

One killed, 9 hurt as bomb thrown on village meeting

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Kushtia

One person was killed and nine others were injured in a bomb attack at Bazrapur village in Gangni upazila of Meherpur district on Saturday night.

The dead is Lokman Hossain Mondol, 48, son of Haran Mondol of the village. According to a UNB report, Lokman was organising secretary of Bazrapur ward BNP unit.

Police arrested four peo-

ple in connection with the attack.

Police said Lokman was holding a meeting with some villagers on Bazrapur Primary School premises at around 9:45pm to arrange an Iftar party at the village.

Suddenly, a gang of 15 to 20 appeared there and attacked the villagers with bamboo sticks, iron rods and sharp weapons. At one stage, the gang hurled three bombs, leaving 10 people, including Lokman, seriously injured.

Being informed, a police team led by Sub-Inspector (SI) Rezaul Islam, in-charge of Bhabanipur police camp, went to the spot and sent the injured to Meherpur and Kushtia general hospitals. Lokman succumbed to his injuries on way to Kushtia General Hospital.

Police quoted locals as saying that the gang left the scene chanting slogans of an outlawed party.

Officer-in-Charge Motiur Rahman of Gangni Police Station told this correspon-

dent over cellphone that a conflict between Lokman and Rafiqul over capture of six acres of disputed land at the village might be the reason behind the attack.

"We suspect the hired outlaws laughed in the attack," the OC said.

After the incident, police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel raided the village and arrested four people, including one Atiar.

The arrestees were taken to Gangni Police Station for quizzing.

Muggers stab Khulna AL leader, one held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Khulna

Muggers stabbed Jobair Ahmed Khan Joba, office secretary of Khulna district Awami League, at Tootpara central road under Khulna Sadar Police Station early Saturday.

Police said Jobair, his wife Shaila, friend Jahir Hossain and his wife Liza arrived in the city in a night coach from Dhaka at around 3:30am and were going to Jobair's Tootpara residence on foot.

A gang of three swooped

on them and snatched a cellphones, two gold rings and Tk 24,000 from the Awami League leader and his wife and a gold necklace, two diamond rings and two cellphones from Jahir and his wife.

As Jobair cried for help, the muggers stabbed in different parts of his body and left the scene, leaving him seriously injured. Zahir Hossain who lives in Italy with his wife accompanied the AL leader to Khulna from Dhaka to celebrate Eid.

The AL leader filed a case at 8:30 pm. on Saturday with Khulna Sadar Police Station. Police arrested one person named Kazi Imon, 26, at 11:30 pm suspecting his involvement in the mugging.

Leaders of Khulna district and city Awami League and city Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque have expressed their grave concern at the incident. The mayor asked police to arrest the culprits involved in the mugging and attack on the Awami League leader.

Two 'thieves' beaten to death

UNB, Comilla

Two alleged thieves were beaten to death by a mob at Nayakandi village in Chandina upazila early yesterday.

The identity of the thieves could not be known immediately.

Police said the two thieves entered the house of Mostafa Kamal, a marine officer, by cutting a hole through the floor at about 2 am.

Sensing their presence, as the house members raised a hue and cry. The neighbours chased the thieves and caught them near Rani Chara Govt. Primary School.

The mob gave them a good thrashing, leaving both dead on the spot.

Stolen hospital medicines seized in Mymensingh, one arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Mymensingh

A Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-9) team recovered a huge quantity of stolen medicines from a residence in Bandher Bari area, adjacent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) yesterday noon.

Rab and police sources said, on secret information, a Rab team raided the house of Momtaz Uddin and recovered medicines including injection syringe, saline sets, surgical items, antibiotic injections and capsules worth Tk. one lakh. The medicines were stolen from the hospital, they said.

The Rab team also arrested Hanif Uddin, 40, the younger brother of Momtaz. He was taken to Rab office for interrogation and later handed over to Kotwali police.

During the raid, Director of MMCH Col Shahjahan, president and secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association local unit Dr. AFM Rafiqul Alam and Dr. Motiur Rahman Bhuiyan were present. Contacted, the MMCH director told this correspondent that they have formed a five-member probe body headed by MMCH Assistant Director Dr. Shambhunath to investigate into alleged theft of medicines from the hospital.

Quoting sources he said Hanif Uddin is a flying medi-



PHOTO: STAR

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seize a huge quantity of medicines allegedly stolen from Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH), raiding a house in Bandher Bari area in the town yesterday.

cine businessman in Charpara area in the district town.

A UNB report adds: Law enforcing agencies in separate drives arrested four people along with huge drugs in Dinajpur, Bhola and Khulna districts on Friday and Saturday.

In Dinajpur, BDR men arrested a drug peddler along with huge Indian pathedine injections and sleeping pills from Enayetpur frontier in Birol upazila Saturday morning.

The arrested person was identified as Abdur Rahim, 35,

son of Arshad Ali of Chauliapotti area of Dinajpur town.

Sources said a patrol team of BDR caught Abdur Rahim and recovered 4,000 ampoules of pathedine injection and 3,500 pieces of sleeping pill from his possession.

