

# 18,000 free textbooks seized, one held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Law enforcers seized around 18 thousand copies of high school textbooks, meant for free distribution, from an old paper vendor in the town yesterday.

Police also arrested Abdus Salam, the vendor, on charge of keeping the books of National Curriculum and Textbook Board that had been given to different schools for free distribution among students of classes VI to X, police said.

Local people saw the books when it was being loaded in a truck in front of Sujan Paper Enterprise at Narikelata area in the town at about 12:30pm, said Kazi Jalal Uddin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kushtia Model Police Station.

Informed by locals, a journalist of a private television went to the spot and asked vendor Abdus Salam about the books. But Salam and local Awami League leader Tipu Sultan resisted the journalist's bid to take snap of the books or gather any information in this regard.

Then the journalist informed Captain Masud of



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**Law enforcers seize about 18 thousand copies of textbooks, meant for free distribution among high school students in Kushtia district, when those were loaded in a truck at Narikelata in Kushtia town as preparation for sending to the capital yesterday.**

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-12) and Kushtia Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mamtaz Begum of the matter.

Then a team from Rab-12 and police from Kushtia Model Police Station rushed to the spot at about 1:30pm and seized the books.

"During primary interrogation, Salam told police

that he received the books from hawkers who managed them from different schools in the district. The books were being sent to Ananta Paper Mills in Dhaka," OC Jalal said.

"Police are interrogating the arrestee to learn about the actual sources of the textbooks. Police will seek

remand of Salam from the court tomorrow [Sunday] as thorough interrogation is necessary for further information," he said.

Kushtia Sadar Upazila Primary Education Officer Mogreb Ali filed a case with Kushtia Model Police Station against Salam in this connection.

## Bodies of 5 missing fishermen found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The bodies of five fishermen, who went missing as two boats capsized in Tanguar Haor under Tahirpur upazila of Sunamganj district on Thursday, were recovered yesterday and the day before.

Police said the bodies of Zitendra Barman, 35, his son, Sajib Barman, 11 of Indrapur village, and Abdul Gani, 35 of Ratanpur village were found floating on Hatirghata beel, about one kilometre off the place of occurrence yesterday while the bodies of Khitish Barman, 22, and Abdul Hai, 11, of Indrapur village were recovered from nearby Lechuamara beel on Friday.

Police handed over the bodies of the fishermen to their family members, Md Abul Hashem, officer-in-charge of Tahirpur Police Station said.

Locals said about 10 fishermen aboard two boats were fishing in the haor in Berberia area in the morning. The boats were caught in storm at around 10:30 am and sank into the waterbody.

Tahirpur IUPazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Anwar Hossain said police Ansars teams with the help of local people recovered the bodies.

## ALLEGED ATTACK ON VEHICLE IN GAFARGAON

# I opened fire in self defence, says lawmaker Ghyas Uddin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Ruling party lawmaker Captain (retd) Ghyas Uddin Ahmed yesterday claimed that he had fired blank shot to escape from a mob when his sports utility vehicle (SUV) came under attack in Kandipara Bazar area of Gafargaon upazila on Friday evening.

Lawmaker Ghyas Uddin Ahmed from Gafargaon constituency said a gang of criminals led by Shafiqul, Rubel, Akhtar and Fakrul of Kandipara, equipped with sharp weapons, chased his vehicle in the bazar area at around 6:00pm when he was returning to Gafargaon from the capital.

"I fired a blank shot from my revolver to protect my life," the lawmaker said. He claimed the attack to be an attempt on his life. Asked whether the incident was a sequel to any internal conflict in the local unit of the party, the lawmaker brushed it aside, saying it was an act of criminals.

Police arrested three people late Friday night, suspecting their involvement in the attack on the

vehicle of the lawmaker.

The arrestees are Kamrul, 42, Babul, 22, and Tanzir, 20. They all hail from Terosree village under Usthi union of Gafargaon upazila

A case was lodged with Gafargaon Police Station yesterday morning, accusing 20 people of attack on MP's vehicle, said Sub-Inspector Abul Hossain.

A gang of criminals attacked the vehicle while the lawmaker was returning to Gafargaon from the capital. Rear glass of the vehicle was damaged in the attack, said Omar Faruk, officer-in-charge of Gafargaon Police Station.

When asked about the incident of shooting at the crowd, Superintendent of Police (SP) Golam Kibria said it was a licensed gun and the MP could use it in self defence.

A procession was brought out at Gafargaon upazila headquarters yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the attackers.

Talking to this correspondent, Gafargaon Upazila Parishad Chairman Fahmi Golondaj Babel, known as rival of

the lawmaker in local AL politics, said, hearing the news of MP's arrival, local people rushed there to raise their demand to set up the proposed Pagla Police Station at Kandipara Bazar instead of Dutter Bazar.

They also observed hartal at Kandipara Bazar recently to realise their demand but the MP paid no heed, claimed Babel. He alleged that as locals chanted slogans in support of their demand, the lawmaker came out of his car and fired several rounds of bullets to disperse the agitators.

"Such attitude by a ruling party lawmaker will surely tarnish the image of the party in and outside the district," Babel said.

