

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Father, son killed in wall collapse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A man and his son were killed when a wall collapsed on them at Dapunia village under Purbadhala upazila early yesterday. The dead were identified as Abdul Khaleque, 51, and Sumon, 11. Police and locals said at the time of the incident Abdul Khaleque and his son Sumon were sleeping at their house. All of a sudden the wall of the house collapsed on them at about 4 am and killed both on the spot. Local people rushed to the spot and recovered their bodies.

RU student stabbed

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Bus workers yesterday stabbed a student of Rajshahi University (RU) at the university Kazla gate on Dhaka-Rajshahi highway. Seriously injured Refat Ferdous, a second year student of Economics department was admitted to the university medical centre. Refat alleged that workers of a local bus, Ekota, attacked him following an altercation over bus fare with the bus conductor while he was coming from Rajbari to the campus. He said they stabbed in his head as he refused to give extra fare.

BDR recovers heroin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

BDR recovered heroin worth about Tk 92 lakh on Monday from a city-bound passenger bus on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway. An official of 21 Battalion of BDR said, acting on a tip-off, the border guards intercepted the bus of Shyamoli Paribahan in Telibazar area of Dakshin Surma upazila. The bus coming from Kustia was stopped 4 km off Sylhet city. They recovered 920 gram of heroin from inside a bag but could not arrest anybody as there was no claimant. The approximate value of the heroin is about 92 lakh taka, he said.

Press club executives

A CORRESPONDENT, Majdee Court

Liakat Ali Khan, district correspondent of the daily Destiny and ATS Din Mohammad, Noakhali correspondent of the Bangladesh Observer, have been elected president and general secretary of Greater Noakhali Press Club. The election of the club's executive body was held on Friday last. Abul Kalam Bhuiyan, district correspondent of Dainik Khabar and editor of the daily Jatiya Noor, Shah Emran Mohammad Osman Sujon, editor of the daily Sonali Zamin and the weekly Satarka Barta and MB Alam, editor of the weekly Chalti Dhara, were elected vice presidents. The other office-bearers are: Nizamuddin Ahmed Manik of the daily Desh Bangla and Mashud Parvez of NTV and the daily Bhorer Kagoj (assistant general secretaries), Runu Hasan of the daily Jatiya Orthony (finance secretary), Sajjad Hossain of Ajkal Patra (organising secretary), ASM Rezwon of Shatabdir Dak (welfare secretary), Gazul Haque Gazi of the daily Banglar Abha (office secretary) and Abdul Motaleb of the daily Desh Janata (publication secretary).

3 suspected carjackers held

UNB, Sylhet

Three suspected carjackers were caught while trying to hijack a microbus in Chhatak upazila of Sunamganj on Tuesday. They were identified as Kanar Mia, 30, son of late Rashid Ali of Durjakapon village in Biswanath upazila of Sylhet, Rozina Begum, 22, daughter of Warid Ali of Kadamtali area of Surma upazila and Poly Begum, 17, daughter of Shahin Mia of Hararibagh area in Dhaka. Kanar Mia hired the microbus from a stand near the high school market in pourashave area in the name of going to Osmani airport in Sylhet at noon. As the microbus was taken to a place for boarding two female passengers, the micro driver wanted to know about their flight schedule. Being suspicious at their reply, the driver informed police who arrested the three along with a pistol and three cartridges.

Four shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Four people were injured and property worth over Tk 5 lakh reduced to ashes when a big fire engulfed four shops at Mashamari bazaar under Fulchhari upazila Tuesday night. Witnesses said, at about 11 pm, a fire originating from Ripon Medical Store spread to adjacent cloth shop, grocery and restaurant. The fire gutted all the shops within half an hour. Four sustained burn injuries as they four tried to extinguish fire locally. Later, a fire fighting unit from Gaibandha rushed to the spot to bring fire under control.

Two outlaws arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Detective police on Tuesday arrested two outlaws from Baitypara under Khulna Sadar police station. They were identified as Shumon alias Bomaru Shumon and Kalam of Janajuddha faction of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP). According to assistant police commissioner (DB) of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) Abu Sayem, the outlaws were arrested on charge of their involvement in planning criminal acts in the city. Both the listed outlaws were later interrogated at the KMP Headquarters, Sayem said.



