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Orphans of Manikganj Shishu Paribar and Chandpur Government Shishu Paribar give a joyful laugh after getting Eid greeting cards yesterday. The Daily Star and HSBC have jointly taken this novel task to spread the happiness of Eid among the orphans across the country.

Follow-up

SUICIDE BY SCHOOLGIRL  
Both absconding  
accused teachers  
suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Dinajpur

The headmaster and assistant headmaster of Uttar Palashbari Amiran Siraj Memorial High School under Chirirbandar upazila of the district have been suspended.

The school managing committee in a meeting yesterday suspended Assistant Headmaster Abu Bakkar Siddique whose indecent proposal had led a female student of the school to commit suicide on Saturday, and Headmaster Md Shahin Pervez for not taking immediate action against Abu Bakkar Siddique.

Both are absconding and also accused in a case filed by father of the girl with Chirirbandar Police Station on Sunday. Assistant Headmaster Abu Bakkar Siddique, 53, had gone into hiding soon after the girl took her life while Headmaster Shahin Pervez after filing of the case.

The angry students, guardians and villagers staged demonstrations on Sunday and Monday

demanding immediate arrest of Abu Bakkar Siddique. They also locked the school on Sunday protesting the incident.

Police quoted family members as saying that Abu Bakkar Siddique had made advances to Diti Rani, 12, a class eight student of the school, several times, but she refused. As the teacher again made advances to Diti on August 5, she brought the matter to the notice of her parents. Her father Abinash Chandra of Tannipara village filed a written complaint with Sahin Parvez, headmaster of the school, on August 6, but he did not take prompt action against the teacher.

The headmaster later convened a meeting of the managing committee which issued a letter to Abu Bakkar Siddique, asking him to explain by August 14.

Tormented by the illicit proposal and delay in taking action against the teacher, Diti committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling of her room at around 11:00am on Saturday, family said.

DRIVE TO RESCUE 36 ABDUCTED FISHERMEN

Navy, Coastguard cordon off dens of Sundarbans robbers

UNB, Bagerhat

Members of Bangladesh Coastguard and Bangladesh Navy cordoned off the dens of the Sundarbans robbers, who kidnapped 36 fishermen early Friday, in the East Zone of the forest under Sharankhola upazila yesterday morning.

The members of Coastguard of Mongla West

Zone and Bangladesh Navy of Mongal, led by Coastguard zonal commander M Saidur Rahman, encircled the robbers at Shelar Char and Dublar Char points of the Sundarbans at about 10:45am.

The joint team also called in helicopters to help them rescue the fishermen and arrest the abductors till filing of this

report at about 12:10 pm. Thirty-six fishermen were kidnapped by forest robbers near Fairway Buoy of the Bay in Sharankhola upazila early Friday.

The armed gang also took away three trawlers and looted valuables worth about Tk 12 lakh.

Five fishermen were injured during the attack.

A gang of 15/20 members of notorious 'Mortoz

Bahini' attacked over 100 fishermen when they were catching hilsha in 10 trawlers.

Before leaving the spot, the gang kidnapped 36 fishermen along with three trawlers and demanded a ransom of Tk 50,000 for the release of each captive.

They threatened to kill the fishermen if their demand was not met within a week.



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A Birangana (war heroine) receives money and saree from Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee chief Shahriar Kabir at a function held in the hallroom of Uttaran Mohila Sangstha in Sirajganj town on Tuesday.

War heroines honoured

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Sirajganj

Twenty-one Biranganas of Sirajganj, who survived torture by Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators during the Liberation War in 1971, were honoured on Tuesday.

Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee organised a function to honour the war heroines in the hallroom of Uttaran Mohila Sangstha in the town.

The function was addressed, among others, by Ghatak Dalal Nirmul

Committee chief Shahriar Kabir, Deputy Commissioner of Sirajganj Aminul Islam, Nirmul Committee's Secretary Kazi Mukul, Ferdousi Priyovashini, advocate KM Hossain, Ali Hasan, Abdul Hai Talukder, Dr Jahurul Haq Raja, Gazi Sohrab Ali, Asad Uddin Pablu, and Safina Lohani Nirmul Committee's district chief Aminul Islam Chowdhury presided.

