

SNIPPETS

Man killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A farmer was killed at Sutrappur village under Dhamrai upazila on Friday night following a quarrel over ownership of land. The victim was identified as Delwar Hossain, 45, son of Pitol Bachchu of the village. Victim's family sources said Samsul Haque and Delwar's family members had an altercation at noon over the land. Later, Samsul and his family members later attacked Delwar with sharp weapons at around 9:00pm when he went to a field to supply water for irrigation. Delwar died on the way to the hospital. A murder case was filed, officer in-charge (OC) of Dhamrai police station Md. Jahangir Hossain said.

Khulna Mayor's Medal-2012

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Twelve people and an academic institution were awarded KCC Mayor's Medal-2012 yesterday for outstanding performances in respective fields. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid distributed the medals as chief guest at a function held at Khulna Shaheed Hadis Park. The recipients of this year's medals are freedom fighter Morol Abdus Salam (posthumous), Dr. M.A. Manaf for his role in medical profession, Father A.G. Bruno (posthumous) for education, poet Abu Bakar Siddique for literature, Sheikh Hasan Ali (posthumous) for cultural affairs, Hosne Ara Khan for games and sports, Kazi Azhar Ali (posthumous) for social service, Abu Sadeque (posthumous) for journalism, Sheikh Abdul Aziz for politics, Malik Ataharuddin (posthumous) for role in language movement, Sharif Fazhur Rahman for entrepreneurship, Dr. Mohammad Shajahan Ali Akunji as the best tax payer and UCEF School as the best academic institution.

Bombs recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Police recovered two bombs from a pond beside Jessore Education Board Model School and College in the town yesterday morning. Police said, acting on a tip-off, they raided the area and recovered the bombs from the pond. They were wrapped with tape. None was arrested in this connection. Later, police defused the bombs.

Trader found dead in hotel

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

A trader was found dead at a hotel in the town on Friday. The deceased was identified as Goutam Saha, a stationery goods trader and son of Gobinda Saha of Chaklapara in Sadar upazila of Jhenidah district. Safin Ahmed, manager of the hotel, said Goutam checked in at Hotel Monihar on Wednesday afternoon. As he did not come out of his room till Thursday night, the hotel authorities informed police. Later, police recovered the hanging body of Goutam after breaking open the door of the room at night and sent it to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue.

Man held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Rapid Action Battalion of Bhairab camp arrested one Shaheen Mia, 35, and recovered one revolver and six bullets from his private car at Kautoli point of the district town yesterday. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-9, headed by Bhairab camp commander Major Md. Abdulla Al Mamun, stopped Shaheen's private car on Comilla-Sylhet highway in front of Arafat Hotel. They recovered the revolver and the bullets and arrested Shaheen, son of Sayed Mia of Komolpur village in Bhairab of Kishoreganj district.

Shrimp spawns seized

UNB, Barisal

A team of Coastguard recovered shrimp spawns worth Tk 5 lakh from a trawler in Kirtankhola River Friday morning. Abdur Razzak, Commandant Coastguard, said administrative magistrate Tarafdar Mahmudur Rahman led a drive at Barisal Launch Ghat and fined eight shrimp spawn traders Tk 32,000. The traders are Mustafa, Ruhul Amin of Mirzakalu, Abul Kalam, Based, Selim of Borhanuddin of Bhola, Mustafa of Sherpur, Rafiq and Sahabuddin of Bagerhat district. They were carrying those shrimp spawns to Upadwip Fishing at Fakirhat under Bagerhat district from Borhanuddin and Tazumuddin upazilas of Bhola district. Later, the recovered spawns were released in Kirtankhola river, the CG officials said.

Contraband goods recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A huge quantity of contraband goods, including Indian medicines, saris and three pieces worth Tk 2 crore were recovered from a godown at Bhomra land port in Sadar upazila Friday afternoon. Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) sources said, the goods were bought from India hiding those inside a consignment of imported onions. Acting on a tip-off, a task force team searched the godown owned by Sabur Ali of Satkhira town. Sabur Ali told this correspondent that Sayeed Hossain of village Laxmidari and Ershad Ali of the same village rented his godown about two week ago. However, despite repeated attempts over cell phone Sayeed and Ershad could not be contacted for their comment.

Extortionists attack brick kiln

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Three people were injured as a gang of extortionists threw bombs at a brick kiln at Karpasdanga village in Damurhuda upazila in Chuadanga Friday night. Kiln manager of MR Bricks, Badar Uddin, 38, sustained severe burn injuries in his right hand. The two others are labourers Mogreb Ali, 27 and Jahidul Islam, 42. Azizul Haq, officer in-charge (OC) of Damurhuda police station, said the incident took place when the gang hurled the bombs around 9:30pm after failing to get Tk 2 lakh illegal toll from the manager. MR Bricks experienced a second bomb attack by extortionists in a month. Earlier on March 15, another extortionist group blasted two bombs on the brick kiln.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Maolana Bhashani Science and Technology University at Santosh in Tangail demonstrate in front of the administrative building before locking it to press for their 4-point demand yesterday.

