



Farmers and fishermen of four villages under Barisal Sadar upazila, carrying ploughs and baskets for catching fish, take out a procession in the city yesterday demanding steps to save Rayer Khal (canal) flowing through Sadar and Babuganj upazilas from grabbers.

# Stop grabbing Rayer Khal

## Demand farmers, fishermen in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Several hundred farmers and fishermen from Lakutia, Kashipur, Matasar, and Charbaria villages under Barisal Sadar upazila yesterday brought out procession and formed human chain in the city protesting encroachment upon Rayer Khal (canal) flowing through Barisal Sadar and Babuganj upazilas.

Carrying farming tools and baskets for catching fish, they assembled at Barisal Central Shaheed Minar in the morning and then took out a procession in the city.

After parading some city streets, the processionists joined a human chain in

front of Ashwani Kumar Hall and also held a rally there to press home their demand.

Non-governmental organisations Prantajon Trust, Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihood (CSRL) and Uttaran organised the programme.

Addressing the rally with SM Shahjada, executive director of Prantajon Trust, in the chair, the speakers demanded that the authorities concerned take immediate steps to free the 6-kilometre long canal from illegal occupation.

They said more than 2,700 families of fishermen and farmers depend on

the canal for fishing and supplying water to about 1,000 acres of farmland, but a section of unscrupulous people are gradually grabbing the canal under the nose of the local administration.

The speakers also demanded re-excavation and preservation of the canal so that the farmers in the areas can supply their produce to Barisal, Babuganj, uzirpur, and Banaripara upazilas, using this canal.

Sultan Hawladar, Shah Alam, Khalil Kazi, Ripon Hawladar, Md Tuhin, Safiuddin, Ismail Howladar Akkas Hossain and Shawkat Ali Badal addressed the rally, among others.

# Nipah kills 4 Joypurhat kids

## All of them took date juice and fell sick

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Panic has gripped the residents of different villages in Khetlal and Sadar upazilas of Joypurhat district following death of four children infected with “Nipah virus” in three days from January 20 to January 22.

The dead are Anik Mondol, 7, son of Alam Mondol, Marium Begum, 7, daughter of Jahangir Hossain of Natunhaat Sardarpara in Joypurhat town, and Tohidul Islam, 8, son of Anwar Hossain of Dadra Jointigram, and Shakila Begum, 9, daughter of of Ikargara village in Joypurhat upazila.

Anik died at Bogra Medical College and Hospital on January 20, Shakila at Joypur Sadar Hospital on January 21 and Marium and Tohidul at Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital on January 22.

After blood sample test, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and

Research (IEDCR), Dhaka, confirmed that the four children were infected with deadly ‘Nipah virus’, civil surgeon (CS) office sources said.

District CS office quoting the family members of the four said they took date juice and then fell sick. Symptoms were high fever and headache, they added.

Besides, two more children were admitted to Joypurhat Modern Hospital with high fever and headache in the last 48 hours until 10:00am yesterday. They are Sabbir Hossain, 3, son of Ujjal Hossain, and Suraiya Ayrin, 5, daughter of Ayub Ali of Natunhaat Sardarpara in Joypurhat town.

There are undergoing treatments at an isolated ward at the hospital.

The district health department through loudspeakers on Tuesday urged the people not to have date juice that is considered as food of bats, carriers of Nipah virus.

Two separate teams of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control Research (IEDCR) on Tuesday visited Joypurhat Modern Hospital and collected blood samples of the two infected children.

They also visited the family members of Anik, Mariam, Touhidul and Shakila. Later, they collected stools of bats from some areas of the two upazilas.

While visiting Joypurhat municipality and Ikargara village of Khetlal upazila yesterday, local journalists found that the panic-stricken people had sent their children to safer places.

Rozi Begum of Sardarpara under Joypurhat municipality said she sent her 10-year-old daughter to Panchbibipuzapila.

The district health department formed five medical teams for five upazilas of the district a set up monitoring cell, the civil Surgeon Md Mozammel Haque said.

## BSF returns youth's body

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) returned the body of a Bangladeshi youth to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in Bhurungamari upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Abdul Latif Labu, 35, son of late Gaziur Rahman of Bhabanipur village in Sharishabari upazila of Jamalpur district, is a painter.

BGB sources said locals found the body at pillar no- 962 of the frontier in the upazila on January 16 and informed Dinhat police of Cooch Behar district.

On information, victim's uncle Bahar Ali identified the body. Later, BSF handed over the body after a company commander-level flag meeting with BGB at Bagbhandar border at around 4:15pm.

Family members said Labu went missing since he visited Kurigram on January 15.

Md Kafil Uddin, officer in-charge of Bhurungamari police station, said criminals might have killed the youth and dumped the body in Indian territory.



