

SNIPPETS

Father, son electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A man and his speech impaired son were electrocuted at Sakhipur upazila in Tangail yesterday. The victims are Gulzar Hossain, 50, and Pagla, 18. They had come to Sakhipur from Kurigram district as agricultural labourers. Mozammel Haque Mamun, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sakhipur police station, said they were engaged in Boro paddy plantation work at the field of one Lutfar Rahman of Sanbandha village in the upazila. A high voltage electric wire suddenly fell on Pagla when they were working in the morning. Father Gulzar was also electrocuted as he tried to save his son.

Sramik League man killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A Sramik League member was killed on Tuesday night in Noapara area under Sadar upazila of the district. The deceased was identified as Mohammad Sohel, 27, a member of Sadar Thana unit Sramik League. Police quoting family sources said, Sohel went missing at around 10:00pm on Tuesday night after a meeting at the residence of Anwar Hossain, a councillor of Madhabdi municipality. Later police recovered his body yesterday from a graveyard and sent it to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Protesters block highway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Leader and activists of Sonaimuri Awami League, and its front organisations held a protest rally and blocked Sonaimuri-Dhaka highway for half an hour yesterday demanding withdrawal of expulsion letter issued against Mohammad Ali, former lawmaker and vice president of district Awami League and Ruhul Amin Khondkar, advisor of Sonaimuri upazila Awami League. Sources said, Sonaimuri upazila AL, Jubo League and Chhatra League activists held the rally which was addressed by Khalilur Rahaman Khalil, Towhid Hazari, Mosharaf Hossain and Sharif Uddin.

20 grenades recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Twenty abandoned hand grenades were recovered under the soil in Bhairab upazila of the district yesterday. Police and local sources said, some labourers found the grenade in Moheshpur area at around 3:00pm while they were digging soil for construction of a road in the area. On information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the grenades and took those to Bhairab police station at 4:00pm. Md Shahjahan Kabir, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bhairab PS said the recovered grenades might have been hidden under the soil for decades.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
DHAKA

IOR-ARC SCHOLARSHIP 2011-12

The Indian Council of Culture Relations (ICCR) offers two (2) Scholarships to meritorious students from Bangladesh for undertaking Post-Graduate course only under IOR-ARC Scholarship scheme in relevant Indian Universities during the academic year 2011-2012.

Further information along with application forms for these scholarships may be collected from the Education Wing, High Commission of India, House No 2, Road No 142, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212 on any working day between 1100 hrs to 1200 hrs. Candidates are requested to bring photocopies of the mark sheets of the last qualifying examination for collection of application forms. The last date of receipt of completed application forms at High Commission of India, Dhaka is February 10, 2011.

Criminals in guise of in-laws loot house

Robberies at houses of expatriates

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Criminals in guise of relatives took away cash and valuables in Madaripur on Tuesday while robbers looted three houses in Sylhet and Manikganj on Monday and the day before.

Two criminals in guise of relatives looted valuables and cash worth Tk 4 lakh at Goalkanda village under Shibchar upazila of Madaripur on Tuesday night, reports our correspondent.

Neighbours said, at around 9:00pm on Tuesday night one Ali Hossain along with his friend came to visit 'distant in-law' Saudi Arabia expatriate Kuddus Talukder's house with three bottles of mango juice and some biscuits.

After dinner, Ali Hossain asked his mother-in-law to serve the juice among the members of the house. Drinking the juice, Kuddus, his wife and two sons, one of them a candidate of SSC examination this year, fell unconscious.

Later, the criminals looted four tolas of gold, Tk 20 lakh, four mobile sets and other valuables from the house. Robbers looted cash and valuables worth Tk 28 lakh from two houses in Golapganj upazila of Sylhet leaving six people injured early Monday, reports UNB.

Police quoting local sources said, an armed gang numbering 20/25 swooped on the house of Kuwait expatriate

Hafiz Safar Uddin of Sunampur village at dead of night.

They looted cash Tk 65,000, thirty-five tolas of gold ornaments and 10 mobile phone sets from the house taking the house members hostage at gunpoint.

Four of them -- Shafiq Uddin, Faysal, Akter Mia and Safar Uddin's expatriate brother-in-law Abdul Basit -- were beaten up by the robbers as they tried to resist the gang.

In another incident, a gang of 10/12 entered the house of one Nimir Ali at Mukitola village in the same upazila cutting the grill of the house at around 3:30am.

They looted cash Tk 3.80 lakh, 24 tolas of gold jewelry and three mobile phone sets injuring Nimir Ali's sister Saleha and expatriate brother Abdur Rahim.

In Manikganj, robbers looted valuables from a teacher's house, keeping his family hostage at gunpoint, injuring three, one in bullet at Dhakajora village in Shibalaya upazila early Monday.

Police said a gang of 20/25 stormed into schoolteacher Alauddin's house breaking open the door at about 1:00am.