Shahriar Kabir in his speech urged the government to take a move to realise compensation from Pakistan government for the

victims who were killed, raped and tortured by the occupation army.

Biranganas were officially honoured by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. After his brutal killing, the successive governments did not take care of the war heroines, he said.

Shahriar Kabir requested the government to rehabilitate the Biranganas with due honour. Later, Nirmul Committee gave Tk 3,000 and a saree to each of the war heroines.

One killed in  
clash over  
capture of  
jalmahal

UNB, Kurigram

A man was killed and seven others were injured in a clash between two groups over capture of a jalmahal (water body) at Pateshwari village in Bhurungamari upazila on Monday.

The deceased was identified as Habibar Rahman, 58, of the same village. The injured are Shaheen Alam, 25, Atab Ali, 65, Nur Islam, 55, Ibrahim, 50, Mofizul, 25, Taser, 26 and Sayem, 29.

Officer in-charge of Bhurungamari police station Ahsan Habib said, there had been a longstanding dispute between the members of Pateshwari land owners association and Pateshwari fish development and management committee over control of Pateshwari jalmahal.

The water body has been in possession of the land owners association for long.

The clash ensued on Monday noon when members of the fish development and management committee went to take control of the jalmahal only to be prevented by their rivals.

A chase and counter chase took place during the melee, killing Habibar on the spot and injuring seven others.

The injured were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

SNIPPETS

3 Indians freed from jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Three Indian nationals were yesterday released from Brahmanbaria jail on completion of their five months' jail term. They are Sushanto Deb, 22, Amarjit Deb, 24, and Bimol Deb, 26. Police handed them over to Indian immigration personnel through Akahura land port at noon. Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) were present. According to police and jail sources, the three Indians entered Bangladesh in a car through Akahura check post without valid papers at 1:30am on December 26 in 2011. The on-duty BGB men intercepted the car, arrested the three and recovered knives, rods and lethal weapons from their possession.

'Jiner Badsha' arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Police arrested a fake spiritual healer on charge of cheating a villager at Joyenpur in Sadullapur upazila on Monday night. They also recovered golden image of a deity from his possession. The arrestee was identified as Rubel Mia Sagor, 20, of village Taluk Kanupur. Rubel, who claimed himself as jiner badsha (king of genie), cheated Taleb Mia in the name of spiritual healing and asked him to give Tk 80,000 in exchange of the image. On suspicion, victim's relatives caught Rubel red handed during the transaction and handed him over to the police, said Mizanur Rahman, officer in-charge of Sadullapur police station.

Agri official murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

A man was killed during a clash between two rival groups in Halokhana union of Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon. The victim, Lutfar Rahman, 27, son of Sambil Hossain Master of Mastererhat area, was a sub-assistant agriculture officer of the union. Abdul Gaffar, 25, and Hasan Ali, 16, brothers of the deceased, were also injured during the clash. Locals said there was a longstanding conflict between one Sambil and his neighbour Saiful Ali for long over taking control of a pond. Lutfar along with his brothers assaulted Saiful's son Mukul when he went to catch fish at the pond. As a sequel to the incident, Mukul along with his four brothers attacked the trio with lethal weapons on union parishad office premises, leaving them critically injured, said sources at UP chairman office. The injured were rushed to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital where the doctors declared Lutfur dead.

3 beaten up by mob

UNB, Chandpur

Three people were injured in mob beating at Baniachho village in Shahrasti upazila on Monday night. Shahrasti police said Motalab, 35, of Nalua village of Barura upazila of Comilla, Omar Faruk, 27, of Kalikapur village and Md Rubel, 25, of Sudhara village in Barura were leisurely walking at a secluded place at remote Baniachho at 9:30pm. Local people challenged them and at one stage encircled them. They beat them black and blue suspecting them to be robbers. Being informed, police rushed in and rescued the trio.

Robbers loot trawler

UNB, Kurigram

Robbers looted valuables worth Tk 9 lakh from a trawler in the Brahmaputra River in Rajibpur upazila on Monday. Ten passengers were also injured as the gang attacked them. Local sources said, a gang of 20/25 came by an engine-driven boat and swooped on the trawler when it reached Hasdhara from Rajibpur Ghat carrying 50 passengers at about 10:30am. Later, the robbers took away cash, mobile sets and other valuables from the passengers. They also beat up at least 10 passengers as they tried to resist them.

