

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

School kids join a human chain and a tree plantation programme organised by National Debate Federation on Dhaka-Aricha Road at Joka in Ghior upazila of Manikganj yesterday...

Stalker jailed in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A mobile court here sentenced a stalker to three months' imprisonment on Tuesday for harassing a schoolgirl in front of Pilot Girls' High School in Chatmohar upazila.

Youths ransack hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A group of youths attacked Momtaz Eye Hospital here yesterday. Entering the hospital, set up by lawmaker and singer Momtaz Begum...

Fish killed by poisoning

UNB, Natore

Criminals killed 50 maunds of fish by pouring poison in two ponds at Dighapatia village in Sadar upazila early Tuesday.

Arms, drugs seized

UNB, Joypurhat

Rapid Action Battalion personnel in a drive seized arms, bullets and drugs from an inter-city train at the railway station in the town early yesterday.

SI suspended for neglect

UNB, Chandpur

Sub-inspector (SI) Zahurul Islam of Chandpur Sadar Model police station was suspended on charge of negligence of duty on Tuesday and closed to the district police line.

TEACHER HELD ON RAPE CHARGE IN GAIBANDHA

Students enforce hartal demanding release

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Students of Dharmapur Abdul Jabbar Degree College blocked Gaibandha-Sundarganj road and enforced a half-day hartal in the area under Sundarganj upazila yesterday demanding unconditional release of the college's vice-principal.

Detective Branch of police arrested Vice-Principal Mahbubur Rahman Bablu on September 15, suspecting his involvement in rape and murder of a girl.

Police recovered the decomposed body of the girl, Fency Begum, 8, daughter of Firoz Mia of Kalirkhamar village in the upazila, from a septic tank on the college campus on September 8.

Victim's father filed a case with Sundarganj police station the same day. The case was later transferred to the detective branch for investigation.

The agitating students blocked the road by placing logs and brought out a procession demanding immediate release of their teacher. Vehicular movement on the road remained halted for seven hours from 6:00am, causing immense sufferings to the passengers.

Schools, colleges, shops and private banks in Dharmapur area were shut during hartal

hours. Local people also joined the agitation demanding release of the college teacher.

Addressing a protest rally on the college campus, the student said Vice-Principal Mahbubur Rahman Bablu was in no way involved in the killing.

College Principal Saidur Rahman, teachers Golam Sadek Lebu, Sunil Kumar Barman and Nihar Ranjan Roy also addressed the rally. They urged the law enforcers to arrest the real culprits involved in the rape and murder of Fency.

Police quoting autopsy report said the girl was strangled after rape. After the incident, the criminals dumped the body into the septic tank, they added.

The college reopened after Ramadan and Eid holidays on September 8. As bad smell was coming from the septic tank, students informed the police of the matter.

Police quoted case statement as saying that Fency went to a union parishad office near Dharmapur Bazar on September 4 to see the distribution of rice under VGF programme and since then she remained missing.

High price of puja materials, scanty donation by people

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

High price of raw materials used for making idols coupled with other costs is badly affecting preparations of Durga Puja in the district.

"Prices of wood, bamboo, straw, paints, cloths and other materials used for making the idols have risen sharply. On an average cost of the raw materials has increased by 40 to 50 percent compared to last year," said Apurba Sarkar...

"I am not expecting good returns this year, because of labourer costs has increased. Four persons are working with me on daily wage basis," he said.

Another idol maker Asit Kumar Pal of Baroghoria in

"The number of purohiths (priests) and dhakis (drummers) has decreased and their charges are higher now. None from the young generation is willing to join these professions due to uncertainty of earning," he said.



A sculptor preparing an idol of Goddess Durga at Huzrapur in Chapainawabganj yesterday, less than two weeks from the puja festival.

Sadar upazila said their business is suffering due to increased cost of raw materials and other items.

Kanak Ranjan Das, president of Sadar upazila of Saradiya Durga Puja Udjapon Committee, said, "This year 117 mandops are being readied for Durga Puja in this area but high cost is badly affecting the preparations of the festival."



PHOTO: STAR

At least six leaders and activists of a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League at Bogra Azizul Haque University College were injured in a clash over a meeting venue on the campus yesterday.

