teesta erosion in previous years. People should come forward to develop their condition by working on their own," said Lalmonirhat DC Md Ala Uddin Fakir.

Several villagers said some NGOs active in the village received handsome amount of money from the donors on the name of developing the life of ultra-poor people but donors' fund hardly come to any help for them.

Villagers have demanded construction of a permanent embankment to save their houses, cultivable lands and assets.



SELF HELP IS THE BEST HELP: Locals join voluntary service to construct an embankment on the Teesta River to save Gobordhan village in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat from erosion and flood.

MOVE TO ARREST RISING CRIMES

Cox's Bazar police collecting info about residents, tenants

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Cox's Bazar district police, in a bid to reduce crimes, have asked the 6,000 residents of the town (including house owners and tenants) to submit detailed information about themselves and their photographs to police.

As a result, the owners of residential houses are now bound to keep watch on the activities of the tenants.

Sources said, more than 100 residential houses in Cox's Bazar municipality and adjoining areas are used for anti-social activities including prostitution.

The houses are also used for drugs trade. Many of them are dens of criminals and extortionists.

A police officer seeking anonymity said, sometimes criminals from other areas of the country rent houses and hide there for a long time.

Police superintendent (SP) Mohammad Sakhawat Hossain said, police recently adopted this 'innovative' way mainly to arrest the militants, criminals and drug traders.

He said, the whole town has been divided

into seven zones and necessary information including photos of the house owners and tenants are being collected. He said the law enforcers have already collected information about more than 1,000 people. He hoped that the process would be completed by July 30.

Similar information would be collected in eight upazilas of the district. It will give police a clear idea about the presence of outsiders in Cox's Bazar, he said.

Sakhawat said, police have information that many illegal Rohingyas and militants stay in residential houses in the town. But the owners of most of the residential houses do not have any idea about their tenants. They even do not bother about any written agreement with them.

"From now on, the house owners would have to keep track of who is coming to the tenants' house and when. Police would make surprise raids on the houses and if anything is found wrong the house owner also would have to be accountable for it."

The owners of the residential houses have already been warned in this regard, the SP said.



PHOTO: STAR

Nadi Banchao Andolon forms a human chain on Court Road in Narail town yesterday demanding steps to save Chitra River from pollution.

Three sued for war crimes

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Three alleged rajakars have been sued for killing a man in Abhoynagar upazila of the district during Liberation War in 1971.

Hadiuzzaman Fakir, son of slain Akbar Ali Fakir of Sarkhola Village under the upazila, filed a petition case with the Judicial Magistrate's Court, Jessore, yesterday.

The accused are Khwaja

Saeed Shah, Lutfar Rahman Munshi and Abul Kalam of Guikara village under Abhoynagar upazila.

In the case statement, the complainant said the accused picked up his father from Nowapara Bazar on November 17, 1971 for helping freedom fighters, took him to a camp and shot him dead.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Employees of Bogra Shahid Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital yesterday observed two-hour work stoppage after hospital Director Brig Gen Shafiqul Islam took action against an employee for playing trick on a patient to send him to a private clinic.

A patient came to the hospital for treatment yesterday morning when Enamul, a fourth class employee of the hospital, gave him the visiting card of a private clinic and told him to there.

As the incident came to the knowledge of the hospital director, he issued show cause

notice on the employee and changed his duty station.

Protesting the matter, the hospital employees gathered and started work stoppage at 8:00am yesterday. They also brought out a procession and held a rally on the hospital premises to protest what they said 'torture' on the employee.

The hospital employees resumed their work when Assistant Professor Rezaul Alam Jewel negotiated a settlement between the two sides after about two hours.

Contacted, Brig Gen Shafiqul Islam said action was taken against an employee as he tried to take a hospital patient to an outside clinic, violating hospital rules.



Abdur Rahim alias Shahadat



Selim alias Saifullah

Selim, Shahadat to be quizzed keeping them face to face

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Selim alias Saifullah and Abdur Rahim alias Shahadat, two top leaders of Islam O Muslim, a new offshoot of JMB, were taken on remand in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj yesterday.

Selim was placed on a five-day remand by the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Chapainawabganj, while Shahadat on a three-day remand by the Second Judicial Magistrate's Court in Rajshahi, reports our staff correspondent from Rajshahi.

After granting a three-day remand for Shahadat, police took him to Chapainawabganj for interrogation.

District Police Superintendent Nazrul Islam said the law enforcers will quiz Shahadat and Selim keeping them face-to-face at Chapainawabganj as they are pointing at each other as the chief of the new outfit.

Shahadat and two other militants-Jalal Uddin and Sajedur Rahman-- were produced in the Second Judicial

Magistrate's Court in Rajshahi where Jalal, a regional commander of the new offshoot in Bagmara upazila of Rajshahi, gave confessional statement under section 164.

A special intelligence team from Dhaka will also interrogate the two top militants. The team had also interrogated other arrested militants of the new offshoot.

According to our Chapainawabganj correspondent, the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday placed Selim alias Saifullah, chief military commander of Islam and Muslim, on a five-day remand.

Police produced him in the court, seeking a seven-day remand. After hearing, Chief Judicial Magistrate Basudev Roy granted five days' remand.

Law enforcers arrested Selim after a brief exchange of gunshots at bordering Belpur-Johorpur village under Sadar upazila of Chapainawabganj on July 7. They also recovered a pistol, nine bullets, and two magazines from his possession.

International Tender Notice for Supply of Lubricating Base Oil

Ref No. 23.02/(1/2009)LBO-69

Date: 07 July, 2009

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers from reputed suppliers for supply of Lubricating Base Oil in accordance with the terms & conditions set out hereinafter.

1	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
4	Procuring entity district	Chittagong
5	Invitation for	Supply of Lubricating Base Oil
6	Invitation Ref No and date	Ref No. 23.02/(1/2009)LBO-69 Date: 07 July, 2009
7	Delivery schedule and place	Delivery: 05-08 October, 2009, C&F Chittagong basis. The supply of the product should be made in one shipment, partial shipment may be allowed provided the total supply must be completed within the delivery schedule.
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9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
10	Budget and source of funds	BPC Revenue Budget.
11	Tender package name	International tender for supply of Lubricating Base Oil.
12	Tender publication date	08 July, 2009.
13	Tender last selling date	24 August, 2009.
14	Tender closing date and time	Date: 25 August, 2009, Time: 1200 hours (BST).
15	Tender opening date and time	Date: 25 August, 2009, Time: 1205 hours (BST).
16	Offer validity time	Date: 17 September, 2009, Time: 1800 hours (BST).

Name and address of the office(s)	
17	Selling tender documents (principal)
18	Selling tender documents (others)
19	Name and address of the office receiving offers
20	Name and address of the office opening offers
21	Qualification of the suppliers
22	Brief description of goods/items
23	Tender documents price
24	Bid Bond/Bank Guarantee

Procuring entity details	
25	Official inviting tender
26	Designation of official inviting tender
27	Address of official inviting tender
28	Contact details of official inviting tender
29	Bidder(s) must submit along with their offer the original money receipt for tender document purchased in Bangladesh and original/photocopy of money receipt for those who purchased tender document outside Bangladesh.
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