



2 villagers abducted in Rangamati

PCJSS, UPDF blame each other

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Unidentified gunmen abducted two villagers from New Lalyaghona and Madhya Baghaichhari villages under Baghaichhari upazila of the district at midnight on Saturday. The victims are Samir Karbari alias Sukhya Karbari, 55, son of late Debendra Bikash Karbari of New Lalyaghona village, and Riken Chakma Fatik, 20, son of Chirajyoti Chakma of Madhya Baghaichhari village in Baghaichhari upazila. Family members of Samir and Bikash said criminals picked up the two from their houses at gun point.

Sajib Chakma, assistant information secretary of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) yesterday blamed United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) for kidnapping the villagers. Locals told me that armed cadres of UPDF abducted Samir and Bikash, Sajib added. Mitchel Chakma, secretary of Gono Tantrik Juba Forum, a youth body of UPDF, refuted the allegation. The PCJSS is putting the blame on UPDF to tarnish its image. "I came to know that the armed cadres of PCJSS picked up the two from their houses," he added.

5 guns, bullets seized in Satkhira, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested two people in Kalkir Gate area in Assasuni upazila and recovered five shutter guns and six bullets from their possession. The arrestee are Nriya Ranjan Mondol, 40, son of yeadab Mondal of south Barodal village and Bidhan Mondol, 32, son of Paritosh Mondol of Lautara village in the upazila. Acting on a tip-off, a team

of Khulna Rab-6, raided Kalkir Gate area at around 1:00pm and arrested Nriya and Bidhan. The elite force also recovered the shutter guns and bullets from the two. Later, the arrestees were handed over to Assasuni Police Station. UNB adds: Law enforcers in separate drives arrested two alleged drug peddlers along with 400 bottles of phensidyl and two kgs of hemp from Sarakerbazar in Kanaighat upazila and Ambarkhana in the city on Saturday evening.

The arrestees are Kamola Begum, 55, wife of Nasiruddin of Barabazar area of Akhaura upazila of Brahmanbaria district, and Farid Mia, 28, son of Mokbul Ali of Khola village in Goainghat upazila of Sylhet. Sources said the law enforcers conducted a drive at Sarakerbazar and arrested Kamola with 400 bottles of Indian phensidyl syrup. In another drive, law enforcers arrested Farid along with 2kgs of hemp from Ambarkhana area at around 7:00pm.

Journalists bring out a procession in Barisal city yesterday demanding punishment to the people responsible for the tragic death of Bibhash Chandra Saha, a senior reporter of the Independent, and Shahiduzzaman Titu, a photojournalist of Barisal daily Matabad, in separate road accidents in the capital on Friday.

Int'l Mother's Day observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The "International Mother's Day" was observed at the regional office of Bangladesh Girls Guides Association (BGGA) in the city yesterday. A reception was accorded to a successful

mother. Ajita Rani Samaddar, BGGA Barisal district president, presided over the programme. Among others, Jebunnesa Afroz, wife of BCC mayor and Kazi Manowar Hossain, district education officer, spoke.

Gopalganj Jubo League activist killed in bomb attack

Body of rice trader found in canal

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

A Jubo League leader, who came under bomb attack in Gopalganj Sadar upazila on Saturday night, died at Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) early yesterday. Witnesses said a gang of criminals hurled a bomb at Rezaul Karim Shahin Khan, 40, organising secretary of Jubo League Horidaspur union unit, near his Bherabazar house at around 10:00pm, leaving him critically injured. He was rushed to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital and then shifted to KMCH where he died at 2:00am. When the news spread in the morning, supporters of Shahin ransacked a number of houses and shops in Bherabazar area and set fire to them. They also blocked Gopalganj-Tekerhat Road for three hours from 6:00am. Victim's wife Lovely Begum said Shahin had a conflict with one Hasmat Kazi of the area over harvesting paddy from a disputed land. He might have been

killed as a sequel to the conflict, she added. No one was arrested in connection with the murder as of filing of this report at 5:00pm yesterday. Police have been deployed in the area to avert any further clash. Meanwhile, a rice trader was found dead in Gopalganj Sadar upazila yesterday morning. He was identified as Zibrail Mollah, 30, of Char Pathalia village in the upazila. Locals found the body floating on Gobra Chorghata Canal at around 7:30am and informed the police who recovered the body and sent it to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Advertisement for Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd. (PGCB) regarding the Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132kV Meghna River Crossing at Tetia-Kanainagar point as replacement of existing Submarine cable under Meghna river on turnkey basis [Contract No.: PGC/132kV/TL/T-LRC]. Includes details of the project, contact information, and a list of revisions.

Advertisement from Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) regarding Corrigendum No. 2 of BPDB's Re-Tender Notice for Construction of 2 (two) Storied Staff Dormitory (B) Construction of Security Guard Shad/Ansar Barrack (C) Construction of 4 (four) Storied Officer's Dormitory at Hathazari 100 MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project.

Advertisement for Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board) located at Ashuganj, B. Baria-3402, Bangladesh. Includes contact information and details about power generation services.

Advertisement for Gopalganj Juba League Bangladesh Government regarding the award of a contract for the construction of a power station. Includes details about the project, the awarding authority, and the contractor.