

BSF returns body of cattle trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

The body of a Bangladeshi cattle trader, who was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Chouka border in Shibganj upazila in Chapainawabganj early Saturday, was returned to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday morning.

Lt Colonel Jahangir Hossain, Commanding Officer of 39 BGB Battalion said that forces at Sabdelpur camp of 125 Maldah BSF battalion in Paschimbanga opened fire on Faruk around 5:30am when he went to Chowka frontier with a group of traders to receive a few cattle from Indian traders.

Faruk died on the spot, some 500 yards inside of the Indian territory from zero line while his fellow traders managed to escape unhurt. BSF later took away the body to their camp.

Family sources said, Faruk along with others went out to collect cattle from Indian traders on Friday. BGB strongly protested the killing they sent a protest note to their counterpart asking them to return the body immediately.

On April 4, the BSF members shot dead another cattle trader Ruhul Amin, 25, son of Serajul Islam of Tarapur village under Monakasha union in Shibganj upazila in the district, at Shingnagar frontier.

The killing took place just nine days after the killing of another young cattle trader by BSF in the same union of Shibganj upazila. The cattle trader killed on Saturday was identified as Faruk Hossain, 25, son of Jasim Uddin of Parchuka village under Monakasha union of Shibganj upazila in the district.



This concrete bridge on the river Bhadra in Shovana union under Dumuria upazila of Khulna has been built recently without finishing approach roads at both ends. Though rickshaw-vans, push carts and horse-drawn carriages cannot run through the bridge, bike riders use it risking their life.

PHOTO: STAR

NARSINGDI UP CHAIRMAN MURDER None arrested, no case yet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Police failed to arrest anybody on charge of killing UP Chairman Abdur Razzak till filing of this report at 8:00pm yesterday.

No case was also filed, said Asaduzzaman, officer in-charge of Narsingdi Sadar police station.

Chairman of Alokali union parishad and local Awami League leader Razzak, 65, was stabbed to death by assailants at Sutapatti near Janata Bank in the district town on Sunday night.

Witnesses said a gang of unidentified criminals attacked him and stabbed him indiscriminately with knives, leaving him severely injured at 9:30 pm.

Follow-up

When rushed to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital, the duty doctor declared him dead.

The body of the slain UP Chairman was buried at Bakharnagar Madrasa graveyard yesterday.

His first namaz-e-janaja was held at Rangamati Eidgah in the town at 10:30am and later at district Awami League office premises and his village home at Bakharnagar before burial.

OC Asaduzzaman station said they were yet to nab anybody in connection with the murder.

"We are trying to identify the culprits by interrogating eyewitness UP member

Shahid Mia", he said.

Police quoting Shahid Mia said, a gang of 6/7 waylaid the UP chairman at a dark place. They gaged him with a piece of cloth, stabbed him indiscriminately and fled the spot when local traders rushed for his rescue.

Police on Sunday night recovered a knife used by the killers from the spot at CNB Road in the town.

Meanwhile, people from all walks of life including local lawmaker Lt Col (Retd) Nazrul Islam, Narsingdi municipality mayor Kamruzzaman and Narsingdi Bazar Businessmen Samity general secretary Babul Sarker express their deep shock at the killing of Abdur Razzak and demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

Polytechnic teachers stage sit-in

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Teachers of Dinajpur Polytechnic Institute yesterday staged an hour-long sit-in to press home their eight-point demand.

The programme under the banner of Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers' Association and Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers' Parishad began at around 10:00am in front of the principal's office.

The demands include promotion as per early assurance of prime minister, filling the vacant posts, 100 per cent honorarium for second shift teachers and job regularisation.

The academic activities at 29 polytechnic institutes under different projects in the country are being run by 45 to 50 per cent fresh teachers while 70 to 80 per cent posts of 20 full fledged institutes across the country are still vacant, hampering the studies of the students, said speakers at the programme.

Besides, eight posts of principal and 17 of vice principal have been lying vacant for long, they added.

Md Mujibur Rahman, district unit president of the association and its general secretary Md Aminul Islam, also spoke.

JALDHAKA FOOD OFFICE 'Mysterious' fire follows case against Jubo League leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A 'mysterious' fire burnt down important official documents and valuables worth Tk 50 thousand at the office of Jaldhaka upazila controller of food (UCF) in the district early Sunday.

"The night guards of adjacent upazila parishad compound first observed the fire and informed the upazila nirbahi officer who rushed to the spot and tried to control the fire with the help of office staff. Later fire brigade vehicles reached the spot and doused the fire. By this time most of the important documents were burnt into ashes," UCF Abdul Jalil Mondol told this correspondent.

"I live outside the office at night and the food office has no night guard of its own," he said.

Earlier on April 8, the food official filed a case with Jaldhaka police station accusing Abdul Wahed Bahadur, upazila unit president of Jubo League, and his accomplices for manhandling him and causing damage to the upazila food office.

"Jubo League leader Bahadur became furious as I refused to meet his demand for Tk one lakh as illegal toll," the UCF said in the case.

