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Locals rescued this eagle at Shibrampur village in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur district as the 19-kg bird received serious injuries, falling from a weak tree branch on Wednesday afternoon.

Victim of disappearing abode

KONGKON KARMAKAR, Dinajpur

Locals on Wednesday rescued a large eagle, fallen from a tree at Shibrampur village in Birganj upazila under the district in a critical state.

Another injured eagle, rescued by the villagers in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur on October 24, died at Ramsagar ecological park, on November 20 as it allegedly not did get proper treatment there.

On Wednesday afternoon, a giant eagle tried to land on a branch of a jackfruit tree at Shibrampur village in Birganj upazila but fell to the ground after losing balance as the branch was too weak to bear the bird's weight, witnesses said.

"While returning home from school, we saw the large bird fallen on the ground. We rescued it and found that the bird received critical injuries,"

said Khademul Islam, 10, son of Md Abdul Khaleque of the same village. The bird, now kept at the house of Kabir Mia, has lost its ability to fly due to the accident.

"We are taking special care of the eagle but we really do not know how to look after such a giant bird, especially when it is badly injured," said Kabir Mia.

Hundreds of people gathered at the house of Kabir Mia of the area to have a glimpse of the giant eagle weighting about 19kg.

Md Samiuddin Ahmed, headmaster of Muraripur High School, and several other villagers contacted with forest officials, expressing willingness to hand over the bird to the authorities of Rangpur Zoo.

Informed, Birganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Zahedul Islam and Dinajpur Divisional Forest Officer Ali Kabir

assured providing all-out cooperation in this regard.

But 24 hours into rescue of the injured eagle, nobody came to receive it for treatment and safekeeping as of yesterday afternoon, said the villagers.

The eagle that was rescued by villagers in Chirirbandar upazila on October 24 had also fallen from a tree branch while trying to land on it in the afternoon, locals said.

Cutting of large trees indiscriminately in different rural areas creates problems for large sized birds, said a few elderly people.

When large birds like eagle return to their shelters in big trees in the afternoon but find it felled, they try to land on the branches of other trees.

Accidents may occur if a branch fails to tolerate the weight of large birds, said Md Hasem Ali, a bird lover of Dinajpur.

Magura AL men vandalise 20 houses of BNP supporters

Two BNP men stabbed in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

At least 20 houses of BNP supporters were vandalised allegedly by Awami League (AL) men at village Titarkhapara in Magura Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

Police quoted locals as saying that the incident took place after BNP supporter Altaf Hossain felled a mahogany tree over a land adjacent to his house at around 9:00am.

Local AL supporters led by Shahidul Islam came to the spot and locked in an altercation with Altaf over felling of the tree.

Shahidul accused Altaf of felling the tree on a khas land while Altaf claimed that he planted the tree on his own land and cut it down. At one stage, Shahidul and his men attacked the houses of Altaf and other BNP supporters at the village.

At least 20 houses belonging to BNP men were vandalised during the attack. On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Locals told this correspondent that the attack was a sequel to a long-standing dispute between

Shahidul and Altaf over establishing supremacy at the village. No case in connection with the incident was lodged with the police station concerned as of 6:00pm yesterday.

Away in Lalmonirhat, two BNP men were stabbed allegedly by the ruling party activists in the town on Wednesday night.

They are Shah Alam, 35, executive committee member of Mohendra union BNP, and Rezaul Islam, 30, organising secretary of Jubo Dal ward No 7 unit under Lalmonirhat municipality, reports our correspondent.

Both were admitted to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital. Shah Alam was yesterday referred to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital as his condition deteriorated, hospital sources said.

Lalmonirhat district BNP President Principal Asadul Habib Dulu alleged that AL men attacked Alam and Rezaul in Haribhanga area of the town at around 8:30pm. He demanded immediate arrest of the attackers. District AL Secretary advocate Motiar Rahman denied the allegation.



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Two of the 20 houses left vandalised by supporters of ruling Awami League at Titarkhapara village in Magura Sadar upazila following a row over felling of a mahogany tree by a BNP supporter yesterday.

2 die after drinking spurious liquor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Two people died while three fell sick after drinking spurious liquor at Sadhuhati in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Badal Mondol, 50, son of Ahad Ali and Ali Asgar, 45, son of Khukai Mondol of Sadhuhati village.

