

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

## Bodies of youths found in train, sugarcane field

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Bodies of two young men were recovered from train and sugarcane field yesterday and the day before.

Railway police recovered an unidentified body of young man from a compartment of intercity train Lalmoni Express at Lalmonirhat railway station yesterday morning.

The train came to the platform from the capital city at around 10:30 in the morning, reports a correspondent.

Police suspect that the young man was tortured and then strangled to death. The recovered body was sent to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy, they said.

OC of Lalmonirhat railway police Zahir Raihan said, the youth might be coming home from his workplace in the capital on Eid vacations.

On the way, a gang might have looted his money and later killed him, he said.

An unnatural death (DU) case was lodged with GRP station.

In Chapainawabganj, police recovered the body of a young man from a sugarcane field at Boiddyonathpur village under Shibganj upazila on Wednesday night, reports our correspondent.

Victim Sohobur Rahman, 25, son of Monsur

Ali of Tarapur village under Monakasha union in Shibganj went missing on August 22.

Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shibganj police station said, one Bulbul of Boiddyonathpur village entered a sugarcane field for collecting grass at around 6:00pm. He found the body there and informed police.

Later, police recovered the body at around 8:30pm from the sugarcane field and sent it to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

According to the OC, Sohobur came out of his in-laws house on August 22 following a feud with his wife and since then he remained missing.

Victim's father Monsur Ali filed a case with Shibganj police station.

In Siraganj, a 7-year-old boy was killed by unidentified assailants at Chardogasi village in Kamarkhand upazila on Saturday night.

The victim was identified as Asif, son of Abdur Razzaq of the same village.

Police quoting family sources said, Asif was playing near his house in the evening but he did not return home at night.

After a hectic search, local people found the body with torture marks near his house at about 9pm and informed the police.

Later, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. The reason behind the murder could not be known immediately.



Only a part of this large pond in Dimla upazila town in Nilphamari district now contains water as the authorities have taken initiative to fill it up, without approval from the department of environment, to make a market there.

## FWP rice allocated to fill up a pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A committee led by Dimla sadar Union Parishad (UP) Chairman has allegedly misused 'food for work' resources to fill up a local pond without environment department's approval.

Although there is no government provision for filling up ponds under the food for work programme (FWP), 23.564 metric tonnes of rice was realised for this project, showed Project Implementation Office records.

A few months ago, the UP Chairman Motiar Rahman and some officials marked a local pond under their authority as a ditch, and proposed its filling to construct a market on that place, said Mojibar Rahman, the project implementation officer (PIO).

However, an investigation at Dimla land office on August 26 found that the alleged ditch was clearly classified in the land documents as a pond.

When questioned, the chairman said, since the government has restricted filling of water bodies like ponds, he marked the pond as a ditch to approve the project and gain funds for the welfare of his area and people.

The UP chairman also said the decision to construct the market there was aimed at creating income source for the parishad's welfare activities.

He however admitted that he did not take permission from the environment directorate in Rangpur in this regard.

Aminuzzaman Gazi, the upazila unit vice president of BNP, said the UP chairman's proposed market project is nothing but a means to earn handsome money as donation

or bribe from traders intending to take shops there.

The PIO, when questioned on the matter, said he showed the concerned proposal to the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) before approval, and since the UNO did not put any objection, he (PIO) approved it.

The PIO, however, could not answer as to why he did not visit the spot before giving the approval.

Mizanur Rahman, the UNO, said he put the counter signature for the project as approval as he was misguided about the pond being a ditch.

He also pointed out that filling a pond requires environment department's approval, which is absent in this case.

"The UP chairman has already withdrawn the total amount of allocated rice in two instalments. The project chairman has not submitted the master roll yet. So I have directed him to deposit Tk 1.73 lakh back to the government funds," the UNO said.

Visiting the pond area on August 26, this correspondent found that almost three fourths of the filling work was already complete.

Locals said the pond, located beside Dimla Sadar UP office, is a source for fish cultivation and serves as a water reservoir for the area.

Officials of a local NGO body Campaign for Assistance, Mobility and Promotion (CAMP) said 'food for work' programme was initiated to provide work and food to rural poor people in the lean period.

However, for this project, diesel-run tractors were being used to carry the earth for filling the pond without engaging the poor people to do it manually, they said.



Galaxy Flying Academy starts their training programme at Shah Makhdum Airport in Rajshahi on Wednesday.

## Ruling party men capture shop of JCD leader

UNB, Natore

A shop belonging to a local leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of main opposition BNP, was captured allegedly by ruling party men on Wednesday.

Shop owner JCD district unit president Rabiur Rahman Titon lodged a complaint with local police station in this connection.

In his complaint, the JCD leader said that some Jubo League activists, led by Masud Rana, Jubo League general secretary of No. 7 ward of pourashava, demanded 20 panjabi or Tk 10,000 as toll from him on August 28.

He said they also threatened him for dire consequences if he failed to meet their demand.

On Tuesday night the cadres over cell phone again demanded the toll and on his refusal they in the afternoon took away five

sacks of garlic from his shop built on a leased railway land at Natore Station Bazaar.

Later, they again came to the area and captured the shop, he said adding that following his complaint police helped regain the control of the shop.

But, next morning the cadres again occupied the shop forcibly and hung the pictures of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman there apparently to consolidate their grabbing, said the JCD leader.

Jubo League leader Masud Rana, however, denied the allegation.

"I did not capture any shop, the shop belongs to me", he said.

Sadar police station officer-in-charge (OC) Abdullah Al Mamun said that they are investigating the matter.

"We will take necessary steps after the probe," he added.

## BSF hands over three to BDR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) handed over three Bangladeshis, who were in Indian jail for the last 29 months, to BDR on Wednesday.

Earlier, a company-level flag meeting was held at Joynagar frontier in Chuadanga in the afternoon.

The Bangladeshis are Jihad Hossain, 32, son of Abdul Wahab, Ayesha Khatun alias Putul, 24, daughter of Mahbulul Haq of municipal area in Monirampur upazila and Rafiq Sheikh, 40, of municipal area in Jhikorgachha upazila of Jessore.

According to BDR and police, the three went to India through Munshipur border under Damurhuda upazila in Chuadanga with no legal documents on March 27, 2008. BSF from Hatkhola camp in Nadia district in West Bengal caught them and handed them over to Dinhatra police. Later a case was filed against the three.

After a three-month trial, a Krishnanagar court in Nadia sentenced each to six months' imprisonment.

The three Bangladeshis were released from jail on August 27.



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Special prayer being offered after inaugurating construction work of Ferdous Nagar Road in Amzadhat union under Fulgazi upazila of Feni district recently. Construction of two other roads in the upazila is going on under supervision of local government engineering department.

## Price Sensitive Disclosure

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Grameenphone Ltd. (GP) in its 105<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2010 at 3:00 pm approved the decision on entering into frame contracts with Huawei and Ericsson. These contracts will cover GP's needs for GSM network equipment, services and support for the period of 2011 to 2013. The integration of the new energy-efficient equipments will further establish GP's social and environmental commitments in the context of Bangladesh's vulnerability to climate change and will further strengthen the network and service quality. GP is determined to transform into a green company while continuing to ensure the best customer experience for our valued subscribers with a state-of-the-art network and service excellence.

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