

SNIPPETS

Abducted youth rescued, 3 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) rescued a young man from Sonali Hotel of Jessore district town yesterday, three days after he was abducted from Faridpur. The elite force also arrested three alleged abductors-- Rasedul Islam, 30, son of Yunus Miah, Tanvir Hossain, 28, son of Abul Kalam Azad of rail gate area in the town, and Rakibul Islam, 25, son of Lutfur Rahman of Madaripur district from the hotel. Police said a group of criminals abducted Mehedi Hasan Rajib, 20, son of Ersadur Rahman of Faridpur, for Tk two lakh 50 thousand ransom on December 14. On information, Rab-6 rescued the youth from the spot and arrested the trio in this connection.

Train kills college girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A college girl was crushed under the wheels of a train at Shikarpur village in Biral upazila yesterday morning. The deceased, Rinki Akter, 18, daughter of Riazul Islam of Manikpur village in the upazila, was a HSC student of Mainul Hasan Mohabiddyaloy, said GRP sources. Witnesses said a speedy train crushed Rinki, under its wheels while she was crossing the railway line at about 10:30am.

Youth's body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police recovered the body of a young man at Chanpur village in Manda upazila yesterday afternoon. Identity of the deceased, aged about 25, could not be known immediately, said police. Abdullhel Baki, officer in-charge of Manda police station, said on information, they retrieved the body from under a bridge of the village at about 1:30pm. Later, the body was sent to Naogaon Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Criminals hacked the youth to death and left the body under the bridge, the OC added.

9 Shibir men held in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police arrested nine leaders and activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, a student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, from a procession here on Friday morning. Altaf Hossain, officer in-charge of Rangpur police station, said they picked up the nine from near the party's Shapla office of the town at around 10:00am when they brought out a procession. The Shibir men were arrested following information that they might create unrest in the town.

Ten injured in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gailbandha

At least ten people were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers in Fulchhari upazila on Thursday. Four of them were admitted to Sadullapur Upazila health complex in critical condition. Witnesses said a secondary model school was being set up at Dakhin Khatiyamari char land in the upazila. Later, one Abdul Majid Pramanik of ward 9 in Fazlupur union donated 1.50 acres of land for setting up the school in his place while another Abu Hanif Pramanik of ward 7 donated similar portion of land in his area. An altercation erupted between the followers of Majid and Hanif over the issue, leaving more than 10 people wounded.

NARSINGDI BYPOLL JAN 19

AL bodies to select Lokman successor

A CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

District Awami League (AL) at an emergency meeting yesterday formed a 13-member selection board and a five-member advisory committee to select the party-backed candidate for the January 19 by-polls in Narsingdi municipality.

District AL vice-president SA Hadi, and general secretary Abdul Matin Bhuiyan, have been made convener and member secretary of the 13-member selection board while five lawmakers of ruling AL in Narsingdi district are members of the advisory committee.

"The selection board will examine the candidacies and send the name of nominee to Rajiuddin Ahmed, the minister in-charge of the district, following recommendation of the advisory committee," said Asaduzzaman, president of the district AL.

"If necessary, the candidate will be selected upon consultation with the prime minister," he added.

Earlier the Election Commission fixed January 19 for by-election to the post of Narsingdi mayor.

The post fell vacant following the death of mayor Lokman Hossain.

Lokman, also former general secretary of Narsingdi town unit of AL, was shot dead on November 1 inside the party office on Sadar Road.

On December 15, Lokman's mother announced Kamruzzaman, immediate younger brother of the deceased, as 'family nominated' candidate in the mayoral race.

RANGAMATI ABDUCTION

Settlers' deadline to rescue 5 fishermen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Parbatya Chattagram Samo Odhikar Andolan (SOA), a platform of Bangalee settlers, yesterday gave a 20-hour ultimatum to Rangamati district administration to rescue the five abducted fishermen. Otherwise, they threatened to enforce a day-long hartal in the district today.

Payer Ahmad Khan, convener of SOA district unit, gave the deadline at a press conference at Rangamati Press Club at around 10:00am. Md Anwar Khan, Moshikul Alam Humayun and Abu Bakar Siddique were present.

Unknown criminals picked up five fishermen from bordering Tabalabagh in Barkal upazila at midnight on December 6. They are Ramjan Ali, 25, Yusuf Ali, 30, Mokhles Ali, 22, Zahed Ali, 20, and Azahar Ali, 27. They all are from Bhusonchhara area of the upazila.

The five went to fishing on Sunday midnight at

Tabalabug area without permission from BGB from where they were kidnapped by miscreants, BGB sources said.

After the incident, Bangalee settlers in Bhusonchhara area staged demonstrations demanding steps of the authorities concerned to rescue the fishermen.

SSC examinee murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police recovered the body of a school boy from Chachrarai para area of the district town early Wednesday. The deceased, Shamim Hossain, 15, son of Alem Ali of Raipara area, was a SSC examinee of Jessore Naisho High School.

Ashraf Hossain, officer in-charge of Jessore Kotwali police station, said on information, they recovered Shamim's body from the spot.

Criminals might have killed him following a previous enmity, said the OC. A case was filed.



