

SNIPPETS

Abduction in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Criminals abducted a man from Aparna Chowdhury Para area in the district town early yesterday. The victim is Monindra Lal Rowaja, 50, son of Surandra Lal Rowaja of the area. Police and family sources said, a gang of 6/8 swooped on Monindra's house at around 2:00am and picked him up at gunpoint. They also took away a laptop of the victim, said Mostafizur Rahman, officer in-charge of Khagrachhari Sadar police station.

BCL men held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) along with two foreign made pistols and four bullets from College Bazar area in Dhankhali union of Kalapara upazila on Tuesday. The arrestees are Sajal Mia, 24, president of BCL Dhankhali union unit and also a resident of Pajjunia village while Sabuj Pada, 26, of Chhailabunia village, said Rab sources. On secret information, a team of Rab-8 raided Sajal's house at about 5:00pm and arrested the duo along with the arms and ammunition. Contacted, BCL district unit secretary Shahnur Rahman Sujon said the arrestees are not the activists of the party.

Man jailed for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A mobile court sentenced a man to one year imprisonment for violating a four-and-half-year-old baby girl in Hakimpur upazila yesterday. The convict is Younus Ali, son of late Afur Uddin of Boigram Dakkhinpara village. Quoting family members, police said Younus lured the girl to a lone place and tried to rape her. Hearing the hue and cry, locals rescued the victim from the spot and caught the rapist. Later, he was handed over to police and produced before the court, said Helal Uddin, officer in-charge of Hakimpur police station.

Police station demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Hundreds of people formed a human chain at Kuakata yesterday demanding a police station there. Among others, Abdul Bareq Molla, convener of Kuakata Thana Bastobayan Committee, spoke at the programme. Speakers came up with the call ahead of the visit of the prime minister here on February 25. It is mentioned that, a section (Ferry) was set up at Kuakata in 1994 and since then local people have been demanding a police station here.

Two Indians freed from jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hafizur Rahman and Moly Sarker, two Indian nationals, were freed from Dinajpur jail yesterday morning. They had been languishing at the jail though their jail terms ended about a year back, sources said. On May 10 last year, The Daily Star carried a news item titled '6 Indians in jail despite end of term'. The two Indian nationals were sent back home through Hili land port in the afternoon.



PHOTO: STAR

Law enforcers seize a statue of Lord Vishnu from Aruakandhi village in Moksudpur upazila of Gopalganj district yesterday. The statue, weighing around 184 kgs, was found six feet under the ground on the bank of a pond.

Students protest torching of school by criminals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Hundreds of students of Kobi Sufia Kamal Anandalok School at Narshatpur in Sadar upazila yesterday brought out a procession demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the culprits who torched the school on February 10.

They also formed a human chain at DB road. Later, they submitted a memorandum to the deputy

commissioner.

The students urged the authorities to reconstruct the school immediately so that they can continue their education.

Speakers at the programme said that an inauguration ceremony of secondary class was held at the school on February 9 where Sultan Kamal, former adviser of caretaker government and also daughter of poet Sufia Kamal, was present as a chief guest.

Seven held for looting Jamalpur courtrooms

A CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Seven people including five night guards of Jamalpur Judge Court were arrested on Tuesday night on charge of looting courtrooms.

The accused are, night guards Ismail Hossain Akand, Samsuzzaman Suman, Khairul Hassan, Rakibul Hassan, Mahbubur Rahman, sweeper Saddam Hossain and hotel worker Liton Mia.

Abdullah-Al-Harun, Nazir of the court, filed the case with Sadar police station accusing the seven.

Investigation Officer (IO) Tamiz Uddin sought a 10-day remand for the accused. The court fixed the hearing date on February 19 for the purpose.

Meanwhile three police constables--Murad, Abdul Khalek, Sirajul Islam and Sub Inspector Nayon Mia were closed to police line as they were on duty at the court premises on that night.