BHASANI UNIVERSITY IN TANGAIL

Students lock admin bldg to realise 4-point demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Students of Maolana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) at Santosh in the district agitated on the campus yesterday to realise their four-point demand including reduction of credit fee.

The three other demands are cut in arrears charges, smooth electricity supply and reduction of hostel charges for the female students.

Several hundred students of different departments demonstrated on the campus and locked the administrative building at around 12:00pm keeping over 100 teachers, officials and employees confined to their rooms in the building, said Prof M o h a m m a d

Moniruzaman, pro-vice chancellor of the university.

Vice-chancellor (VC) Prof M Nurul Islam was not present at the university during the agitation, he added.

The students also brought out an angry procession on the campus and damaged windowpanes of five rooms of the academic building, campus sources said.

Several agitating students claimed that the university authorities, in face of the students' agitation last year, had assured of reducing credit fee from Tk 200 to Tk 100. But recently the authorities served a notice for paying Tk 150 credit fee, they said.

"We are agitating to realise our four demands including reduction of credit

fee from Tk 200 to Tk 50," said a student.

The agitating students unlocked the administrative building after three and a half hours when at around 3:30pm a teachers' team led by proctor Omar Faruque held talks with them.

The teachers assured the students that the credit fee will be brought down to Tk 100 from Tk 200 and the arrear charges will be reduced from Tk 500 to Tk 300 while the rest two demands will be met 'as soon as possible', campus sources said.

Earlier on February 1, the students held an agitation programme on the campus to realise the same demands. They also gave a memorandum to the VC on the day placing the demands.

20 injured as villagers clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

At least 30 people, including a sub-inspector of police, were injured during a clash between two groups of villagers at a Baishakhi mela (fair) in Bataigram upazila of the district yesterday.

Police said at least 20 shops were damaged and a motorbike of the cop was vandalised during the clash that continued for two hours from 12:00 noon.

Police and witnesses said two groups of villagers of Rajandrapur and Dasgram scuffled over a trivial matter at the mela on Friday evening.

As a sequel to the incident, both groups equipped with lethal weapons swooped on each other at the mela yesterday, leaving at least 29 people from both sides injured.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot, used

truncheons to disperse the clashing groups. Sub-Inspector Ruhul Amin received minor injury during the clash. He was given first aid at a local clinic.

Ten of the injured were admitted to upazila health complex and different clinics at Natore while the rest given first aid.

No case was filed with Bataigram Police Station as of filing of this report at 5:30 pm yesterday.

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PRO-HARTAL PROCESSIONS FOILED

15 hurt as agitating BNP men clash with police

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At least 15 people, including five cops, were injured during clashes between BNP men and law enforcers in Patuakhali and Satkhira yesterday.

In Patuakhali, the trouble began when police intercepted a BNP procession in Botala area on Sher-e-Bangla Road in the town at 11:00am.

The procession was brought from a rally held in the area to protest "disappearance" of the party's Organising Secretary and former lawmaker M Ilias Ali from the capital on Tuesday night, reports our correspondent.

As BNP men tried to break the police barricade, the law enforcers charged batons on them. At least 10 activists of the party received injuries in police action.

BNP leaders advocate Mujibur Rahman, Abul Hossain Howlader and Moshir Rahman Khan and Jubo Dal activists Zakir Hossain Mridha, Monir Hossain and Md Swapan are among the injured. District BNP General

Secretary MA Rob claimed that at least 50 party leaders and activists were injured in police action.

Our Satkhira correspondent reported that at least five police men were injured as BNP activists hurled brick chips on law enforcers in the town yesterday.

The incident occurred in New Market area as cops prevented the BNP men from taking out a procession from the area at around 5:30pm.

Police also fired teargas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the BNP men.

The injured are Inspector (investigation) Ratan Sheikh and constables Waliul Islam, Rokonzaman, Nazrul Islam and Safiqul Alam. They are undergoing treatment at Sadar Hospital.

Police picked up 15 BNP activists from the spot. District BNP General Secretary Syed Iftekhar Ali alleged that police fired rubber bullets, teargas shells and charged batons on BNP activists to foil their peaceful procession. He demanded immediate

release of the party men. Iftekhar claimed that at least five party activists were injured in police action.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent added: Two factions of BNP district unit yesterday brought out separate processions in the town in support of today's countrywide hartal to mount pressure on the government to rescue central leader M Ilias Ali who went "missing" on Tuesday night.

Local BNP leaders Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Syed Ashfaq, Mohitur Rahman Helal and central Jubo Dal Organising Secretary Motin joined the procession of Begum Khaleda Robbani faction while Bakshi Misbahur Rahman and Ashik Mosharrarf led the procession of M Naser Rahman group.

After parading the main streets, leaders and activists belonging to both factions held separate rallies. They demanded that the government take

necessary steps to rescue their leader Ilias Ali. They also urged the people to observe hartal in the district today.

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