



PHOTO: STAR
Curtains of current nets, set by farmers to protect vegetable fields and orchards from birds, often act as traps and cause death to the beautiful creatures. The photo was taken from a field in Babuganj upazila in Barisal district yesterday.

ROW OVER ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

Villagers confine police, injure four of them

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Villagers beat up nine policemen and kept them confined for four hours as they failed to show warrant documents during a raid at Shibpur village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila to arrest an accused early yesterday.

Four policemen including a sub-inspector (SI) of Dinajpur police station were injured during the incident.

"A the police team of Dinajpur police station led by SI Jahangir Alam raided Moibar Rahman's house at

Shibpur village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila and arrested house owner's son Mahbul Rahman, 40, at around 2:30am Thursday," Md Abdul Kaleque, ward member of Sundarpur union parishad in Dinajpur Sadar upazila quoted villagers as saying.

As the news of arrest spread in the area, the villagers surrounded the law enforcers and asked them to show warrant for Mahbul's arrest but they failed to show it.

During a wrangle that

followed, the policemen hurled abuses at the villagers who got furious and beat them up.

The incident left four policemen including SI Jahangir Alam injured, sources said.

Hearing that the policemen were kept confined by villagers, police force in two vans rushed to the spot rescued their fellows yesterday morning.

When contacted, Hasan Shamim Iqbal, officer in charge (OC) of Dinajpur Kotwali police station, said

the police team went to Shibpur village to arrest a wanted criminal and an arrest warrant had been issued against him in January this year.

The OC, however, declined to elaborate further about what happened during the police raid there.

Admitting the clash between policemen and villagers, Dinajpur Superintendent of Police Moinul Islam said it happened due to a misunderstanding over arrest of an accused criminal.

Bank manager missing in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Patgram upazila branch manager of Sonali Bank has been missing since Wednesday morning.

Khandokar Sahedur Alam, manager of the branch, remained untraced and his cellphone was also switched off as of filing of this report yesterday afternoon.

Contacted, assistant branch manager Moslem Uddin said the manager came to the bank in the morning and told us that he was feeling unwell. He immediately left the office for his house at Thana Road, but did not come back to the office until 5:00 pm, he added.

Moslem further said bank staff conducted a frantic search in the town and its adjoining areas, but could not trace him. A general diary (GD) was lodged with Patgram police station in this regard.

One held with gun

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an alleged criminal along with a light gun (LG) and two bullets from his house in Milpara area of the district town early yesterday.

The arrestee, Mohammad Sentu, 25, is son of Asadul Maltha of the area. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-12 raided the house at about 4.00am and arrested Sentu with the gun and bullets.

Help resolve CHT land disputes

Justice Khademul urges Santu Larma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Land Dispute Resolution Commission Justice (retd) Khademul Islam Chowdhury urged cooperation from CHT Regional Council Chairman Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma and other representatives of hill people for resolving the land disputes in CHT.

Santu Larma and the other representatives of hill people who are members of the commission should join its meetings and extend full cooperation for betterment of the CHT people, he said in a press briefing held at the

CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission office in Khagrachhari town yesterday.

"Santu Larma joined only one of the 18 meetings organised by the commission in last two and a half years. Most of the meetings were held with required quorum but the commission could not proceed with its activists to resolve any land dispute in absence of Santu Larma," Khademul said.

"Of the 5,000 applications for resolution of land disputes in CHT, 3,000 cases are in the final stage for judgment. The Land Commission can resolve all the cases within its tenure if representatives of

the hill people come forward with good intention, he added.

Replying to a query, he said Land Commission Act, 2001 is a complete and independent one and enough to resolve the land disputes in CHT.

The government has to do land survey in CHT as early as possible because the commission cannot resolve the land disputes without proper demarcations, records and documents, he said.

Additional Divisional Commissioner Mohammad Nurul Islam and commission Secretary Abdul Hamid were also present at the press conference and replied to the queries of journalists.

DEATH OF KU STUDENT

Probe body holds bus driver responsible

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The committee formed to probe the tragic death of Khulna University (KU) student Hadiul Islam under the wheels of a university bus on the campus on Tuesday submitted its report on Wednesday evening.

In the report, the committee recommended dismissal of bus driver, Morol Rezaul Huq, holding him responsible for the accident, university sources said.

The bus driver surrendered to the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate here yesterday.

Prof Mohammad Saifuiddin Shah, vice-chancellor of Khulna University dismissed the driver from his service immediately after

he surrendered to court.

On Tuesday, the vice-chancellor formed a four-member committee to probe into the tragic death of Hadiul Islam, a student of forestry and wood technology discipline.

Headed by Prof Monirul Islam, the three other members of probe committee are Prof Ashrafur Alam, Prof Mahmudul Alam and Director of Student Affairs Dr Anirban Mostafa.

The three-day programme of KU to mourn the death of Hadiul Islam will end today. The syndicate in its meeting on Tuesday night decided to observe three-day mourning on Wednesday, suspending all academic activities of the university during this period.