In Bhola, Detective Branch (DB) of police in separate drives arrested two youths along with some bottles of foreign liquor and phensidyl syrup from Kheyaghat Road and Bangla School crossing in the district town on Saturday

early morning.

DB police said they arrested Aktaruzzaman Shishir along with two bottles of foreign liquor from Kheyaghat Road in the morning.

In another drive, they arrested Sohel Abdullah Babu along with six bottles of phensidyl syrup from Bangla School crossing at noon.

In Khulna, police arrested drug peddler Mintu Hossain, 22, along with four bottles of phensidyl from Khan A Sabur Road in the city on Friday evening.

9,000 litres fake petrol seized in Jessore

UNB, Jessore

A team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized 9,000 litres of fake petrol from a tank lorry at Mohakal village near Jessore-Khulna highway in Abhayanagar upazila early Friday.

Acting on a tip-off, members of Rab-6 raided Alia Filing Station and arrested its manager.

On his confession, the elite force seized 9,000 litres of fake petrol from a tank lorry.

Later, a taskforce led by the UNO of Abhayanagar upazila visited the spot and seized the tank lorry.

The filling station was fined Tk 1 lakh while tank lorry handed over to the police.

NETRAKONA, THAKURGAON

One killed, 40 hurt as villagers clash

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An elderly man was killed and 40 others were injured as rival villagers locked in clashes in Netrakona and Thakurgaon districts on Saturday.

A man was killed and 20 others were injured in a clash at Ashodpur village under Khalijajuri upazila in Netrakona district on Saturday night, reports our correspondent.

The dead was identified as Firoz Chowdhury, 65, of the village.

Police and locals said, there was a dispute between Sohal Mia and Aptom Mia of the village for the last few months over a piece of land.

On Saturday night, following an altercation between Sohal Mia and Aptom Mia, two rival groups attacked each others with sharp and lethal weapons. During the clash, Firoz Chowdhury was killed on the spot while 20 others were injured.

Seriously injured Mafiz Mia, Dilbahar Begum, Faizuddin and Sakander Mia were sent to Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital. Others were treated at local health complex.

A case was filed with Khalijajuri police station in this connection. Police arrested Rukonuddin,

Sohel Mia and Bablu Mia from the spot.

In Thakurgaon, at least 20 people including women and children were injured in a fierce clash on Saturday afternoon at Ranhatta village under Haripur upazila.

Officer-in-charge of Haripur police station Humayun Kabir told this correspondent over cell phone that Mojibor Rahman and Monsur Alam of the same village had a longstanding feud over a piece of land.

On the day Mojibor went to the land to plough. Seeing this Monsur came to the spot and asked Mojibor to leave the place which led to an altercation.

Hearing their altercation, supporters of the women gathered there. At one stage they engaged in a fierce clash leaving 20 people injured from both sides.

Of the injured, Monsur, 50, Sher Mohammad, 55, Osman, 28, Abeda, 40, Akkas, 8, Mahmud, 40, Sabeda, 37, Lutfar Rahman, 40, Shahidul, 30, Shukurdi, 60, Jahangir, 18, Samad, 65, Mojibor, 40 and Feroza were admitted to Haripur health complex.

As their condition deteriorated, Abeda and Monsur were shifted to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital on the same night.



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Buyers crowd a sari shop in Mymensingh town as shopping frenzy kicks into higher gear days before Eid and Puja festivals.

Two die after taking toxic liquor

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Two people died and another fell sick after taking toxic liquor in Sonagazi upazila of Feni district yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Mobarak Hossain, 35, a Jubo Dal activist, and Hiron Mia, 36.

Jubo Dal Sonagazi upazila unit convener Abul Mobarak alias VP Dulal, 40, who fell sick after taking the poisonous liquor along with the two, was admitted to a local clinic in the district town.

Police quoted locals as saying that Mobarak, Hiron and Dulal fell sick after taking liquor in Sonagazi hospital bus stand area.

Relatives rushed them to Sonagazi Upazila Health Complex, where the on duty doctors advised them to take the three to either Feni or Dhaka as their condition was deteriorating.

Later, Mobarak and Hiron were brought back to their respective homes where they died.

INTRUSION

Charges framed against 3 Indians

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Khagrachhari

A Khagrachhari court yesterday framed charges against three Indian nationals in a case for their illegal entry into Bangladesh.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate M M Tariqul Islam read out the charges in presence of the trespassers who pleaded not guilty.

The Indians, arrested on July 1 this year in Khagrachhari hospital gate area, are Asam Pankhoya, 27, son of Ram Pankhoya, Alex Pankhoya, 26, son of Chungwa Pankhoya and Tingkui Pankhoya, 28, son of Khenmu Pankhoya. They all hail from Manipur State of India.

Court sources said following a submission by Sub-Inspector Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman of Sadar Police Station, the court framed charges against the Indians under Section 4 of the Control of Entry Act, 1952. The court fixed September 21 for next hearing, sources added.