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Children take part in the painting competition at Dinajpur Shishu Academy yesterday as the district administration and the academy organised the programme marking the Victory Day.

Rajshahi, Pabna taste freedom on this day

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Although the nation achieved final victory against the Pakistan occupation forces on December 16 in 1971, the people of Rajshahi and Pabna had to wait two more days to get the taste of freedom.

Freedom fighters and different social and cultural organisations have undertaken various programmes including discussions and cultural functions to remember 'Rajshahi liberation day' today, reports our staff correspondent from Rajshahi.

Hearing the news of surrender of the Pakistan army in Dhaka on December 16 in 1971, thousands of people came out to the streets in Rajshahi.

On December 17 in 1971, the Pakistan forces withdrew from the cantonment as well as different important points of the town and took shelter at their strategic camp set up at Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Hall in Rajshahi University.

On the night, the occupation forces left their last camp in the area and fled to Natore. On the morning of December 18, the freedom fighters accompanied by townspeople made triumphant march in the town.

"I can't resist tears when I remember the scene of the hall that day. There was blood all around. Locals and freedom fighters rescued a number of seriously injured people including many abused women from there," said freedom fighter Shushil Soren.

The Pakistani forces later surrendered to the Indian allied forces at Natore on December 20.

From March 3 in 1971, there were sporadic clashes between local people and Pakistan army in Rajshahi area. On March 28, Pakistan forces killed a number of Bangalee policemen at Rajshahi Police Lines for their refusal to surrender arms.

After this, the freedom fighters under the leadership of Captain Giasuddin Chowdhury and Captain Rashid formed resistance against the occupation forces and forced them to remain confined to Rajshahi cantonment from April 3 and 13.

On April 13, a huge enforcement of

Pakistani army from Dhaka broke the local freedom fighters' resistance. The later days saw massacres by the occupation forces and a number of face to face fights and guerrilla attacks by the freedom fighters in and around Rajshahi.

Later a number of mass graves were found around the town and in different upazilas of the district.

Our Pabna Correspondent adds: The freedom fighters hoisted the flag of independent Bangladesh in Pabna deputy commissioner's office on December 18 in 1971 when the Pakistan occupation forces surrendered in the district town.

A discussion and cultural programme will be held marking the day today.

"On December 16 in 1971, the Pakistan occupation army took shelter at Wapda compound in Pabna town and in Ishwardi upazila and managed to maintain their hold till December 17. At last they surrendered to the joint forces on December 18," said freedom fighter Md Robiul Islam Robi, also a senior journalist.

Then the freedom fighters from different areas entered the district headquarters and hoisted the Bangladesh flag in the deputy commissioner's office, he said.

During the Liberation War the Pakistan occupation army with the help of their local collaborators killed several thousand innocent people and freedom fighters in different areas of the district.

They killed at least 900 people in Demra, 250 people in Sagarkandi and 400 people in Satbaria village of Sujannagar upazila, 200 people in Hadal of Faridpur upazila and over 200 people in Handial of Chatmohar upazila under the district.

Many other people were martyred in the hand of the barbaric forces in different areas of the district, said Md Habibur Rahman Habib, commander of Pabna district unit of Mukti Joddha Sangsad.

Durjoy Pabna, a Liberation War memorial, was built on the premises of Pabna deputy commissioner's office in honour of the martyrs of the district.

Housewife killed by neighbours

Four get life for rape

UNB, Bogra

A housewife was killed allegedly by her neighbours at Mohastan Nampara village in Shibganj upazila on Friday.

The deceased was identified as Naisa Begum, 22, wife of Nilu Mia of the village.

Police said, an altercation ensued between Naisa and her neighbour Sonia, wife of Hiru Mia, over a trifling matter on Thursday evening.

Following the incident, Hiru along with his wife again picked up a quarrel with Naisa on Friday morning and at one stage they beat up her mercilessly, leaving her dead on the spot.

Police on information recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

The alleged killers went into hiding.

In Sylhet, a tribunal on Wednesday sentenced four people to life imprisonment in a rape case.

The tribunal also fined the convicts Tk 70,000 each, in default, to suffer one-year rigorous imprisonment more.

The convicts were identified as Ahad Ali, 25, son of late Rajab Ali, Nurul, 23, son of Kantai Mia of Alapur village in Biswanath upazila, Hamid, 25, son of late M a r a m A l i o f Mahammadpur village and Runu Driver, 26, son of Akol Mia of Baldi village of Dakkhin Surma upazila.

According to the prosecution, five members of a family including housewife Rozina were going to Biswanath by a CNG-run auto-rickshaw from Sylhet city on October 10 in 2009. When the vehicle reached the City gate area of Dakkhin Surma upazila, driver Runu in the name of repairing it asked four passengers except the housewife, to get down. But when they got down Runu ran away with the housewife.

Later, the driver and his three accomplices gang raped Rozina for two days. The victim's husband Abdul Malek filed a case with the police in this connection.



People throng to buy warm clothes at the makeshift market on Thakurgaon Government Boys High School ground as the ongoing country-wide cold wave sweeps the northern region with more severity.

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