AL LEADER FARUQUE KILLING

Family members

demand 'proper

police probe'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Awami League leader.

Family members have

demanded proper investiga-

tion into the killing of a local

concern over lax investiga-

tion as the law enforcers are

yet to trace out the real kill-

ers of Faruque Ahmed, two

Police yesterday arrested

months after the incident.

They also expressed deep

## Follow-up

## 11 BAU hall students arrested

Misconduct alleged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police arrested 11 resident students of Isha Khan Hall of Bangladesh Agricultural University early yesterday on charge of conducting 'misconduct' with the teachers and employees and disrupting administrative activities.

The students were held after a case was filed by Golam Mohiuddin Haolader, chief security officer of the university, said Abu Md Fazlul Karim, officer in-charge at Kotwali police station.

Protesting the arrest, the fellow students brought out a procession on the campus and besieged the administration building yesterday morning as well.

They also staged a sit-in programme at the building, demanding immediate release of the arrestees.

Earlier, the resident students of Isha Khan Hall on Sunday besieged the administrative building to press home their demands. They also staged a sit-in

a protest procession on the campus. Sources said, in January this year, the authorities declared the dormitory

programme and brought out

abandoned as its condition became risky. Protesting the decision, the students were staging agitation for the last few

At the programme on Sunday, they demanded adequate residential facilities, including smooth supply of water and electricity at

the hall. Proctor Shahidur Rahman Khan said, they were compelled to ask the students leave the hall as it became too risky in the last

one decade.

In February, the university authorities informed the students of Isha Khan Hall that their seats had been allocated at other residential

Many students of the dormitory immediately shifted to other halls while a few others stayed back, said the proctor.

The agitation programmes held by the students were nothing but making unrest on the campus, he said.

## Irrigation pump owners agitate

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Irrigation pump owners of more than 12 villages in Sadar and Kalihati upazilas on Sunday held agitation at Power Development (PDB) office in the district town, demanding smooth supply of power.

The villages include Malancha, Ainapur, Char Khidir, Bhitor Shimul, Bahir Shimul, Khidirpara and Dhaliata under Sadar upazila and Jugipal, Durgapur and Chandpara under Kalihati upazila.

The pump owners alleged that they were not getting electricity more than one to one hour and half out of 24 hours.

Jahirul Islam, irrigation pump owner of Charkhidir village in Sadar upazila, said his motor was burnt five times this season due to the same problem and every time he had to spend Tk 6,000 for its

repairing. On Saturday, at least 13 motors were burnt due to frequent load shedding, said another owner, Shafi Siddique, of Durgapur village in Kalihati upazila.



PHOTO: STAR

Blooming palash (flame of the forest) adorns nature in spring. The photo was taken from the premises of Shashi Lodge, a palace of the former Muktagachha zamindars, in Mymensingh town, a few days ago.

under Shyamnagar union,

sustained bomb injuries at

Shyamnagar village on

Jhenidah Sadar Hospital and

then shifted to Faridpur

Medical college Hospital

where he died at around

officer-in-charge of Sadar

Police station, said an

unidentified gang hurled a

bomb at Mofiz while he was

entering his house at the

unearth the clue to the

attack on Mafizul, the OC

said, adding that they have

picked up a youth from the

village, suspecting his

mechanical problem.

added.

repair it.

Orthopaedics and other

patients at the health com-

plex are now referred to

RMCH for doing X-ray, she

lone X-ray machine at the

health complex has been

lying idle for years just for a

small amount needed to

About three lakh and fifty

thousand people of six

unions of Kaunia upazila are

suffering for lack of atten-

authorities several times but

to no effect yet," said the

"We wrote to the higher

tion to the matter, she said.

She lamented that the

Police are trying to

Kazi Jalal Uddin Ahmed,

7:00am yesterday.

He was admitted to

March 24.

village.

Mafizul Islam, 34, vice- involvement in the inci-

AL leader bombed to

Abedin and union Awami

League leader and UP mem-

ber Kamal Uddin over cap-

Rouf always sided with

Kamal member and his

supporters killed Hamza Ali

of Joynal group on April 14

day, Joynal's men opened

fire and threw several bombs

on Rouf while he was sitting

in a tea stall at the bazaar. He

succumbed to his injuries on

the way to Jessore General

connection with the inci-

dent as of 5:00pm yesterday.

Additional police have been

deployed at the bazar to

Lone X-ray machine lying

following year. After a few

months, the machine totally

went out of order on April 4,

From the very beginning

Trader Rusel Ahmed of

some of its parts were not

the upazila said that the

poor people, mostly of char

areas, suffer most as they

cannot go to other private

hospitals and clinics for X-

ray due to financial rea-

the upazila health complex,

who is also a family planning

officer, said that the X-ray

machine went out of order

long ago due to some

Dr. Shahin Ara Haque of

functioning well, they said.

avert any further clash.

Awami League chief Joynal president of BNP ward unit dent.

2003.

sons.

idle for lack of repair

No one was arrested in

Hospital, they added.

