

10 FISHING TRAWLERS LOOTED

# Robbers kidnap 15 for ransom in Bagerhat

UNB, Bagerhat

Robbers kidnapped 15 fishermen and looted valuables worth Tk 2 lakh from 10 trawlers in the Shela River of the East Sundarbans under Sharankhola upazila on Friday evening.

Two of the kidnapped fishermen were identified as Monir Hossain and Nazir Farazi of Uttar Rajapur village in the upazila. The identities of the others could not be known yet.

The fishermen who escaped the robbery said a gang of 10/12 belonging to "Shirsha Bahini" swooped on the trawlers while they were catching fish in the river.

Later, the robbers looted the valuables and abducted the fishermen for ransom. At least six fishermen were also injured as the robbers attacked them.

Fishermen said they are now afraid to go the deep sea for fishing as the number of robberies is on a rapid rise. They demanded the government ensure their security.

The fishermen and the trawler owners told the news agency that the gang, while leaving the area after robbery, demanded Tk 50,000 for releasing each of the kidnapped fishermen.

They also threatened to kill the victims if their demand is not met within one week, the fishermen

said.

Contacted, KM Mamunur Rashid, staff officer (operation) of Bangladesh Coast Guard Mongla West Zone, said they were conducting drives in the Sundarbans to arrest the robbers.

Khandoker Rafiqul Islam, police superintendent of Bagerhat, said he has already ordered the police station concerned to collect necessary information about the incident.

Divisional Forest Officer of the Sundarbans (East Zone) Mihir Kumar Doe told the news agency that the forest guards were carrying out continuous operations to nab the forest robbers.



With the rains approaching, workers are busy making a wooden boat at Char Gabasa on the Jamuna basin in Bhupur upazila under Tangail district. Country boats serve as the main mode of transport in the area which gets flooded with the rise of water level in the mighty river. Most of the rural areas in the riverine country see similar situations during the rainy season.

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TRIPARTITE CLASH ON CAMPUS

# Classes, exams at Rangpur Govt College suspended

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The authorities of Rangpur Government College yesterday suspended all academic activities and examinations until June 17, following a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Samaj on the campus.

The college academic council took the decision at an emergency meeting.

College sources said an activist of BCL college unit was driven out allegedly by

the rival student fronts from Shahid Moslem Uddin Hostel in Central road area of the city on Wednesday night.

Following the incident, the leaders and activists of BCL and JCD and Chhatra Samaj locked in a clash yesterday, leaving around 15 from both sides injured.

The BCL men also stopped the Degree test examinations. All the parties brought out processions protesting the violence.

Principal Suvbhash Candra Barman said all academic activities and examinations were suspended to avoid any further untoward situation.

He, however, said a three-member investigation committee, headed by assistant professor Abdul Motalib, was formed to probe the incident.

Altaf Hossain, officer in-charge of Kotwali police station, said additional police have been deployed on the campus.

# Elephants kill man in Sherpur

A CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

A farmer was trampled to death by a herd of wild elephants in Nalitabari upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Joynal Abedin, 47, of the village.

Locals said the elephants entered the area in search of food at dead of night.

They swooped on the locals and trampled Joynal when the villagers tried to drive them away, said upazila nirbahi officer Md Yusuf Ali.

Joynal died on the spot, the UNO said.

# Hajee Danesh university student murdered in broad daylight

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur



Fahim Mahfuz Bipul

A student of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) stabbed to death in broad daylight yesterday by an employee of the same university.

The victim was Fahim Mahfuz Bipul, 23, a final year student of Veterinary Department. He hailed from Pirganj upazila of Thakurgaon district.

Bipul is also vice-president of BCL unit of HSTU.

According to police and witnesses, Mrinal Kumar Goswami, a class four employee of HSTU along

with Bipul came to a tea stall near the campus at around 1:00 pm yesterday to have tea.

The duo locked in an altercation over an issue and at one stage, Mrinal started to stab Bipul in front of people, leaving him critically injured.

Locals rescued Bipul and took him to Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital where he died at around 2.40pm.

Police said Mrinal stabbed in the chest and back of Bipul.

Hearing the news, students, employees and teachers of the university rushed to Dinajpur Medical College

and Hospital.

Sources at HSTU said, Mrinal, a staff of Library Department of the university, was recently suspended for his various irregularities. He might have some personal enmity with Bipul which led to the brutal incident yesterday.

Mrinal went into hiding immediately after the incident.

OC of Dinajpur police station Aslam Iqbal said, no case was lodged with the PS till filing of this report yesterday evening.

A large number of police have been deployed at the university to avoid any further untoward incident.

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