Criminals broke open the doors of 18 rooms of the judge court, ransacked the files of cases and looted Tk. 94000 in cash early Tuesday.

Youth abducted for ransom in Tangail rescued, 2 held

Satkhira schoolgirl still untraced

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) here rescued an abducted youth and arrested two people in this connection early yesterday.

The arrestees are Jasim Uddin, 20, of Chhabbisha village and Hridoy Hasan, 20, of Chukainagar village in Bhuapur upazila.

Rab sources said the arrestees abducted Murad Talukder, 18, of Bhaawal village in Kalihati upazila from Tangail new bus terminal area on Monday and took him to a residential hotel at Ullapara in Sirajganj by a microbus.

The next day, they took Murad to Bogra, called his relatives by mobile phone and demanded Tk 3 lakh as ransom. Murad's family members informed the matter to Crime Prevention Company-3 of Rab-12.

A Rab team led by its squad commander Mizanur Rahman rescued Murad and arrested two youths along with a dagger when they were receiving the ransom money from the victim's uncle Hazrat Ali at Banani intersection of Bogra town.

In Satkhira, a 13-year-old schoolgirl was abducted by criminals at village Subhradakati in Assassuni upazila on Sunday night.

Quoting the relatives of the victim, police said that accused Hafizul Islam, son of Sabur Dhali of village Loka in Koira upazila in Khulna district used to stalk the girl of class nine on her way to school, reports our correspondent.

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PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Landless people form a human chain on Sujanpur Char (newly emerged landmass) of Kirtankhola River in Barisal city yesterday to protest an alleged bid to grab the land by some influential people. They urged the authorities to distribute the land among them.

10 Shibir men hurt in clash with police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 10 activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir were injured in a clash with police in Majidee Court area in the district town yesterday afternoon.

The law enforcers also picked up seven Shibir men from the spot, said police.

The arrestees are Minhajul Ahmed Mishu, general secretary of Noakhali College unit, Hammadur Rahman, secretary of Sadar west region, Alamgir Hossain, Yasin Rashed, Aiyub Khan, Tareque Aziz Towkir and Hossain Rana.

Fakrul Islam Milon, president of Shibir town unit, said they brought out a proces-

sion from Mofiz Plaza at around 3:00pm to protest the killing of party activists Masud Bin Habib and Mujahid by BCL men on the Chittagong University campus on January 8.

When the procession reached in the area, police swooped on them, leaving over 10 injured, he added.

Mosharaf Hossain Tarafder, officer in-charge of Sudharam Model police station, said when police tried to prevent the Shibir men from vandalising roadside vehicles, they attacked the law enforcers.

Police then charged batons to disperse the crowd and arrested seven Shibir men, the OC added.

10 houses at Ashrayan Project gutted

UNB, Goalanda, Rajbari

At least 10 houses constructed for the landless people were gutted in a fire broke out at Tenapocha Ashrayan Project under Debgram union in Goalanda upazila early Tuesday.

Locals said the fire originated at the house of Shaheda Begum at about 5:00am and soon engulfed the nine other adjacent houses, burning down valuables worth Tk 1.5 lakh.

On information, fire fighters from the district headquarters rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze with the help of local people.

Advertisement for 'আনসার-ভিডিপি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয়' (Answer-VIDEPI Development Bank Main Office) located at Rajarbag, Dhaka. It includes contact information, a list of services, and a notice regarding the bank's operations and branch expansion.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Office of the Project Director, Regional Fisheries & Livestock Development Project, Noakhali Component. Invitation for Tender for supply and installation of 40 KVA, 400V, 3-phase, 50Hz Generator at Govt Poultry Farm, Sonapur, Noakhali. Includes detailed technical specifications, key information, funding details, and procurement entity details.

Advertisement for 'বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড' (Bangladesh Tea Board). It lists various services and products offered, including tea processing, quality control, and export services. Contact information for the board is provided.