BCL leader arrested

UNB, Barisal

A local leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League was arrested while taking drugs on the campus of Barisal Govt College on Monday evening. The arrestee was identified as Mahmudul Hasan Kochi, office secretary of college unit of BCL. A sub-inspector of the Detective Branch of police said they arrested Kochi along with drugs from the college campus when he was injecting drugs in his body in the evening.

Woman electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A woman was electrocuted in Badarganj upazila on Monday. The deceased was identified as Aysa Begum 22, wife of Abdul Majed of Baniapara village in Radhanagar union of the upazila. Prithwish Kumar Sarker, officer in-charge of Badarganj police station said Aysa came in contact with an electric wire at around 8pm while cleaning the ceiling of her room. She later died at local health complex

Stalkers throw acid  
on schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Rangpur

A schoolgirl was severely burnt as stalkers threw acid on her in South Babukha area of the city on Monday night.

Masuda Aktar Moni, 15, daughter of Mokbul Islam of the area and student at Samaj Kalyan Bidyabithi School, received injuries in her face and chest.

Family members said, stalkers Ariful Islam, Alal, Arefin and Dulal used to tease Moni on her way to school.

The four gathered in front of Moni's house at around 11:00pm. After sometime, Ariful entered Moni's room and threw acid on her when she was asleep.

The girl was rushed to Rangpur Medical College and

Hospital in critical condition.

Later she was shifted to Acid Survivors' Foundation at Dhaka as her condition deteriorated.

In Moulvibazar district, criminals killed a three-month-old girl as her mother refused to respond to their indecent proposal at Surikhal village in Rajnagar upazila early Sunday, reports UNB.

The officer in-charge of Rajnagar police station, said criminals barged into the house of Cherag Ali in his absence in the early hours and gave the proposal to his wife Rupia.

As she refused to accept their proposal, the gang murdered her daughter Taslima.

Expat mugged in Feni

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Masked 'neighbours' took away cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 12 lakh from an expatriate on Feni-Sonaimuri road at Alatali Bazar in Daganbhuiyan upazila early yesterday.

Family members said Abul Kashem, son of Abdul Haque Dealer, arrived in Dhaka from Greece, three to four days ago.

His wife Sumi Akther and father went to the capital to receive him. On Monday evening, they started for

home by a private car. When they reached near their house at about 3:00am, a gang of 7/8 waylaid them and snatched away around 7000 Euro, a mobile set and gold ornaments.

During the incident, face of mugger came out of mask and Abdul Haque could identify him.

At this, the muggers stabbed Haque and Kashem indiscriminately, leaving them injured. The gang also beat Sumi Akther when she tried to resist them.



PHOTO: STAR

Locals of Keranipara in Rangpur city form a human chain in front of DC's office yesterday, demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of Bayezid Faruk Murad, a cable network operator of the area on August 3.

Bring Murad's killers to  
book, demand protesters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Hundreds of locals of Keranipara area in the city staged a protest in front of the deputy commissioner's office yesterday, demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of Bayezid Faruk Murad.

Murad, 28, a cable network operator of Keranipara area in the city died after he was severely stabbed by a local gang on August 3.

The protesters gave a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur and later formed a human chain in front of his office for an hour from 12am.

Addressing the human chain at the venue, the participants strongly protested the incident and urged the authorities concerned to ensure urgent steps to bring the culprits to book.

Among others, Ferdousi Begum, former councilor of Rangpur municipality, Jafrin

Islam Rifa and Delwar Hossain, father of Murad spoke at the human chain programme.

They alleged that on August 3 night, local gangsters Milon, Shawpon, Sumon, Piar Ali, Saju, Suzon and Faruk stabbed Murad indiscriminately, following a dispute over cable network business.

At one stage, the gang also severed his wrist.

Bayezid Faruk Murad later succumbed to his injuries while on the way to Dhaka for treatment on Friday morning.

The speakers alleged that police are yet to arrest the killers although they were moving freely and threatening the family members to withdraw the case.

Altat Hossain, Officer-in-Charge of Rangpur Kotwali police station said police were trying their best to arrest the killers.