They looted 20 tolas of gold ornaments, 40 tolas of silver ornaments, cash Tk 60,000 and two cell phone sets, tying the family members with rope, keeping them hostage at gunpoint.

The robbers also mercilessly beat up Alauddin, his wife Latifa Begum, his dead on the spot.

daughter Kaniz Fatema and fired gun shot at his son Sheikh Farid, leaving him seriously injured.

The injured were admitted to Sadar hospital from where Farid was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) as his condition deteriorated.

In Pabna, police arrested four people on Tuesday in connection with Sunday's robbery at a house at village Jorgasa in Santhia upazila.

During robbery, by the gang killed a woman and injured four others, reports our correspondent.

The arrestees are Salauddin alias Shondro, 32, son of Abdul Hai of village Sundarkandi, Kamal Hossain, 30, son of Adesh Sardar of village Hapania, Kop Housh, 32, son of Amzad Hossain of the same village and Rafikul Islam, 35, son of Md. Fakir Pramanik of village Jorgasa in Santhia upazila.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case, Md. Abdul Gaffar, also a sub inspector (SI) at Santhia police station said police arrested them as prime suspects from their villages early Tuesday.

On Sunday, a gang of robbers attacked the house of Sunil Kumar Sarkar at village Jorgasa. The robbers numbering 15 to 20, hacked five members of the family leaving Ela Rani Sarkar, 45, wife of Sunil Kumar Sarkar dead on the spot.

Huge polythene bags seized in Barisal: 9 shops fined

Sold openly in Noakhali markets

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Barisal

A taskforce led by a magistrate of environment directorate, raided Hatkhola and Bazaar Road areas in the city on Monday and seized about 15 maunds of banned polythene sheets and shopping bags.

The team fined nine wholesale shops over Tk. 2 lakhs. The owners of the shops are Shibu Lal Banik, Kanchan Mir, Santosh Saha, Bishwanath Sarkar, Debobrata Saha, Bijoy Sarkar, Mohiuddin Ahmed, Swapna Saha and Khalil Khan.

Officials of law enforcing agencies and BSTI accompanied the high-powered team of environment directorate during the drive.

The fined businessmen, however claimed they were marketing polythene lawfully and of approved standard.

Mohammed Qamruzzaman, administrative magistrate and leader of the high-powered team of environment directorate refuting the claim of the businessmen said his men seized polythene items only which were banned by the law enforcers.

In Noakhali, banned

polythene bags have staged a comeback, reports our correspondent.

Market source said, polythene shopping bags are being used openly and at random at almost all the kitchen markets, confectioneries, general stores and grocery shops in the town posing a serious threat to public health and environment.

A section of businessmen are supplying the bags to the retailers defying the government ban under the nose of the law enforcers.

The shopkeepers and vendors have started using the banned shopping bags again towards the end of last year in the absence of proper monitoring and drive by the authorities concerned, the sources said.

Nowadays use of polythene bags has become a common phenomenon in the town markets for lack of mobile court operation, Zulu Mia, a trader at Municipal Market in the town said.

Vegetable vendor Md Alamgir at Majid Bazar kitchen market said, they were compelled to use polythene bags as there was no alternative.

"We need a cheaper, durable and available alternative to replace the polythene bags," he said.

VACANCY NOTICE



United Nations Department of Safety and Security in Bangladesh announces a vacancy for the following posts:

1. Radio Room Supervisor (Service Contract- SB2, 1 position)
2. Radio Operator (Service Contract- SB1, 2 positions)
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The duration of the service contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

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For Driver position only:

Duties and Responsibilities: The Driver provides driving services to the UN Common Security & UNDSS staffs, Consultants and Experts and UN staff on mission. Ensures provision of reliable and secure driving services; proper use of vehicle; day-to-day maintenance of the assigned vehicles; and availability of documents/supplies when required.

Qualifications and Experiences: The incumbent should have at least secondary education, with at least 5 years of relevant work experience. The incumbent must have a valid driving license. Good knowledge of driving rules and regulations; skills in minor vehicle repair and safe driving record are essential. She / he must have fluency in the languages of the duty station and knowledge of the UN language of the duty station.

Submission of Application: Driver can apply online or sent hard copy. Hard copy application should be marked 'Confidential' and the position applied for i.e. Driver - UNDSS should be clearly written on the A4 Size envelope. Application including curriculum vitae, driving license and a recent passport-size photograph should be sent to the HR Cluster, UNDP-Dhaka, GPO Box: 224, Dhaka-1000, or deposited at the Deposit Box at IDB Bhaban (Ground Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 no later than 16:30 p.m. Wednesday, 16 February 2011.

Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.



PHOTO: STAR
Pathanatak Parishad and The Daily Star jointly arrange a street drama in Munshiganj town yesterday marking the 40th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence as well as the 20th anniversary of the newspaper.

2000 kg OMS rice seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Brahmanbaria

upazila nirbahi office sources, rice trader Md. Salim Mia of the village allegedly collected the rice from different dishonest OMS dealers of the area.