PHOTO: STAR

Three motorcycle lifters, arrested by the Detective Branch of police in Chittagong, standing behind the stolen vehicles.

Motorbike lifters held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Members of the Detective Branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested three motorbike lifters and recovered five stolen motorbikes in separate drives in the city and in Feni and Laxmipur districts in the last two days since the early hours of Tuesday. The arrestees include two students identified as Raihan Parvez, 21, of Feni college and Nurul Alam, 23, of Laxmipur college while the other is Mohammad Ripon, 22, of Kalamia Bazar under Chittagong city's Bakolia police station. Assistant commissioner (AC) Mohammad Wahidul Haque Chowdhury who led the drive said the arrestees are members of a gang of motorbike lifters active in the port city. The recovered motorbikes were stolen from the city over the last three months and they were plying with fake registration numbers.

RAJSHAHI MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients get less than half of prescribed fish with meal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Patients at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) are served less than half of the prescribed quantity of fish with meal.

The staggering information was revealed as a mobile court conducted a drive at the hospital canteen on Tuesday night.

Raiding the kitchen at dinner time, the mobile court found each piece of fish, ready for serving the patients, weighed around 30 gram whereas a patient is entitled to get 80-gram fish as per official order.

Executive Magistrate Zahid Hossain Siddik, who led the drive, fined Abdul Mannan, a supervisor of the kitchen, Tk 10,000 for supplying lower amount of fish dishes to the patients.

The drive was conducted under the joint initiative of the district administration, Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) and Consumers Association of Bangladesh.

Supply of low quality meal has become a usual matter and the food often stinks, RMCH patients told the court.

A deputy director of RMCH, who accompanied the mobile court during the drive, however declined to take responsibility for supply of lower amount of fish, saying, "The kitchen authority has been given the task to ensure supply of required quantity of fish to the patients."

Kitchen supervisor Abdul Mannan said the fish lost weight when it was cooked while the court observed that it was the kitchen authority's responsibility to supply '80-gram cooked fish' to each of the patients.

The mobile court also fined the management of the doctors' canteen Tk 5000 for working in an unhygienic and substandard condition.

The court observed that condition of the doctors' canteen inside the hospital was worse than that of many roadside restaurants.

The mobile court also fined Shamim Sweets Tk 20,000 for selling substandard sweets, and Nabarup Mistanno Bhandar Tk 10,000 for selling sweets that were polluted by flies.

The court also fined Habnab Chinese Restaurant Tk 5000 and Shamim Canteen Tk 5000 for not maintaining hygiene.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Workers demolishing an illegal structure on the Bhairab River yesterday as authorities have continued drive against encroachment on both sides of the river.

Why repeat same question?

An annoyed Rasu tells interrogators

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

"I have already confessed to killing 11 women. Why am I being asked about the same thing? I did not kill anybody apart from the 11 women I admitted murdering," said self-confessed serial killer Rasu Khan on the first day of his two-day fresh remand yesterday.

During interrogation, Rasu expressed annoyance at the interrogators' questions, said Chandpur Sadar circle Assistant Superintendent of Police Md Sirajul Haque yesterday afternoon.

After the expiry of the two-day remand, Rasu will be again produced before court with prayer for remands in the cases filed in connection with the 11 murders.

Superintendent of Police of Chandpur Krishnapada Roy Tuesday night formed a three-member committee on behalf of police to probe and review the 11 killings by Rasu.



Rasu Khan

Chandpur Additional SP TM Mojahidul Islam was made chief of the committee and Md Sirajul Haque and Faridganj Police Station Sub-Inspector Mir Quasem were made members.

Police arrested Rasu at Nirashpara in Tongi on October 7. He was placed on a three-day remand on October 8. He confessed before a court on October 11. Rasu was placed on the two-day remand on October 13.

All for refusing to join Shibir

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A student of Rangpur Carmichael College was beaten up and ousted from G.L. Hostel on Tuesday allegedly by Shibir leaders and activists for refusing to join their organisation.

M A Rashid Shishir, a second year honours student of the college alleged that a number of Shibir activists led by the college unit president Monzurul Islam and secretary Al Ameen Hasan entered his room at about 2:30 am and asked him to leave the hostel.

