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Chief Whip of parliament MA Shahid, also the local lawmaker, releases an eagle to Lawachhara Reserve Forest marking World Environment Day on Wednesday as wildlife conservator Sitesh Ranjan Dev arranges freeing 138 birds and animals that he had treated and nursed after rescuing from captors.

Back to wild life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

One hundred and thirty-eight wild animals and birds got back their freedom as Sitesh Ranjan Deb, well-known wildlife conservator of Srimongal, arranged their release to Lawachhara Reserve Forest on the occasion of World Environment Day-2011.

Chief Whip of parliament and local lawmaker MA Shahid released the creatures to the forest on Wednesday.

The released wildlife

include 30 crabs, 100 eel fish, one tortoise, one slow loris, one python, one wild cat, one eagle, two large lizards locally known as guisaap and one fishing cat, said Sajal Deb, director of Srimongal Mini Zoo.

Sitesh Ranjan said these wild creatures had entered human habitations from the forest at different times in search of food. In most cases, these creatures received injuries as local people caught them. He rescued them from the captors, gave treatment

and nursing at his mini zoo and took initiative to release them to the nature.

Md Mostafizur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Moulvibazar, Harunur Rashid, superintendent of police, Fayez Ahmed, upazila nirbahi officer of Srimongal, AKM Azharul Islam, range officer (Nature Preservation) of forest department, were present on the occasion.

Later, the guests of the event planted 100 fruit trees at Lawachhara Reserve Forest.

Jubo League leader fells roadside trees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A local leader of Jubo League (JL), youth front of ruling Awami League (AL), felled at least 12 roadside trees worth over Tk 70,000 in Tala upazila on Wednesday.

Being informed by locals, upazila nirbahi officer Mahbubur Rahman asked the upazila assistant commissioner (land) Hasan Habib yesterday to take step in this regard.

Hasan Habib and union land officer Kazi Monirul Rashid of Tala Sadar union rushed to Harishchandrakatu-Rahimabad road, seized the felled trees and brought them to Tala Sadar union land office, sources said.

Locals alleged that plunderer Mizan Goldar, a member of Tala upazila Jubo League committee, felled the trees on both sides of the road.

They said they tried to resist him but failed.

Later, finding no other alternative, they informed the matter to the UNO who took steps to seize the trees.

Contacted, Mizan Goldar claimed that he bought the trees from one Sabur Master of the area but failed to give details.

Locals yesterday demanded arrest and punishment to Mizan for bid to grab the government trees.

Contacted, UNO Mahbubur Rahman said stern action would be taken against the accused. Preparation is on to file a case against him, he added.



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A large rain tree fell on Dhaka-Aricha road at Golra in Manikganj Sadar upazila during a storm yesterday, causing disruption to vehicular movement on the busy highway for around an hour from 11:00am.

Chairman-elect's men raid house of defeated rival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

The supporters of a chairman-elect vandalised the house of a defeated chairman candidate in Saturia upazila of the district yesterday morning.

According to witnesses, about 70 to 80 people, led by Abdul Haque, younger brother of chairman-elect Abdur Rouf of Dhankora Union Parishad, attacked the house of the defeated candidate Altaf Hossain at Dotora village at around 10:30am.

They damaged a jeep, two motorbikes, furniture, television, refrigerator and other valuable things and beat up

the family members, leaving six of them injured.

The injured are Altaf Hossain's wife Momtaz Begum, his son-in-law Ahmed Sharif, daughters Nadira Akter, 30, Lucky Akter, 27, and Akhi Akter, 21, and niece Tasli Akter.

Altaf escaped attack as he took shelter in a room on the first floor of the two-storey house. He alleged that the attackers also looted Tk 1.27 lakh and gold ornaments from his house.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and took the injured to Manikganj Sadar Hospital. Momtaz Begum and Ahmed Sharif sustained head injuries

and are undergoing treatment at the hospital while the rest received first aid.

Locals said the supporters of Abdur Rouf also beat up Robi Saha, a supporter of Altaf Hossain, and damaged the house of Mizanur Rahman, another supporter of the defeated chairman candidate, at the village.

Assistant Superintendent of Police of Manikganj Sadar Circle Jasim Uddin visited the spot.

Altaf Hossain filed a case with Saturia Police Station against 70 people including Rouf's brother Abdul Haque. None of the accused was arrested as of filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.

3 held on ballot paper snatching charge

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Police yesterday arrested three youths on charge of snatching ballot papers from a polling centre in Daldali Union of Bholahat upazila of Chapainawabganj district on Wednesday night, reports our correspondent.

The arrestees are Bairul Islam, 25, Jentu, 20 and Mizanur Rahman, 18, of Jinnahnagar village under the upazila.

Police said the three were arrested following a case filed by the presiding officer of Nazirpur Government Primary School centre in Daldali Union with Bholahat

Police Station, accusing over 50 people.

In the case statement, the complainant alleged that the supporters of member candidate Arjed Ali Bhutu equipped with sticks and sharp weapons stormed into the polling centre while counting of votes was going on. They assaulted the law enforcers and snatched about 600 to 700 ballot papers, he stated.

Our Nilphamari correspondent adds: Police found over 329 ballot papers near three voting centres Gayabari Union of Dimla upazila yesterday.

Elections to all the 10 union

parishads in the upazila were held on June 12 and results were declared the same day.

Local people of Dhakhin Gayabari village of the union saw the ballot papers having seal on the symbols behind Phutanir Hat Dakhil madrasa, Phutanir Hat Government Primary School and Kalir Danga Government Primary School centres and informed the UNO and Dimla Police Station.

Being informed, UNO Mizanur Rahman along with a contingent of police reached the spot and recovered the ballot papers.

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Criminals cut off wrists of youth

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah.

Criminals severed the wrists of a youth at Collegepara in Jhenidah town yesterday.

The victim is Tarun Hossain, 17, son of Ramzan Ali of Beparipara in the town. Police quoted Tarun as saying that a girl called him to Collegepara over cellphone at around 1:00pm. When he reached near the women's college, a gang of six swooped on him, cut off his wrists with a sharp weapon and left the scene.

Locals took the youth to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital where he was operated upon.

Contacted, officer in-charge (OC) of Sadar police

station Iqbal Bahar said Tarun is an accused in several cases including two for murder. Feud between the criminal gangs or love affair between the girl and Tarun might be the reason for this incident, the OC added.

Talking to this correspondent at the hospital, Tarun said an unidentified girl sought his help over mobile phone, saying that she is in trouble and urged him to come to Collegepara.

As I reached near women's college at around 1:30pm, a gang of six, including Billal and Jewel of Adarshapara in the town, arrived there in a microbus and severed my wrists, Tarun said.

Police said they are looking for the girl and the criminals.



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