

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Clash over disputed land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Thakurgaon*

At least five people were injured in a clash over a piece of disputed land at Khochabari village in Sadar upazila on Friday. The injured, Abul Khair, Mosharaf, Swapan, Bilkis and Monwara, were admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital. Locals said Alauddin Master of Daulatpur village along with his supporters resisted Abul Khair of Khochabari when he was working at his cropland. As a sequel to the incident, the followers of the rivals attacked each other, leaving at least five from both sides injured.

10 houses gutted

UNB, *Gazipur*

At least 10 houses were gutted in a fire at Porabari-Uttar Salna village in Sadar upazila on Friday night. Locals said the fire originated from an electrical short circuit at a house of one Hasna Begum at about 10:00pm and soon engulfed the other adjacent dwellings. On information, two fire fighting units from the district town rushed in and doused the blaze after two hours of hectic efforts. The affected house owners claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 10 lakh.

8 hurt in gas cylinder blast

UNB, *Munshiganj*

At least eight people were injured as a gas cylinder exploded at a mini Chinese restaurant in Thanarpool area of the district town on Friday afternoon. Second officer Sultanuddin of Sadar Police Station said the explosion took place while cooking food for a Milad mahfil in the restaurant, leaving eight people, including its owner Shahin, injured at about 3:45pm. Shahin and his employee Nahid were rushed to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital in critical condition while others to Munshiganj General Hospital.

Tiger kills fisherman

A CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

A fisherman was killed by tiger at Joymonir canal in the west of Sunderbans yesterday morning. The victim was identified as Nazrul Islam, 35, son of Kawser Gazi of Bhagba village in Koyra upazila. A tiger attacked Nazrul when he was fishing in the canal at around 8:00am. On information, forest guards recovered the body from the spot, said Md Ibrahim, station officer of Baniakhali forest.



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Devotees from different areas of the country through a water body in Hemayetpur of Pabna district to have a holy dip, marking the 125th birth anniversary of Sri Sri Thakur Anukul Chandra.

Man's body exhumed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

Body of a man was exhumed in Fulchari upazila yesterday following a court order. The victim was identified as Hashemuddin Rubel, 45, of Chandia village. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. Police said locals found Rubel in unconscious state on the night of August 20 and sent him to Rangpur Medical College hospital in critical condition where he died after some times. The following day, villagers caught one suspected murderer Shamsul Alam Lenin and handed him over to the police. Later, Lenin was freed. Demanding to record a case and arrest the killers, locals staged demonstration. Following a plea filed by the family members, the court ordered to exhume the body, said Executive Magistrate Rahat Mannan.



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Newly sworn in five ministers and two state ministers offer prayers after placing floral wreaths at the grave of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj district yesterday.

ATTEMPT TO ENTER IU CAMPUS

Four outsider BCL men held with bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

Police arrested four outsiders belonging to Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) with two bombs when they were trying to enter the campus of Islamic University (IU) in Kushtia yesterday noon.

The arrestees Hasim Ahmed Tushar, 26, Siddiqur Rahman, 30, Sona Mia, 32, and Walid Hasan Pikul, 28, -- are outsiders and belong to Harinarayanpur unit of BCL, said Monir Uddin Mollah, officer in charge (OC) of IU police station.

"The duty officer challenged the four at the main entrance of the university and searched them when they failed to show their

identity cards. Two bombs were seized from their possession," he said.

The arrestees are activists of a 'local unit' of BCL and outsiders to the campus, said Shamsuzzaman Tuhin, general secretary of BCL IU unit.

Confirming the incident, IU Proctor Dr Meher Ali said the university guards were on kept alert as unidentified criminals torched two vehicles in front of the teachers' dormitory and vandalised several rooms of the Teacher-Student Cultural Centre on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, classes and examinations at the IU have remained suspended and official activities disturbed since September 8 as most of

the teachers, officials and employees could not attend their offices and students could not go to the campus due an indefinite transport strike called by the district transport association on Kushtia-Jhenidah Road.

University officials including Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Ala Uddin, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Kamal Uddin, Registrar Dr Moslem Uddin, and Treasurer Dr Sahajahan Ali yesterday went to the campus with police protection.

"Police and Rapid Action Battalion are patrolling the campus. We hope the situation will return to normal soon," said Registrar Dr Moslem Uddin.

2 electrocuted

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Two people were electrocuted in Chapainawabganj and Magura districts yesterday and the day before.

In Chapainawabganj, a young man was electrocuted at Shibpur-Trimohoni village in Shibganj upazila yesterday morning.

The dead, Abdul Malek, 27, was son of Syed Ali Mandol of the village, reports our correspondent.

Kabir, sub-inspector of Shibganj Police Station, said Malek suddenly came in contact with a live electric wire and died on the spot when he was cutting a branch of a tree near his home at around 8:30am.

