

## SNIPPETS

### 8 Rohingyas arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Bilaichhari police yesterday morning arrested eight Rohingyas from a local marketplace when they were moving there suspiciously after illegally entering Bangladesh territory from Myanmar. The arrestees were identified as Md. Ahad, 18, Md. Reaz, 18, Md. Asek, 18, Md. Rahim, 20, Md. Alkoma, 20, Md. Nur Alam, 18, Md. Zaker, 20, and Md. Abdul Aziz, 22. Police said they intruded into Bangladesh territory through Ukhiya in Teknaf under Cox's Bazar due to a sectarian violence in Rakhaine state in Myanmar. The Rohingyas came to Bilaichhari for in search of work yesterday and police arrested them from the bazaar, said Anjan Kumar Paul, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bilaichhari police station.

### Journalist assaulted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A gang mercilessly beat up the editor of a local daily yesterday. The victim was Mohammad Ali Joardar, editor of Dainik Sagarkhali, a Bangla daily, published from Mirpur upazila of the district. According to officer-in-charge (OC) of Mirpur police station Sikdar Moshir Rahman, Mohammad Ali locked in an altercation with some neighbours in Tahbazar area over keeping sand on the road at about 7.30am a few days ago and slapped on the face of one. Yesterday, a gang of 4-5 youths attacked Ali in the area and severely beat him up.

### Man beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A man was beaten to death at Shreerampur village under Baraigram upazila in the district yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Rafiqul Islam, 32, son of Meher Ali of the village. Abdur Razzak, uncle of the victim said, there was a feud between Rafiqul Islam and one Shahidul Islam over forming the managing committee of Shreerampur High School. Yesterday morning, Shahidul and along with 4-5 attacked Rafiqul with lethal sharp weapons and injured him critically. Later locals rushed Rafiqul to Rajshshai Medical Collage and Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at around 4:30pm.

### Two snatched from cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Three policemen were injured as locals attacked them and snatched two handcuffed arrestees near the sluice gate area in Companyganj upazila on Monday night. The policemen are assistant sub inspector (ASI) Abdul Momin and constables Ziaul Haidar and Monir Hossain. Emran Ali, officer in-charge of Companyganj police station and injured ASI Abdul Momin said, two groups of agitated youths locked in a clash near the sluice gate area around 11:00pm. On information, a team of police rushed to the spot and held Raju, 19, Lokman, 20, and Shahjahan, 19, from the spot. When the policemen were returning to the police station with the arrestees, locals attacked the police van and snatched two handcuffed arrestees -- Lokman and Shahjahan.



PHOTO: STAR

This CNG filling station at South Surma of Sylhet city remains closed. CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners' Association began an indefinite strike in Sylhet division yesterday demanding arrest of the BCL men who vandalised a filling station in the city's Shibganj area on the night of September 5.

## SEPT 5 BCL ATTACK FOR ILLEGAL TOLL

# Filling stations in Sylhet division on strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Sylhet divisional chapter of CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners' Association yesterday started an indefinite strike in the division demanding immediate arrest of the BCL men who vandalised a CNG filling station in the city's Shibganj area on September 5.

The divisional chapter of Petroleum Dealers, Agents and Distributors' Association and Tank Lorry Owners' Association also joined the strike.

Abdul Hasib Bhuiyan, managing director of the CNG filling station, Surma Auto-Care Limited, alleged that a group of BCL men led by district unit president Selim Chowdhury entered the filling station at around 8:00pm and demanded Tk five lakh from the staff. As they refused to oblige, the

BCL activists vandalised the station, he said.

Abdul Hasib filed a case with Shah Paran Police Station the same night, accusing Selim Chowdhury and 13 other BCL men. Police could not arrest any of the accused as of yesterday.

Zobayer Ahmed Chowdhury, president of Petroleum Dealers, Agents and Distributors' Association, told this correspondent yesterday that they also joined the strike protesting the attack on Surma Auto-Care Limited.

He said the attackers are putting pressure on the owners of the filling station to withdraw the case.

Faizur Rashman, president of CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners' Association, alleged that a group of BCL men came to his house

twice on Monday and threatened him with dire consequences if they failed to take immediate steps to withdraw the case. He lodged a general diary (GD) with Shah Paran Police Station the same day.

The district administration sat with the leaders of the two associations on Monday evening to settle the issue. But the meeting failed to yield any positive results. "We could not reach a settlement at the meeting as the authorities concerned failed to take action against the attackers," said Zobayer Ahmed Chowdhury, president of Petroleum Dealers, Agents and Distributors' Association.

# ACC sues 2 Pabna primary teachers on graft charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

## Follow-up

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on Sunday filed two cases against two primary school teachers and three government officials in connection with misappropriating Tk 71,706.

Md Aminul Haque Sohel, assistant teacher of Char Radhakantapur Primary School, illegally drew Tk 44,756 while his wife Salma Khatun, assistant teacher of Bahialahat Government Primary School, received Tk 26,950 by using false cheques

during 2009-2010 fiscal year, goes the statement of the case filed by Md Mosharaf Hossain, deputy assistant director of ACC, Pabna.

Three other accused in the case -- Md Joynal Abedin, former upazila primary education officer of Pabna Sadar upazila (now working in Santhia upazila), Md AKM Edris Ali, auditor of district accounts office, and Khandakar Mahafuzul Haque, former superintendent of district

accounts office (now the accounts officer of Bera), were responsible for issuing false cheques to the two teachers and overwriting in their salary sheets.

"During primary inquiry we found the truth of the allegations and filed two cases with Pabna police station. The cases have been sent to the commission headquarters seeking permission for more investigation," said Mosharaf Hossain.

On August 4, 2010, The Daily Star ran a report titled 'Fat salary cheques for two teachers' on the matter.

## 2 BNP leaders suspended in Chandpur

UNB, Chandpur

Two leaders of the district unit BNP have been suspended on charges of their involvement in the anti-party activities.

District committee vice-president Shafiqur Rahman Bhuiyan and executive member Advocate Iqbal Bin Bashar were relieved of their all responsibilities on Monday, party sources said.

Besides, five other members have been served with showcause notices as their activities may tarnish party image.

Party sources said BNP Central Committee sent a message to its district office ordering suspension of Shafiqur and Iqbal on charges of their involvement in the anti-party activities.

As the news spread in the town, many supporters of the two local BNP leaders vandalised the party office at about 7pm.

# AL attack leaves 15 including BNP men injured

## 10 houses ransacked in Narsingdi

UNB, Narsingdi

At least 15 people including BNP activists were injured and 10 houses ransacked in an attack, allegedly by Awami League (AL) activists at Pirpur village at Mirzapur union in Raipura upazila yesterday.

Police said there had been a longstanding dispute between local AL leader and Mirzapur union parishad (UP) chairman Manzur Elahi and former chairman Faizur Rahman, vice president of the district unit BNP, over establishing

dominance in the area.

Yesterday, the AL activists led by Manzur, attacked the BNP activists and supporters of Faizur Rahman, leaving 15 people injured at about 8pm.

The attackers also ransacked 10 houses and looted valuables worth about Tk six lakh, the victims claimed.

The injured were admitted to the upazila health complex and Narsingdi Sadar Hospital.

Being informed, police rushed in and brought the situation under control. They also detained six people from the spot.