LAND DISPUTE

Clash leaves 20 hurt in Sunamganj

UNB, Sunamganj

At least 20 people, including women, were injured in a fierce clash between two groups of villagers over land dispute at Ulukandi village in Jagannathpur upazila on Tuesday.

Locals said there was a longstanding enmity between one Abul Kalam of Ulukandi village and Moyur Mia of Khashia Para village over the ownership of a plot of land.

As a sequel to their enmity, both the groups equipped with lethal weapons locked into a clash, leaving 20 people from both sides injured.

Of the injured, Renu Mia, 32, Anhar Mia, 35, and Rokeya Begum, 38, were admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital while others were taken to the upazila health complex.

Three Kushtia AL men hurt in bomb blasts

Seven bombs found in Jessore town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Three leaders and activists of Awami League and one of its associate bodies were injured in bomb blasts in Mirpur upazila of the district on Wednesday night.

The injured are Kamrul Arefin, 50, joint convener of AL Mirpur upazila unit and also the chairman of Sadarpur Union Parishad, Taimur Islam, 45, an AL activist, and Masud Hossain, 30, an activist of Jubo League local unit.

Captain Abul Kalam Azad, commander of

Kushtia Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), said three bombs exploded simultaneously at around 10:30pm near Amla High School ground where a programme in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the country's independence was going on. The three AL men were standing over there and received injuries. He added.

Rab personnel, who were on duty at the venue, sent the injured to Kushtia General Hospital. Several splinters were removed from the Kamrul's body while Taimur and Masud were

given first aid.

Kamrul claimed that the criminals launched the bomb attack to kill him.

Our Benapole correspondent reported that police recovered seven bombs from kharki area in Jessore Town early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the area where a gang of criminals was holding a "secret" meeting at around 12:30am, Ashraf Hossain.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the criminals managed to flee. Police recovered seven bombs from the spot.



PHOTO: STAR
People try to save whatever they can from the remnants after a devastating fire destroyed around 10 tonnes of paddy at Shahrapara village in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur district early yesterday.

22 shops, 20 houses, paddy gutted in 3 districts

STAR NATIONAL DESK

At least 22 shops, 20 houses and 10 tonnes of paddy were gutted in separate incidents of fire in Rangpur, Dinajpur and Nilphamari districts yesterday and the day before.

In Dinajpur, 10 tonnes of paddy worth about Tk 3.5 lakh was destroyed by fire at Shahrapara village in Phulbari upazila early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Jahangir Alam, owner of the paddy said he and his family members woke up early yesterday feeling heat and billowing smoke around them. Soon they found the piled up paddy sacks inside his house were burnt to ashes.

On information, a team of firefighters from Phulbari fire brigade rushed to the spot and doused the fire after struggling for about two hours.

Jahagir claimed that at least 150 sacks of paddy were burnt to ashes.

A case was filed with Phulbari police station accusing eight people suspecting their involvement in the incident. The accused had personal enmity with Jahagir.

In Rangpur, 22 shops were gutted in a devastating fire at bus stand market in Kawnia upazila the day before, reports our Rangpur correspondent.

Eyewitnesses said, the fire originated from an

electric short-circuit at a cotton shop that soon engulfed 22 nearby shops.

Fire fighters of Rangpur town and Haragach were informed on time but they rushed to the spot one and a half hours later, victims said. By the time all shops of the market were gutted, they said.

Victims and locals vandalized a fire fighting vehicle and attacked the fire fighters inflicting injuries to four of them. The fire fighters hurriedly fled from the scene with the vehicle to take shelter at a nearby police station.

A case was filed for vandalizing the fire fighting vehicle of govern-

ment. Shop owners have estimated the damage caused by the fire at around Tk 1 crore.

In Nilphamari, at least 20 dwelling houses were gutted by a devastating fire at Natun Babupara in the district town early yesterday, reports UNB.

Locals said the fire originated from the cowshed of Yusuf Ali at about 1:30am and soon engulfed the nearby houses.

On information, fire service personnel rushed to the spot and doused the fire with the help of local people at about 3:00am.

The affected house owners claimed that the extent of loss from the fire could go up to Tk 20 lakh.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The first edition of Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20 will from 8th February 2012. BPL Governing Council are hereby inviting interested corporate houses / parties to buy franchise bidding documents as per below schedule :

Sl	Description	Date
1	Bid documents available at BPL Governing Council, C/O: Bangladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216	31st December 2011
2	Last date of Registration of Franchises bidding	3rd January 2012
3	Date of Franchises Bidding	5th January 2012
4	Submission Date of bank Guarantee for Franchises of the bidding amount in favor of Game On Sports Management (GOSM)	10th January 2012
5	Submission date of Bank Guarantee of US\$ 3 million in favor of BPL Governing Council for Players Payment	12th January 2012
6	Players Auction	14th January 2012
7	The remaining amount of the successful bidding after adjusting US\$ 100000.00 has to be paid by P.O. in favor of Game On Sports Management (GOSM)	2nd February 2012

NB: • Price of Franchises Bidding Document US\$ 5000.00 or equivalent BD Tk. (non refundable)
• Base price of Franchises Bidding US\$ 100000.00 or equivalent BD Tk. (non refundable)

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