In Magura, a farmer died from electrocution at Shyamnagar village in Mohammadpur upazila on Friday morning.

The victim was identified as Sirajul Islam, 42, of the village, reports UNB.

Police said Sirajul died on the spot when he came in contact with a live electric wire while cutting a bamboo near his house at around 10:00am.

Schoolgirl killed after rape in Habiganj, cop's son arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Police yesterday arrested the son of a constable of Bahubal Police Station in Habiganj district on charge of killing a schoolgirl after rape.

The arrestee was produced in the judicial magistrate's court that sent him to jail hajat, police said.

Officer-in-Charge Azizur Rahman Sarker of Bahubal Police Station told this correspondent that the victim, Marzana Akhtar, a class nine student of Ullapara High School in Sirajganj, had been staying at the house of her uncle Rafiqul Islam, sub-inspector of the police station, for the last two months. Fahad Hossain, son of constable Ruhul Amin, and Marzana became familiar

with each other a few days ago. On Friday night, Fahad took the girl to the roof of the staff quarter for chatting and at one stage, he raped her.

Apprehending possible consequences of the incident, Fahad pushed Marzana to the ground. Critically injured Marzana was rushed to the Bahubal Upazila Health Complex where she succumbed to her injuries at 2:00am.

Soon after the incident, police arrested Fahad. Marzana's aunt Kamrunnihar filed a case, accusing Fahad of killing Marzana after rape.

Police sent the victim's body to Habiganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy. Assistant Superintendent of Police of Habiganj Mozammel Haque visited the spot yesterday.

Moneylender's men hurt 5, loot goods worth Tk 10 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

Attackers injured five people including a woman of a minority family at Kunvakhali village under Baufal upazila in Patuakhali district on Friday.

The gang also kidnapped a member of a family and looted Tk 10 lakh in cash and kind from the house.

Police later rescued the abducted but could not arrest any of the attackers.

Farmer Bipen Das took Tk 70,000 as loan (on interest basis) from Liton Sikder two months ago for cultivating aman paddy on his land, said locals and police.

Friday was the scheduled day to repay the loan with interest. By the time Bipen managed Tk 50,000 by selling trees and others movable

assets and offered it to Liton.

But Liton became very angry and declined to accept it.

In the afternoon, a gang of 25/30 people led by him attacked Bipen's house and beat up Bipen and his wife Aroti Rani, 35, and three others.

The gang also looted cash Tk 50,000 (that had been managed for Liton), a tractor, a pump machine, a wheelbarrow, two cows, and valuables.

The value of the looted items would be Tk 10 lakh, said family sources.

The gang also kidnapped Bipen's elder brother Robin 50. Police rescued him from Jhilna village under the upazila at about 8:00pm on Friday.

Aroti Rani filed a case with Baufal police station accusing Liton and others for the incident.

Mob kills 'robber', injures 3 others in two districts

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An alleged robber was killed and three others were injured in mob beating in Noakhali and Feni districts early yesterday.

In Noakhali, A gang robbers entered the house of one Suresh Chandra Karmaker at Shibpur village under Begumganj upazila at around 2:30am, reports our correspondent.

They confined the members of the family to a room and started looting gold ornaments, money and other valuables.

As the family members

cried for help, villagers rushed to the spot and chased the gang. They caught one of the gang while the others managed to flee. The villagers beat up robber, leaving him critically injured.

Being informed, law enforcers from Begumganj Model Police Station, went to the spot, rescued the injured robber and took him to Noakhali Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at 2:00pm.

In Feni, locals caught three robbers at Fatahpur village under Fulgazi upazila at around 3:00am yesterday and beat them up, according to a correspondent.

Police quoted locals as saying that a gang of robbers swooped on the house of one Manik Mian at the village at around 2:00am. As the members of the house cried for help, neighbours chased the robbers and caught three of them while the rest managed to flee.

They were identified as Md Ilias, 30, of Uttar Fathehpur village under Feni Sadar upazila, Kamal Uddin, 40, of Matua village under Chhagalnaiya upazila, and Abu Taher, 40, of Chitahila village under Parshuram upazila.

The villagers beat up the robbers and later handed them over to the police.

Acting Officer-In-Charge (OC) Mahi Uddin of Fulgazi Police Station said they yesterday produced the arrested robbers in a Feni court that sent them to jail.

UNB from Laxmipur reports: a gang of robbers looted gold ornaments, cash and other valuables worth Tk 20 lakh from a house of a former union parishad chairman at Dakkhin Hamsadi in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

former UP Chairman Abdullah Patwari said a gang of robbers numbering 10/15 entered his house breaking open the door at around 3:00am and took them to a room at gunpoint.

Later, the gang took away 30 tolas of gold ornaments, Tk 6 lakh and other valuables, he added.



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Non-government college teachers observe a token hunger strike at Magura Press Club yesterday to press their 17-point demand including nationalisation of job. Similar programme was observed in other districts too.