Students of Sawrupnagar Shaheed Mohor Ali High School, their teachers and guardians at a function on the school premises yesterday vow to fight corruption and work for the country's development.

## Vow to root out corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

At least 500 students including SSC examinees, their teachers and guardians of Swarupnagar Shaheed Mohor Ali High School in the town at a unique function yesterday vowed to root out corruption for ensuring overall development in the country.

Sachetan Nagorik Committee and Youth Engagement and Support Group of Chapainawabganj unit of Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) organised the oath taking ceremony on the school premises as part of their campaign to create awareness about corruption among the students and teachers.

Ruhul Amin, president of the managing committee of the school and chair-

man of Sadar upazila parishad, presided over the occasion.

Speakers at the function urged the people of all sections, especially the youths and students, to come forward to root out corruption, which acts as a barrier to economic development and prosperity.

Professor Md Tanbirul Alam, chairman of Rajshahi Education Board, chief guest at the function, administered the oath taking ceremony.

Students at the function vowed not to get involved in corruption, also not to tolerate the ill practice.

Earlier, similar programmes were organised at Alinagar High School on January 19 and Hasina Girls High School in town on January 24.

# Cattle trader 'picked up' from border found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A cattle trader, allegedly picked up by Indian Border Security Force on January 4, was found dead in the Padma on Tuesday.

Locals found the body of Saddam Hossain alias Babu, 22, son of Mortuza Hossain of Tarapur- Panditpara village in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj and informed his family members.

Saddam's brother Mohammad Mukul and cousin Atiqul alleged that BSF jawans picked up Saddam from the Shingnagar

border on January 4, killed him and then dumped his body into the river.

Saddam went to India with eight other cattle traders to buy cattle through Shingnagar frontier under Shibganj upazila around 5:00am but did not return, said Abdus Salam, officer-in-charge of Shibganj Police Station, quoting locals and relatives of the deceased.

Saddam's hands and legs were tied when locals found his body, he said.

Police sent the body to Chapainawabganj Sadar Hospital for an autopsy yesterday morning.

Asit Sarker, residential medical

officer of the hospital, said Saddam might have been strangled to death although he found no injury marks on Saddam's body.

An unnatural death case was filed with Shibganj Police Station in this connection.

Commanding Officer of 39 BGB Battalion in Chapainawabganj Lt Colonel Jahangir Hossain told The Daily Star that he was informed of the body being found but it could not be confirmed yet whether Saddam had crossed the border and was killed by BSF members.

## 5 arms recovered, 6 youths held

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Law enforcers have recovered five arms and arrested six youths for possessing those in four districts.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a Jubo League activist along with a revolver and six bullets from old bus stand area at Kanaikhal in Natore district town on Tuesday night.

The arrestee was identified as Afzal Hossain, 27, of the area, reports our correspondent.

Rab-5 sources said, on secret information, they raided the area and arrested Afzal. He was later handed over to Sadar police.

Officer in-charge of Sadar PS Abulah Al Mamun said Afzal was wanted in several cases including in the Rasu murder case.

Rab-8 of Patuakhali camp on Tuesday arrested Golam Maula, 30, from the office of auto-rickshaw cooperatives at Hetalia Badghat on Patuakhali-Kuakata road in the municipality area and recovered a pistol and two bullets from him.

Maula was awarded life term imprisonment in a murder case recently but he was on the run, our correspondent reported quoting Rab officials.

Lieutenant Colonel Nuruzzaman, company commander for Rab-8 said, acting on a tip-off, a team arrested Golam Maula from Hetali Badghat area at about

12:30pm.

Our correspondent in Benapole, Jessore adds: Rab-6 members in a drive yesterday arrested a 'criminal' along with a 9mm pistol, a magazine, five bullets and two bombs.

Arrestee Azizur Rahman Sakib, 30, is son of late Abdul Gaffar of Barandipara in Jessore town.

Rab-6 said they raided the area around 3:00am and arrested Sakib along with the firearms.

On Monday night, police arrested another 'criminal' along with a loaded pistol and magazine at C&B Colony near Karbala road in the town.

Arrestee Al Amin, 25, is son of Nawab Ali of Karbala of the town.

Police said Al Amin is one of the listed criminals and accused in several cases including for robbery and extortion.

In Gaibandha, Rab arrested two people along with a revolver and five bullets at Dasal village in Gobindaganj upazila on Sunday night.

The arrestees are Bulu Mia, 28, and Sanaullah, 30, of the village, reports UNB.

According to Rab, on a secret information, a team of Rab conducted a drive at 11:00pm and held the duo along with the firearm and bullets.

The arrestees were handed over to Gobindaganj PS on Monday.

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৭. কোন কারণ ছাড়াই কর্তৃপক্ষ এককের বেশী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কাজ বন্টন করে দিবার এবং যে কোন প্রস্তাব গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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