Police said five people of the village fell sick after drinking rectified spirit on Wednesday night.

Among them, Badal and Asgar were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

Asgar died in the morning while Badal died on way to hospital in the early hours of yesterday. Those still being treated are Yakub Ali, Robiul Islam and Idris Ali.

Police said they bought the liquor from a local shop at the sweepers' colony at Dakbanga Bazar.

Family members of both the deceased, however, claimed that Asgar and Badal died of heart attack.



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Activists and supporters stage a sit-in in Sylhet city yesterday during the daylong hartal called by local units of BNP in protest against India's decision to build Tipaimukh dam on the Barak that would affect flow of downstream rivers Surma and Kushiara in Bangladesh territory.

Burka clad women robbers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Female robbers, wearing burka (veil), stabbed a housewife and looted cash and gold ornaments from her house on Tuesday.

Police said, a gang of female robbers entered the house of Md Hasan in Gokuti area of the town at around 1:30pm.

Sensing their presence, the pet dog at the house started barking.

The robbers made the dog unconscious and stabbed housewife Rashida Begum, 40, with a sharp weapon and decamped with 11

tolas of gold ornaments and cash Tk70,000.

Locals took Rashida to Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital in critical condition.

In a separate incident in Brahmanbaria, armed robbers looted 16 tolas of gold ornaments from a jewelry shop at Rasullabad Bazar in Nabinagar upazila on Sunday, reports UNB.

SI Shafiqul Islam of Nabinagar PS said, a gang of robbers numbering 7/8 entered Ranashree Jewelers breaking the lock of the shop and looted the ornaments.

Local traders chased and caught two robbers and handed them over to police.

10-KM-LONG HUMAN CHAIN DEMANDS

Implement CHT peace accord fully, soon

STAR NATIONAL DESK

The dissident group of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) yesterday formed a 10-km-long human chain on Khagrachhari-Rangamati Road demanding full implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord without further delay.

They also demanded constitutional recognition of all ethnic groups as indigenous people and repeal of the clause concerned of the 15th amendment to the constitution.

Hundreds of hill people, carrying banners, placards and festoons, joined the human chain from Dhudukchhara in Panchhari upazila of Khagrachhari district to Manikchhari in Rangamati district to press for their demands, report our Rangamati and Kharachhari correspondents.

Manabendra Narayan Larma (MN Larma) faction of PCJSS organised the

programme to mark 14th anniversary of the peace accord signing.

The government has breached its promise to the indigenous people by not taking any initiative to implement the treaty, the leaders of the faction said in the leaflet distributed during the human chain programme.

They urged all ethnic communities to stay united and warned the government of a tougher agitation if their demands were not met soon.

Addressing a press conference at a hotel in Khagrachhari town, leaders of the PCJSS dissident group urged the government to protect the rights of the indigenous people, establish good governance and peace in the hills.

Rupayan Dewan, co-chairperson of the faction, read out a statement at the conference. Another co-chairperson Sudha Sindhu Khisha and member-secretary Tatintra Lal Chakma were present.

Woman jailed for child abduction

Schoolgirl kidnapped

UNB, Kishoreganj

A tribunal here on Wednesday sentenced a woman to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) for abducting a girl in 2008.

The convict was identified as Shahinur Akter Ankhi, daughter of Amru Khan of Baligaon village in Kuliarchar upazila.

The tribunal also fined the convict Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer six months RI more.

According to the prosecution, Ankhi abducted an eight-year-old girl from Kharkamara village in the upazila alluring her to teach dance on February 28, 2008.

Hearing the girl's cry, local people caught Ankhi and took her to the local UP chairman who handed her over to police.

Later, a case was filed in

this connection.

After examining the records and witnesses, Judge M Rabiul Hasan of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal handed down the verdict.

In Benapole, Jessore, criminals abducted a teenage girl on her way to school in Jhikargachha upazila yesterday morning.

Sub Inspector Enamul Haque of Jhikargachha PS quoting witnesses said, a gang led by Russell, son of Abdul Gani of Laxmipur village waylaid the girl, a class IX student of local of ML Pilot School, while she was going to school.

Later, they picked up the girl at gunpoint in a private car and took her to an unknown place.

The victim's family filed a case with the police.

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