# villages of Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Flash flood caused by heavy rain for the last few days marooned several thousand people in 35 villages of four upazilas.

Water from hills across the border entered the areas along Teesta and Dharla Rivers, said Water Development Board (WDB) sources.

The flood affected villages include South Goddimari, Char Dowani, Char Sindurna, Char Dawabari and Paruliya under Hatibandha upazila, Char Votmari, Char Kakina, Rudreshewar and Jamirbari in Kaliganj upazila, Kadomtola, Balapara and Char Gobordhan in Aditmari upazila, Char Kurul, Mogholhat, Char Kulaghat, Char Bowalmari, Rajpur, Char Kalmati, Khuniya Gachh, Char Gokunda and Char Milon Bazar under Sadar upazila.

While visiting the areas yesterday, this correspondent found that many villagers took shelter on the embankments and roads. WDB officials said the

Five robberies in one night in Birganj of Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Five robberies took place in Birganj upazila early Monday.

The robbers took away goods worth Tk 10 lakh cash, 6 tola gold ornaments and a motorbike.

Sources said, a group of 15 to 16 robbers equipped with locally made arms, stormed into Solaiman Ali's husking mill in the town in the early hours. They looted a motorcycle and cash Tk 1.5 lakh from there.

Later, the gang swooped into Tahidul Islam Bakul's business centre and looted Tk 30,000 as cash, breaking a

Another gang entered into the house of Md Abdul Hossain, breaking the ventilator at Gopalpur village at around 3.50am and looted 5 tola gold ornaments.

In Bhaduria village, robbers entered into the house of Md. Abdus Sattar and took away two cell phones, and one tola gold ornaments.

In Muriala village of the upazila, another gang of robbers entered the house of Nabirat Ali and tied up the house owner.

But the robbers fled away after villagers rushed there hearing the news over cell phone.

Contacted, Nurul Islam Shiddiqi, OC of Birganj upazila said they have stepped up vigilance in deferent areas.

Stove explosion kills hotel boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Dinajpur

A young man was killed and another sustained severe burn injuries as a kerosene stove went off a Ranirbandar village in Chirirbandar upazila yester-

day morning. The deceased, Abdul Majid, 22, hailed from Koimari village under Rangpur Sadar upazila and injured Abdul Nur is a resident of Nasratpur village

under Chirirbandar. Police said the fuel tank of the stove exploded at Islam Bistannya Bhandar, a roadside restaurant in the area at around 8:00am, leaving the two hotel boys

critically injured. They were rushed to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital where the doctors declared Majid dead.

# Thousands marooned in 35



A family marooned by floodwater at Dawabari village in Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district yesterday.

water level of Teesta was flowing below five centimeter of its danger level at Daliya point of Hatibandha upazila while Dharla was flowing four centimeter below danger level at Kulaghat point in Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

Solayman Ali, 65, of Char

Dawabari village said " Torrential rain in the last four days and water from the upstream increased the water level of Teesta triggeringflash flood.

"The floodwater entered our home on Monday night", He added.

Abdus Sobur, 48, of

Sindurna village in Hatibandha, said "The flood water inundated 320 homes in the village."

Lalmonirhat WDB executive engineer Enayet Ullah said the water level of Teesta and Dharla increased in the morning but it came down at noon.

### 13 'kidnapped' Rangamati traders yet to be rescued

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati** 

The 13 banana traders, allegedly kidnapped from Chilekdak area in Suvalong union under Barkal upazila of the district on Sunday evening, are yet to be traced out.

Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) and United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) blamed each other for the incident.

An armed gang picked up the 13 banana traders from their engine boat at Chilekdak when they were going from Bono Jogichhara Bazar under Jurachhari upazila to Rangamati town for selling banana, said Abdul Karim, officer in-charge (OC) of Barkal police station.

"As I have learnt from different sources, the UPDF men abducted the traders. They got angry with the traders for going to Rangamati district town instead of local Suvalong Bazar.

"On several occasions PCJSS and UPDF engaged in clashes over control of Suvalong Bazar. Three weeks ago, the PCJSS made an announcement, asking locals not to go to the market. Since then most people have been boycotting the

bazar, much to the grievance of UPDF men," the OC said.

Joint forces comprising police, BGB and army are conducting drives to rescue the victims, he added.

Sajib Chakma, assistant information secretary of PCJSS central committee, said, "Our organisation did not make any announcement to prevent people from using Suvalong Bazar. Members of UPDF kidnapped the traders to serve their ill motive and create turmoil in the area. So far I know the UPDF imposed a so-called ban on Rangamati town bazar for public."

On the other hand, Michael Chakma, secretary of Gonotantrik Jubo Forum, a youths' body of UPDF, said, "We have no involvement with abducting the traders. The PCJSS, which hindered people from going to Suvalong Bazar, did the act."

The abductees are Ranger Chakma, Illo Chakma, Ujjalendu Chakma, Rupam Chakma, Moni Chakma, Sadhan Chakma, Kanti Chakma, Alen Chakma, Ajit Chakma, Amar Singh Chakma, Junel Chakma, Purno Bikash Chakma and Kanungo Chakma, police said.



PHOTO: STAR

Women voters queue up in front of Bhohola Government Primary School centre to cast votes during election to Bijora Union Parishad in Biral upazila of Dinajpur yesterday. Polling in the UP could not be held in the last ten years due to a conflict over area delimitation.

