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The incident is being linked to a wave of attacks by Jewish settlers

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10 pirates killed by Bhola mob

Fishermen, locals in Monpura estuary join police in 3-hour gunfight with pirates

A CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Ten pirates wounded in a gunfight with police were later beaten to death by a mob in Bhola's Bhashan Char on Monpura estuary yesterday afternoon, police said.

Also, the police recovered the body of an abducted fisherman from the scene. But it could not be independently confirmed whether 28-year-old fisherman Bellal Hossain of Char Nizam was killed in crossfire or earlier by the pirates.

Police insisted that the pirates killed Bellal after his abduction earlier in the day.



Law enforcers launched a hunt -- following the abduction -- for the pirate gang led by one Zakir. The raid by the police prompted a gunfight with the pirates that continued for three hours.

Wounded in a hail of bullets, the pirates came to surrender to the police. But angry fishermen and other local people, who had accompanied the law enforcers during the raid, beat the pirates to death, police said.

Two of the dead were Zakir and his second-in-command, Bishu.

As many as 10 others, including two

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RESPECT TO MARTYRS OR SELF-PUBLICITY?



The 1.4km Mirpur Mazar Road alongside Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Memorial is now lined by at least 16 makeshift arches, most of which proclaim the name of local Awami League MP Aslamul Haq. Two decorators in the locality say that Tk 20,000-25,000 was spent on each of the arches. Besides, 10 bigger arches along Technical intersection also boast the name of the same lawmaker. Each of those arches costs Tk 30,000 to Tk 35,000.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



Justice

Call in air as nation mourns martyred intellectuals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People of all strata yesterday observed Martyred Intellectuals' Day across the country with a call for expediting the trial of crimes against humanity.

Different

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Hills tense

Indigenous woman killed following a settler's murder

STAR REPORT

An indigenous woman was killed and her husband critically injured yesterday in Khagrachhari as aggrieved Bangalee settlers attacked indigenous communities following murder of a local Bangalee transport driver.

The couple came under attack at Kobakhali of Dighinala in Khagrachhari as local Bangalee settlers were protesting on a road there following discovery of the hacked body of settler Abdus Sattar who used to give rides to people on a motorbike in exchange for money.

Abdus Sattar went missing on Tuesday evening and his body was found the next morning near Duitila under Baghaichhari of Rangamati, said Nayem Uddin,

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MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES

7 bodies found in 8 days in Munshiganj

Sahara orders probe; rights chief concerned, asks Home to turn in report on missing people

M RAHMAN and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Police recovered the bodies of seven men in the last eight days amid allegations that some of them had been picked up by plainclothes personnel prompting concern among the rights groups about such disappearances and the subsequent killings.

The bodies, some decomposing, were all recovered from Munshiganj district

mostly from the Dhaleshwari river and a nearby water body, police said. The bodies had their hands and legs tied and some had bullet marks on their foreheads, police and witnesses said.

Some families of the deceased said the dead disappeared amid witnesses' accounts that they were grabbed and

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Seven bodies seen floating in the Bay

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Local fishermen on Sunday came across at least seven bodies floating in the deep sea about 160 kilometres south-east of Pathorghata upazila of Barguna.

Upon their return to the coast, they communicated the matter to coast-guard officials, trawler owners and journalists.

Barguna district

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5 desperados drown in sea

25 go missing as boat full of jobseekers in Malaysia sinks near St Martin's

STAR REPORT

At least five jobseekers drowned and around 25 went missing when a Malaysia-bound trawler carrying some 130 passengers capsized near Saint Martin's Island in the Bay of Bengal on Tuesday night.

Around 100 passengers managed to swim ashore. Some fishing boats also came to their rescue, reports a correspondent from Teknaf quoting survivors.

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Jui without her right hand. Inset, culprit husband Rafiqul who chopped off the hand.

PHOTO: COURTESY

All she wanted was to study

Husband blindfolds, chops off her hand as punishment, culprit sent to jail

KAILASH SARKAR and BENAJIR AHMED

She was blindfolded and gagged. Her hands tied.

Her husband took out a machete and hacked off her right hand. Her only fault was that she would pursue studies despite her husband's objections.

"I was waiting for a surprise from my expatriate husband with my eyes closed. But, instead, he cut off my hand," 21-year-old Hawa Akhter Jui, a college student, told The Daily Star at her parents' house in Narsingdi.

"He also tried to sever my other hand. He would have succeeded had not his sister and brother-in-law, Lance Corporal Shafiqul Islam, rescued me by breaking in the door of the room."

Jui's husband Rafiqul Islam, 25, an expatriate worker in the UAE, told her on the phone that he had sent some gifts for her. Rafiqul asked Jui to collect the gifts from his sister Naima Begum's house in the capital's cantonment area.

She went to her sister-in-law's house on December 1

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First Death Anniversary



Late Ambia Khatoon Majumdar

1929-2010

Dulu, Shaju, Ratan, Ruby, Shapan, Shaheen, Mahin, Tuhin, Munny, Mukti, & Family members.

Maa -----

No one knows how much we miss you, No one knows the bitter pain.

We have suffered since we lost you; Life has never been the same.

In our hearts, your memory lingers, Sweetly tender, fond and true, There is not a day, Maa, That we do not think of you.

May Allah grant you a highest place in the Jannah. Ameen.

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