3 arrested with train tickets

UNB, B'baria

Three people were arrested from the rail station in the town on Saturday morning for black marketing of train tickets ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The arrestees are Helal Uddin Helu, 32, his accomplices Badal, 24, and Roni Chowdhury, 28, of village Uttar Morail in Sadar upazila.

District administration sources said a joint team of district administration, Rab-9 and GRP conducted drive at Brahmanbaria rail station in the morning and arrested the trio along with huge tickets of inter-city train.

As the hospital admitted him as anthrax case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Following admission of a person wrongly considered as an anthrax patient on Friday, locals are now afraid to receive treatment or visit Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital (DJMCH).

Md Shah Alam, 30, son of Abdul Jabbar of village Rajuria of Biral upazila of Dinajpur, was admitted to DJMCH with several boils and the first medical information report that was filled up during his admission mentioned him as an anthrax patient, hospital sources said.

But Dr Biswanath Kundu of the Department of Surgery, who later examined the patient, confirmed that the patient was infected with Multiple Pyogenic Abscess, not anthrax.

This correspondent came to know of the matter when he visited the hospital yesterday after hearing the news of anthrax infection in human being.

"Shah Alam went to a village doctor in Biral upazila as several boils developed in his body

about two weeks ago," Dr Kundu said referring to the medical history of the patient.

Wrong treatment by the village doctors led to deterioration of his condition and the boils swelled with infection.

Later suggested by village doctors, in a family condition on Friday.

Dr Motaleb Hossain, an associate professor of the surgery department, conducted three operations and removed the pus from the boils.

Shah Alam is getting well, said Dr Kundu.

"After hearing the news of anthrax infection, we conducted a survey in Biral upazila through our experts, but we did not get any instance of the disease," said Dr Abdul Karim, civil surgeon of Dinajpur.

When contacted, Dr Shamsul Alam, director of Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital, said that he knows nothing about the matter as he is outside the district.

Seven 'robbers' arrested, arms seized

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Police arrested seven alleged robbers in Tangail and Noakhali yesterday.

Mirzapur police arrested three members of an inter-district robbers' gang with arms and ammunition early yesterday, reports our Tangail Correspondent.

A team from Mirzapur police station challenged the gang in Mohera area when they were entering a village from highway.

They searched the gang members and recovered a loaded LG, a local-made gun with its 5 bullets, a mechete and materials for committing robbery from their possessions.

The robbers were identified as Imran, 28, of Dohar in Dhaka, Selim, 30, of Bhurungamari of Kurigram, and Arshad, 25, of Nagarpur in Tangail.

Habibullah Sarkar, officer-in-charge of Mirzapur police station, told this correspondent that the arrestees are professional robbers. Two cases have been filed against them with the police station, he said.

In Noakhali, police arrested four alleged robbers along with a CNG-run autorickshaw and seven sharp weapons at Chowdhurir Haat in Musapur

union in Companyganj upazila yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as autorickshaw driver Haq Sahib alias Masud, 27, Shahidul Alam Khan, 22, Abul Bashar, 25, and Rahmatullah alias Ripon, 18, reports UNB.

Police said, the gang came to Chowdhurir Haat area by an autorickshaw for committing robbery at 3am. Local people circled them and beat them black and blue.

On information, Companyganj police rushed to the spot and arrested the four along with the autorickshaw. Police also recovered seven sharp weapons from the three-wheeler.

In Satkhira, police in a drive arrested a notorious robber at Soygharia on Satkhira-Jessore Road in Sadar upazila on Friday night.

Acting on a tip-off, police conducted a drive in the area at about 9 pm and arrested Habibur Rahman, 32, son of Akbar Dakat of Kuchpukur village of Sadar upazila.

Shahjahan Ali Khan, officer-in-charge of Sadar PS said, Habibur was wanted in seven cases including five for robbery.

Police said Habibur's father is also a notorious robber and wanted in a number of cases.

Three boys drown

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Three boys drowned in Satkhira and Natore districts yesterday and the day before.

Two boys drowned in two separate ponds in Shyamnagar and Assassuni upazilas in Satkhira yesterday morning, reports our correspondent.

The hapless boys were identified as Abhik Roy, 4, son of Prapat Kumar Roy, a teacher of Shyamnagar Mohsin College in Shyamnagar upazila and Raihan, 2, son of Mahbub Alam Sardar of Assassuni upazila of Satkhira.

Quoting locals police said, Abhik was playing by the side of the pond at village Badghata. At one stage, he fell in the pond and drowned as he did not know how to swim.

In the other incident, Raihan, while playing by the side of the pond, all of a sudden fell into it at village Assassuni Sadar and drowned.

Locals later found the bodies floating in the ponds. In Natore, a teenage boy drowned in Boral River un Dhupoil area under Lalpur upazila of the district on Saturday afternoon, reports a correspondent.

The boy was identified as Sumon, 16, son of Manik Mia, of the same area.

Family sources said Sumon was drowned while taking bath in the river.

Later his body was found floating in the river yesterday morning.



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The main road in Jamalpur town in a sorry state as potholes on the road remain unrepaired for long. But the authorities seem indifferent to the matter.