#### ARREST OF JUBO DAL, JCD MEN IN NOAKHALI

### Roadblock, vandalism as court rejects bail pleas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 25 leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were sent to jail yesterday after a court rejected their fresh bail petitions in a case filed for vandalising a business establishment in the district town.

They include Jashim Uddin, convenor of district Jubo Dal, Nurul Amin Khan and Saber Hossain, president and secretary of district JCD, Abdullah- Al- Noman, organising secretary of Jubo Dal and Shah Zakir

hossain, convenor of JCD. The magistrate ordered to send them to jail rejecting their bail pleas after they appeared before his court. Earlier, they got

bail from the High Court in the case.

Following the order, the activists of Jubo Dal and JCD brought out a procession and blocked the Sonapur- Maijdee road for an hour.

Later, they clashed with police when the law enforcers went there to clear the road. During the clash, the protestors vandalised three CNG-run auto-rickshaws.

Police arrested three activists from the spot during the incident.

On April 4, district unit of BNP brought out a procession in the town as a part of its central programme. Some activists vandalised the business establishment of the party

leader Abu Naser during the programme. Later, a case was filed in this connection.

#### 4 cops closed on bribery charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Four policemen at Bangabandhu Bridge police station (east) were closed to Tangail police line yesterday on charge of bribery.

When the four were taking bribes from different vehicles stopping them in front of the police station on Monday morning, a team of a private television channel, who were coming from Rajshahi, shot the acts of bribery, sources said.

The news footage was later shown on the television on the same day.

Yesterday, the four were closed to the Tangail police line.

The closed cops are assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Mohammad Akram and constables Hazrat Ali, Jahangir Alam and Abu Jayed.

Younus Ali, officer incharge (OC) o Bangabandhu Bridge police station (east) said that the incident will be investigated and the four cops will be punished if found guilty.

#### Sad death of a newly-wed woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A newly-wed woman was crushed under the wheels of a truck on Monday.

The incident happened only three days after her marriage, said family mem-

She was killed when she

went to visit Teesta Barrage at Daliya village of Hatibandha upazila with her husband on a motorbike. Police said Disha Begum, 18, daughter of Babul

Hossain of Ramonignj village, was married to Lebu Miah, 27, son of Abdul Aziz village Purbo Sarodubi on Friday night. The truck rammed the

couple in the area, leaving Disha dead on the spot and Lebu injured critically.

However, the driver along with his truck managed to flee the scene immediately after the incident.

Case for May 16 Rampage in Thakurgaon

## 32 leaders, activists of BNP bodies land in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Thirty-two leaders and activists of Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal, who surrendered to a court here yesterday in connection with a case filed under the Speedy Trial, were sent to jail. They all are charge-

sheeted accused in a case for vandalising vehicles, banks and business establishments in Thakurgaon town on May 16. The accused surrendered

to the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court at around 11:30am and sought bail. After hearing, Senior Judicial

rejected their bail petitions and sent them to prison. They were also shown arrested in another case for damaging a police vehicle in the town during the inci-

Magistrate Masud Pervez

Jubo Dal and JCD men went on the rampage in the town on May 16 in protest at the sending of 33 leaders of BNP-led 18-paty alliance, including BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam, to jail in a vehicle torching case the same day.

They vandalised at least 100 vehicles, several banks, business establishments in police at Thakurgaon intersection, leaving at least 12 people, including three cops, injured, police stated in the charge-sheet.

Law enforcers fired 30 to 40 tear gas shells and rubber bullets to bring the situation under control, police further said. A case was filed with

Thakurgaon Sadar Police Station under the Speedy Trail Act on the night of May 16. Police pressed charges against 39 BNP and JCD men on Sunday.

Of them, six were arrested earlier while the rest, includ-

the town and clashed with ing JCD district unit President Rashed Alam Labu, General Secretary Aminul Islam Shohag and Organising Secretary Masudul Islam Munna, are still at large.

> Chief Judicial Magistrate Jukfikar Ali Khan issued arrest warrants against the absconding accused on May

> Immediately after the court order, Jubo Dal and JCD activists brought out a procession in the town and paraded the main streets demanding immediate release of their party men.



Activists of Jubo Dal and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal being taken to the jail after rejection of their bail prayers by a Thakurgaon court yesterday.

## Injured Jessore Jubo Dal leader dies, none held yet

Amit as the culprits.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Organising secretary of Jessore district unit Jubo Dal Ashiqur Rahman Akul, 45, who was attacked by a gang on Monday night, died early yesterday.

Locals said a group of youths often threw brickbats at houses at Block-E of Upashahar in the district

town at night. At an arbitration on Monday, night local leaders identified Hiron, Asif and Hearing the news, Akul reprimended them and slapped Hiron while returning home from the town. At this, they became

criminals hit him in the head with sticks, leaving him critically injured. Locals took Akul to Jessore Medical College Hospital at

about 11:00pm where he succumbed to his injuries at about 3:00am yesterday.

All the three accused ishment of the culprits.

went into hiding immediately after the incident, police said.

Officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station Abdul Jalil said a case was filed in angry with Akul. The three connection with the killing. "We have already launched a drive to arrest the criminals," he said.

Jessore district BNP organising secretary Delwar Hossain Khokon, terming Hiron as a criminal, demanded arrest and pun-

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