He said, "When I refused to do so, they beat me up. Later they forced me to write and sign on an application. After my signing on the paper, they told me that they will show the hostel authorities my application and tell them that

I want to cancel the hostel seat willingly." Shishir said he informed the matter to his friends at different messes who came and took him out of the campus at night.

Yesterday Shishir lodged a general diary (GD) with Rangpur Kotwali police and submitted an application to the college principal for action against the Shibir leaders and activists.

College Principal Abdul Wadud admitted getting the application and said he had already instructed hostel superintendent Mahbubur Rahman to investigate the matter.

Contacted, the Shibir president, however, flatly denied beating up Shishir on Tuesday night.



PHOTO: STAR

PYTHON LANDS IN PRIVATE ZOO

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

An 18-foot-long python, found on the roof of a house in Srimongal upazila on Tuesday, was brought to the private zoo of wildlife preserver Sitesh Ranjan Deb in Srimongal town.

After seeing the python on the house roof, Rushan Miah of Kakia Bazar village informed the forest department officials.

Finding no response from them, he contacted with local wild animal preserver Sitesh Ranjan Deb.

Sitesh Ranjan's son Sajal Deb went to the spot, caught the python and took it to the zoo of his father.

Sitesh said he will eventually release the python, weighing about 40 kg, to Lawachhara Reserve Forest in Kamalganj upazila.

21 outlaws held in Bagerhat anti-crime drive

UNB, Bagherhat

Police arrested at least 383 people, including 21 outlaws, on various charges from different parts of all the nine upazilas of the district during a two-week special drive.

Three outlaws and pirates were also killed in gunfights with law-enforcers during the drive. The drive aimed at rooting out extremists started from September 25 and continued till October 8. Six members of police and Rab were also injured.

The arrested outlaws belonged to Purbo Banglar Communist Party

(ML-Janajuddha) and (ML-Lal Potaka). They hailed from Fakirhat,

Rampal, Mollahat, Kachua, Morelganj, Mongla and Sadar upazilas.

Locals alleged that though some outlaws and other criminals were arrested during the drive, their 'godfathers' remained out of the dragnet.

Fresh case against Narail collaborator Sulaiman, his 8 accomplices

A CORRESPONDENT, Narail

Another case was filed against Moulana Sulaiman alias Faruki, a notorious collaborator of the Pakistan occupation forces in 1971, and his eight accomplices with Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court in Narail yesterday.

Khaibar Tarafder, brother of martyred Atiar Tarafder of Tularampur village under Narail Sadar upazila, filed the petition case against them for killing his brother during the Liberation War in 1971.

Moulana Sulaiman, 70, the then president of Narail Sub-division Peace Committee, Abdus Salam, 71, Rauf Mollah, 65, Altaf Hossain, 65, Ali Miah, 62, Abul Khaer Mollah, 56, Akram Hossain, 55, Torap Mollah, 61, of Tularampur

village and Abdus Sattar, 60, of Boramara village under Narail Sadar upazila have been made accused in the case.

After hearing the petition, Senior Judicial Magistrate Musrat Jerin asked the officer-in charge of Narail Police Station to record a case against the nine accused.

In the complaint, Khaibar Tarafder stated that the accused picked up his brother from Tularampur on July 17 in 1971 and killed them on July 20.

He was buried with other martyrs on the premises of Rugganj Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) rest house.

Earlier on April 6 this year, another case was filed against Moulana Sulaiman with the same court.

Global Handwashing Day

October 15, 2009

Wash your hands with soap regularly to keep them germ-free

- Washing our hands only with water is not enough. To protect ourselves from germs we need to wash our hands thoroughly and rigorously with soap and water up to the elbows.
- Thousands of children's lives can be saved if they wash their hands with soap. Research shows that, washing hands with soap and clean water reduces diarrhea and pneumonia by 50%. Also swine flu, bird flu, skin and eye diseases can be easily avoided if hands are washed frequently with soap and water. It is the simplest and most effective way to prevent diseases.
- It is necessary to wash both hands with soap before preparing a meal, before eating or feeding a child, after using the toilet and after cleaning a child's bottom.