

SNIPPETS

Strike at Magura hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Doctors, nurses and staff at Magura Sadar hospital abstained from work for about five and a half hours from 9:00 am yesterday to protest assault on a female nurse by a patient. They called off their strike and returned to their duties at 2:30 pm following a meeting with the local ruling party leaders.

Teenage girl abducted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A teenage girl was abducted by a gang of young men at Uttar Goalia village under Sadar upazila yesterday. Victim Nazma Begum, 15, is daughter of Abdul Mannan of Madappur village. Locals and family sources said Nazma and her younger sister were going to her aunt's house on foot at about 11:00 am.

'Agyan party' loots house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A gang of criminals, locally known as 'agyan party' looted valuables worth over Tk two lakh Friday night from the house of one Golam Rasul at Jhawdanga bazar in Sadar upazila. Four members of the family who fell victims to the incident were admitted to a local clinic. Quoting locals police said, a gang of criminals entered the house of Rasul and sprayed toxic liquid on them when they were asleep.

Wife murdered

BSS, Rangamati

A man allegedly strangled his pregnant wife after beating her mercilessly on a hill at Pombazaar under Alikadam upazila of Bandarban on Friday. Police said, immediately after the incident locals caught Eliasur Rahman and handed him over to the police. The victim was identified as Kumira Begum of the same area. Later, police also arrested Eliasur's mother Sahara Khatun and his second wife Ayesha Begum for their alleged involvement in the incident.

Police, launch staff assault agitating passengers, 50 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least 50 people were injured as river traffic police and staff of a Dhaka-bound launch slooped on its passengers here early yesterday.

The incident occurred at around 12:30am when the passengers of the launch, MV Kalam Khan-1, were ransacking the vessel at local terminal protesting cancellation of its journey by its master due to technical fault.

According to police and passengers, the launch with more than 3,000 passengers on board left Barisal for the capital at around 9:00pm.

After half an hour, one of its two engines went out of order and the launch got stuck on a shoal near Charmonai, about 2-km from Barisal terminal.

The launch got released from the shoal at around 11:30pm and the master took it back to Barisal terminal, saying that its another engine was not in good condition.

As the master cancelled launch journey, the passengers became agitated and started ransacking it. At this stage, Launch staff and terminal workers attacked the agitating passengers and river traffic police charged baton on them, leaving at least 50 injured.

Many passengers alleged that they had lost their luggage and valuables during the incident.

River traffic police lodged a general diary with Barisal Kotwali Police Station.



Bangladesh Rifles rescued 13 people from traffickers on Ayarmari border in Ulipur upazila of Kurigram district yesterday. A woman trafficker was also arrested.

Schoolteachers sued for snatching 13 rescued, trafficker arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Two schoolteachers have been sued under Speedy Trial Act on charge of snatching valuables from a woman in Kishoreganj upazila of Nilphamari district on Thursday night.

Sathi Begum, daughter of Sabul Islam of Musha village of the upazila, got down at Taraganj bus stand and hired a rickshaw on Thursday afternoon as she was going to her parents' home from her in-laws' house at Kurigram, police and victim's family sources said.

In the evening when the rickshaw reached Dharmoduar on Taraganj-Kishoreganj road, two persons on a motorbike stopped the rickshaw and snatched her necklace, a gold chain, two finger rings, two earrings and Tk 2500, they said. The estimated value of the snatched items would be about Tk 86 thousand.

Hearing scream, local people rushed to the spot but the accused managed to speed away. However, locals identified the two culprits as Toolip, a teacher of Kishoreganj Shishu Niketon School, and Liton, a teacher of a local primary school.

The victim's husband Akkas Ali filed a case with Kishoreganj Police Station on the night accusing Toolip and Liton under Speedy Trial Act.

Sub-inspector Rawshon Ali of Kishoreganj Police Station, also investigating officer of the case, said police started drives to arrest the two accused who went into hiding after the incident.

Toolip was also arrested a year ago on charge of mugging, said a few of his colleagues.

The two teachers could not be contacted for comments in this connection.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel rescued 13 people while they were being trafficked to India in a boat through the Brahmaputra River early yesterday.

BDR sources said a patrol team of Daikhawa border outpost under Ulipur upazila intercepted the boat near border pillar no 1042 when it was proceeding toward India with 13 people, including three women and five children aboard, at around 4:00am and rescued them.

One of the two traffickers, Hasina Begum, 45, was arrested along with her four-year-old daughter during operation while the other named Billar Hossain managed to escape.

The rescued people are Maidul Haque, 25, Shahidul, 27, Hira Mia, 22, Joyanal Abedin, 30, Marium Begum, 21, Laiju Begum, 20, Sabina, 18, Shakil, 6, Nazmul Hossain, 2, Mosharraf Hossain, 8, and Mozaffar, 3, of Azoatari village and Rawshan Akhter, 16 and Rozina Akhter, 9 of Sonaikazi village under Fulbari upazila of the district.

They told BDR that Hasina Begum, wife of Joyanal Abedin of bordering Sonaikazi village, and her son-in-law Billar Hossain, an Indian citizen, were taking them to India, promising job. BDR later handed over the rescued people, trafficker Hasina and her daughter Beauty to Ulipur Police Station. A case was filed with the police station concerned against traffickers Hasina Begum and Billar Hossain.



Passengers on return journey after Eid holidays suffer at Magura bus stand yesterday as most of the buses do not maintain time schedule.

Lightning kills two

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Lightning killed two youths on Friday night.

The deceased are Razu, 18, son of Roton Master and Kholi, 23, son of Akshid Ali of Horiornagar village under Monirampur upazila.

Locals and police said, the incident occurred at about 7:00 pm when the youths were playing carom at a club in the village. They died instantly.

Another youth, Ayub Ali, who was injured by the lightning is undergoing treatment at Jessore General Hospital.

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