Rivals beat old man dead

UNB, B'baria

An old man was killed in an attack by his opponents over land dispute at Chapuir village in Sadar upazila on Tuesday morning.

The deceased was identified as Saru Mia, 70, resident of the village.

Locals said there was a long standing dispute between Saru Mia and his neighbours Khalil Mia, Daru Mia and Ilias Mia over the ownership of the land.

They said, following an altercation over the issue, his opponents attacked and beat Saru Mia mercilessly at about 8:30am leaving him critically injured.

Later, the victim succumbed to his injuries on way to a local hospital.

On information, police recovered the body and send it to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Three get life for killing 'friend'

UNB, Sylhet

A court here on Tuesday convicted three people and sentenced them to life imprisonment for killing a friend of them about eight years ago.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 50,000 each, in default, to suffer 1 year rigorous imprisonment (RI) more.

The convicts are: Raju, son of Masud Mia of Srirampur Lamapara village in Dakkhin Surma upazila, Jalal Uddin, son of Masaddar Ali alias Matar Mia of Ganja Purbopara village and Laloi Mia, son of Mastakin Ali of Golapganj upazila.

According to the prosecution, Jalal, Raju and Laloi had friendship with Juned

On November 7, 2003, Juned took a mobile phone set from his nephew and left his house. He came back home three days later but without the mobile phone.

When his nephew asked him to return the mobile phone Juned said his friends Jalal, Raju and Loloi took the phone from him for using it for some days.

Insisted by the family members to bring the mobile phone back from his friends, Juned left his house on November 15 to bring the cell phone back but he did not return.

Later, relatives found the body of Juned at a paddy field of Fulbari Golagao Haor in Golapganj upazila on Nov 17.

Jamshed Ali, victim's father, filed a murder case and police arrested Laloi and Jalal in this connection.

Diarrhoea attacks 20 in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

At least 20 people have been affected with diarrhoeal diseases allegedly after drinking 'stinky' water supplied by Sarishabari municipality.

The affected people are Ibrahim, 45, Abdus Salam Mondol, 50, Abul Kalam, 17, Rawshan, 7, Abul Kashem, 29, Jony, 28, Sanjib, 22, Chameli, 18, and Mitu, 5, of Shimla Bazar area; Abul Kalam, 40, Rahmat Ullah, 45, Selim Reza, 50, of Kamrabad area; Chan Miah, 60, Abu Bakar,

28, Sakhawat, 20, Sheuly, 28, Al-Amin, 30, of Tariapara area; and Supti, 3, and Sohag, 10, of Majjbari area of the municipality.

They are undergoing treatment at Sarishabari upazila health complex and a private clinic.

Local people alleged that the municipality has been supplying stinky water for long.

"We repeatedly appealed to the municipal authority to supply safe drinking water, but to no effect," they said.

The mayor could not be contacted over cellphone despite repeated attempts.

Advertisement for 'নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (Job Notification) by 'ইনস্টিটিউট অব ন্যাশনাল এনালিটিক্যাল রিসার্চ এন্ড সার্ভিস স্থাপন প্রকল্প' (National Analytical Research Institute and Service Establishment Project).

Indian dies in police custody

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An Indian national, arrested with firearms at Hili land port on Sunday, was found dead in police custody at Hakimpur Police Station on Monday.

He was identified as Nripen Pal 48, son of late Bipin Pal of Shuhari village under Tapan Police Station of Dakkhin Dinajpur district.

Police said Nripen committed suicide by hanging himself from a ventilator at the thana hajat.

Nripen, a helper of an Indian truck (WB-59/0988), entered the port area at around 1:30pm on Saturday. He went missing on Saturday and returned to the port on Sunday.

Police said they found a gun with three bullets in a bag carried by Nripen and arrested him.

The body was sent to Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital for autopsy.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) recruitment. Includes details about the 'শ্রী লক্ষ্মী সর্কার সিনিয়র সার্ভিস পুনর্গঠন প্রকল্প' and 'শ্রী লক্ষ্মী সর্কার সিনিয়র সার্ভিস পুনর্গঠন প্রকল্প'.