Nazrul Islam Tuta, chairman of Usthi Union Parishad and also a local AL leader, said the incident was an outcome of an internal conflict in the upazila unit.

He said the arrestees are AL supporters and they were in no way involved with any criminal activities. He also demanded immediate release of the arrestees.

**শেয়ার** দেশের অন্যতম বৃহত্তম পোর্ট্রিও ও ফিন্যান্সিয়াল গ্রুপ প্রতিষ্ঠান **ন্যাশনাল ফিড মিল লিঃ** পূর্বাঞ্চলের শেয়ার ছাড়ার উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করেছে। এ উদ্যোগ বাস্তবায়নের লক্ষ্যে কোম্পানি ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ (আইসিবি) এর সাবসিডিয়ারি প্রতিষ্ঠান আইসিবি ক্যাপিটাল ম্যানেজমেন্ট লিমিটেড (আইসিবিএমএল) এবং পিএলএফএস ইনভেস্টমেন্টস লিঃ এর সঙ্গে ম্যানেজার টু দ্যা ইস্যু চুক্তি স্বাক্ষর করেছে। বিগত ১৭-০৫-২০১২ইং তারিখে আইসিবির বোর্ড রুমে এ চুক্তি স্বাক্ষর করেন ইস্যুয়ার কোম্পানি **ন্যাশনাল ফিড মিল লিঃ** এর ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক জনাব আক্তার হোসেন বাবুল এবং আইসিবি ক্যাপিটাল ম্যানেজমেন্ট লিঃ এর প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা জনাব মোঃ মসিউর রহমান ও পিএলএফএস ইনভেস্টমেন্টস লিঃ এর প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা জনাব মোস্তফা কামাল। চুক্তি স্বাক্ষর অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত ছিলেন আইসিবির ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালকের অতিরিক্ত দায়িত্ব প্রাপ্ত জ্যেষ্ঠ মহাব্যবস্থাপক জনাব মোঃ ইকতিয়ার-উজ-জামান। এ ছাড়া এ সময়ে উপস্থিত ছিলেন আইসিবি ক্যাপিটাল ম্যানেজমেন্ট লিমিটেড, পিএলএফএস ইনভেস্টমেন্টস লিঃ এবং ন্যাশনাল ফিড মিল লিঃ এর পরিচালকবৃন্দ ও উর্বরন কর্মকর্তাগণ। চুক্তি অনুসারে আইসিবি ক্যাপিটাল ম্যানেজমেন্ট লিমিটেড এবং পিএলএফএস ইনভেস্টমেন্টস লিঃ কর্তৃক ন্যাশনাল ফিড মিল লিঃ এর প্রাথমিক শেয়ার ছাড়ার যাবতীয় ব্যবস্থাপনার দায়িত্ব পালন করবে।

## SNIPPETS

### Man held with fake notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a man along with 70,000 fake notes of Tk 1,000 denomination from Fulbari village of Gomostapur upzila yesterday afternoon. The arrestee was identified as Habibur Rahman alias Joyotu, 45, son of Ayes Uddin of the village. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab from Joypurhat camp raided the house of Habibur at around 3:45pm and arrested him along with the fake notes. He was handed over to Gomostapur police, said ASP Mirza Golam Sarwar of the camp.

### Ex-army man commits 'suicide'

UNB, Sylhet

A former army man allegedly committed suicide at his house in Shahparan residential area of Sadar upazila on Friday. The deceased, Ahmad Al Kabir, 40, son of late Mahmud Ali of the area, was suffering from mental illness for long. He hanged himself from the ceiling fan of his room at noon. Ahmad was rushed him to Sobhanighat Ibne Sina Hospital in the city. Later, he was shifted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital as his condition deteriorated where he died at around 2:30pm. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

### Police constable arrested

UNB, Narayanganj

The law enforcers arrested a police constable along with a hijacked auto-rickshaw and cash from Maddhya Dharmaganj area under Fatulla Police Station on Friday morning. The arrestee was identified as Fakhur Islam Sohel, a member of No-3 Company SF of Rajarbagh Police Lines. Kazi Imran Ahmed, assistant sub-inspector of the PS, said Sohel was engaged in snatching in the area since long posing a member of Detective Branch (DB). On secret information, they raided the area and arrested Sohel and recovered the auto-rickshaw, a mobile phone and Tk 8,000 from his possession.

### 9 shops gutted

UNB, Shariatpur

At least nine shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Japsha Bazar in Noria upazila on Friday. Locals said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop of the bazaar and soon engulfed the adjoining eight shops at midnight. On information, fire fighters from the district headquarters rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after four hours of frantic efforts. The affected shop owners claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to TK one crore.

### Rapist gets life

UNB, Narail

A court here on Thursday sentenced a man to life term imprisonment for violating a physically challenged woman. The convict is Panchanon, 55, of Joypur village of Lohagora upazila. The court also fined him Tk 50,000, in default, he is to suffer five years' more in jail. According to the prosecution, Panchanon raped the woman, 40, when she went to watch television in his house on February 24, 2010. A case was filed in this connection. After examining the records and witnesses, Judge of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Md Sadiur Rahman handed down the verdict.

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