There he started replacing the sealed bags of OMS rice with other ones in a bid to sell them in local market

at high price.

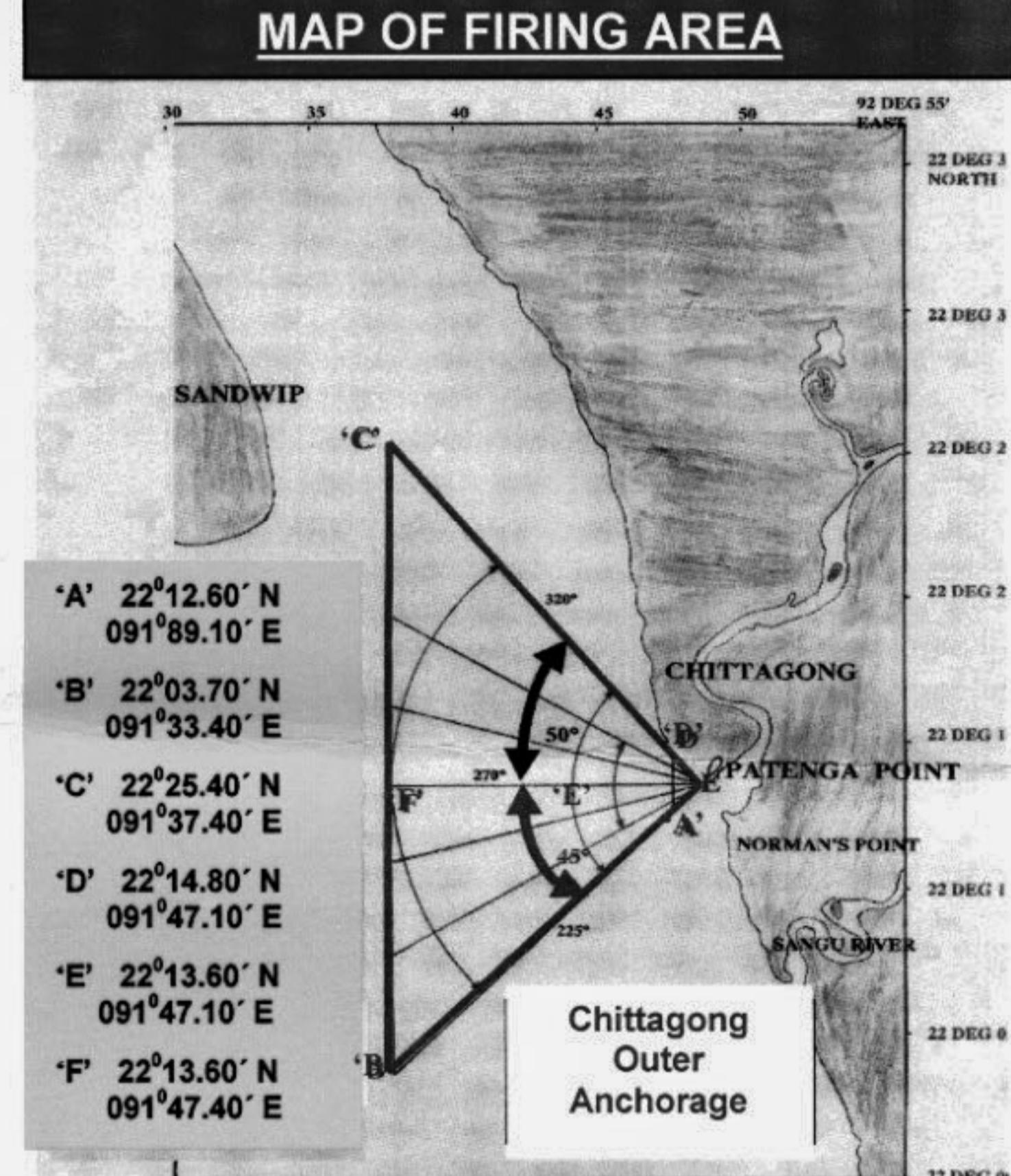
Acting on a tip-off, a team of officials headed by Sarail upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Md. Helal Uddin raided to the spot. But Salim instantly fled the scene.

The seized OMS rice was taken to Sarail police station and stored on its premises.



SPECIAL SAFETY WARNING

1. Bangladesh Navy will carry out live firing at Chittagong Outer Anchorage from 'Coastal defence Battery (CDB)' at Naval Academy, Patenga from 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, 05 February 2011. The firing will be conducted in the area bounded by co-ordinates A, B, C and D and in line 'E' and 'F' as shown in the sketch:



2. All types of ships, craft and aircraft are hereby warned and requested to refrain from entering, plying or any other activities in the area during the said period. Danger height for the firing area during the period will be 3000 (three thousand) meters.

3. Cooperation of all concerned is solicited in this regard.

Director
Naval Operations

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