After Bahadur got bail from the court in connection with the case, his close associates Sumon and Nirmol on several occasions made cell phone calls to me and gave death threat, the food official said.

Sub Inspector Shahabuddin Ahmed of Jaldhaka police station said, "I got information of the fire at about 1:00am on Sunday and reached the spot within

15 minutes. In presence of the UNO, the staff of the food department broke the locks of the office and tried to douse the fire. Later fire brigade vehicles put out the fire."

Police recovered an empty bottle from the spot and there was essence of petrol in it, he said.

"UCF Abdul Jalil Mondol filed a case today [Monday] noon, saying that the fire gutted valuables worth Tk 50 thousand. Police has started investigation," said Moksed Ali, officer in charge of Jaldhaka police station.

When contacted, Abdul Wahed Bahadur, upazila unit president of Jubo League, said, "The UCF filed a false case against me on April 8 in connection with ransacking the food department office and manhandling him. I have no food business with them. Why should I set fire to the documents of the UCF office? I welcome investigation to find out the real culprits."

Trade thru' Bhomra port suspended

UNB, Satkhira

Border trade through Bhomra land port remained suspended since yesterday morning.

Manjurul Haque, Bhomra customs officer, said trade through the port came to a halt following a conflict between two groups of C & F agents of Indian Ghoadanga land port.

No goods carrying vehicle entered into the port from India since morning, he added.

SNIPPETS

2 electrocuted in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Two people were killed and 10 others injured as they came in contact with a live electric wire at Hariapur village in Kalmakanda upazila yesterday morning. The dead are Nur Nabi, 25 and Nizamuddin, 30, of the village. Police and local people said the victims came in contact with a snapped wire of a Palli Biddut pole while going to a nearby paddy field at about 6:00am.

Boy drowns in drain

UNB, Sirajganj

An eight-month-old boy drowned in a drain in Sahednagar area of the district town on Sunday noon. The victim is Shahriar, son of Nurul Islam of the area. Locals said the incident happened when the victim's mother Khushi Begum went inside the house to bring a towel to wipe the boy after bathing at the courtyard at noon.

Fugitive accused arrested

UNB, Magura

Police in a drive arrested a fugitive accused of a robbery case from Rajapur village in Mohammadpur upazila early Sunday. The arrestee was identified as Solaiman Mollah, 35, son of Samad Mollah of Baroikhali village in Sadar upazila. M Sogir Mia, officer in-charge of Mohammadpur PS said, on secret information, they raided the village late at night and arrested Solaiman.

Farmer commits 'suicide'

UNB, Magura

A poor farmer allegedly committed suicide at Rajapur village in Sreepur upazila early Sunday after failing to bear acute abdominal pain. The deceased was identified as Hazrat Ali, 28, of the village. Officer in-charge of Sreepur Police Station Abdus Salek and family sources said Hazrat Ali had long been suffering from stomach ache. But he could not take proper treatment due to poverty. His wife started searching for him on Sunday morning as he was not in the bed and found him hanging from the ceiling of a nearby room.

One killed in Naogaon clash

15 injured in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

One person was killed and three others were injured in a clash over a piece of disputed land at Omarpur village of Dhamurhat upazila in Naogaon yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Atoar Rahman, 40, son of Bashir Uddin of the village.

Contacted, Zia Latiful Islam, office in-charge (OC) of Dhamurhat police station said, there was a longstanding dispute between two neighbours Atoar and Ishahaque Ali over the land near their houses at Omarpur village.

Following an altercation yesterday, Ishahaque and his men attacked Atoar and his family members with sticks and other lethal weapons leaving Atoar dead on the spot and injuring his three

brothers Motiar Rahman, 50, Mojaffar Hossain, 45, and Afzal Hossain, 35.

Police arrested Ishahaque Ali's wife Khodeza Begum, 50, and his daughter-in-law from the village while other members of the family fled the area, the OC added.

In Patuakhali, at least 15 people were injured in a clash over worship at a temple at Kabirkathe village under Baufal upazila on Saturday, the first day on Bangla New year.

Of the injured, 10 were admitted to Baufal upazila health complex.

Police and locals said, Hindus worship at the 100-year-old temple in Kabirkathee village during Pahela Baishakh every year. But recently two groups from Kalishuree and Kabirkathee village locked in a quarrel over appointment of priest of the temple.

At about 4pm on

Saturday, when a group led by Samir Chakrabarty of Kalishuree village came to the temple to offer worship, people of Komollesh Chakrabarty of Kabirkathee village resisted them, triggering a fierce clash.

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42 shops gutted in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

At least 42 shops were gutted by a devastating fire at Gouripur Madhya Bazar in Daudkandi upazila early yesterday.

Police and fire service sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at Satata Garments, a RMG shop, and soon engulfed the adjacent shops of the market at about 3:00am.

On information, three fire fighting units from Daudkandi, Homna and Comilla rushed to the spot and doused the flame after three hours of hectic efforts.

The affected shop owners claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk2 crore.

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