At around 3:00pm yester-

last year, locals said.

ture of the local fish market.

death in Jhenidah

Injured BNP man succumbs

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

An Awami League leader of

Borobazar union unit under

Kaliganj upazila was

bombed to death by his rival

Rouf, 38, was organising

BNP leader, who was injured

in bomb attack in Jhenidah

Sadar upazila on the night of

March 24, died at Faridpur

Medical College Hospital

local people, Borobazar

incident was a sequel to a

long-running conflict

between Borobazar Union

Parishad Chairman and

MEHEDY HASAN, Rangpur

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hospitals and clinics for the

In 1999, the 300mm X-ray

machine worth Tk 44 lakh

was handed over to the

authorities, said sources at

It started operation the

the health complex.

purpose.

The treatment seekers of

According to police and

The deceased, Abdur

Meanwhile, a ward level

party men yesterday.

secretary of the unit.

yesterday morning.

Jhenidah

# JP leader's tendons severed in Jessore

UNB, BENAPOLE, Jessore

Criminals severed the tendons of a local leader of Jatiya Party (JP) after kidnapping him from Collectorate Chattar in the district town on Sunday evening.

Victim Israfil Kabir the district. He is son of Montaj Gazi of Chalkidanga village in the same upazila.

Police said, an armed gang, numbering five, came to Collectorate Chattar on two motorbikes.

They swooped on Israfil and kidnapped him at gun-

point while he was walking in the area in the evening.

They took Israfil to a garden at old Kasba Kazipara in the town where they cut off the tendons of his both legs and stabbed him indiscriminately.

The criminals then left the scene assuming Israfil to

Later, locals rescued him in a critical condition and got him admitted to Jessore Medical College Hospital.

union parishad chairman aspirant, using hired goons, tried to kill him as he (Israfil was preparing to take part ir the upcoming UP elections.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

## Cocktails, ingredients seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized 35 cocktails and cocktail making materials from Daganbhuiyan upazila of the

## Body recovered

UNB, Manikganj

Police recovered the body of a young man from Sahebpara in Saturia upazila on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Ali Hossain, 27, son of Wazuddin of Dhankora village under the same upazila. Locals spotted the partially decomposed body of Ali Hossain in a maize field in the area and informed police. Police recovered the body. They suspected that criminals might have killed him several days

## Listed criminal arrested

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Police in a driver arrested a 'listed' criminal at

## 7 'criminals' rounded up

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Police in separate drives arrested seven alleged criminals from different areas of the district town on Saturday night. The arrestees are Babu, Liton, Kalu Sheikh, Mamun, Farhad and Mainul Islam Mintu alias Momin driver. They hail from different areas of Jessore and Munshiganj district. Police said, a team of Jessore Kotwali police arrested the

### Mintu, 40, is Bhojgati union be dead. unit president of Jatiya Party in Monirampur upazila of

Israfil alleged that a local

## 'Missing' Since November 2

## Where has college boy Shaon gone?

UNB, Bogra

Azizul Haque Shaon, a Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) student at Cambrian College in the capital, who went missing from Kuril Biswa Road there in November last year still remains untraced.

Parents of Shaon have been passing anxious days for not knowing the whereabouts of their beloved son for the last five months.

Rosy Aktar, mother of the 17-year-old missing student, has sought help of the administration and press for bringing her son back.

Reading out a written statement at a press conference at Bogra Press Club on Saturday, Shaon's maternal uncle Aminul Islam said he (Shaon) had left their house at Hajirpur in Sherpur Sadar upazila for his college hostel

Shaon boarded a Dhakabound bus at Sherpur and got down from it at Kuril Biswa Road in the capital on the

on November 2.

same day, said the statement

Later his family contacted a teacher of the college hostel over phone who informed them that Shaon had not yet reached there.

The family filed a general diary with Bhatara PS in Dhaka the next day. "On November 4, some

unidentified people phoned us and demanded Tk 10 lakh as ransom for the release of my son," said Rosyin the statement.

"Later, they demanded Tk 50,000 for having contact with my son over phone and asked us to send the money to a bank's mobile account, added the statement.

The family filed a case with Bhatara PS on November 29 in this connection.

"We've been asking police, Rab and detective branch to rescue our son, but they have failed to make any headway said Rosy, adding that they have also sought the prime minister and home minister's intervention in this regard to help find out Shaon.

## AL leader stabbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

He was identified as Sekendar Ali, 53, of Khochabari area and president of 4 No. ward AL unit in

Seriously injured, he was admitted to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital.

Officer (RMO) of Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital Dr. Tapon Kumar Roy said, "The patient is still not out of danger as he was stabbed at

they arrested Raku from his residence the same night.

Sunday night.

Police said, Arshad Ali the RMO added. Raku, 49, stabbed Sekendar indiscriminately over previous enmity when the latter was returning home from his

# PHOTO: STAR

## 10:00pm.

Lalmonirhat

An Awami League (AL) leader was severely stabbed in Purana Bazar Kalibari area in the district town on

Lalmonirhat municipality.

business centre at around

15 points of his body." He is under observation, Meanwhile, police said

Locals said the arrestee is a close relative of the victim.

# Residential Medical

### a ward councillor of the municipality in connection with the killing. The arrestee is Shafiqul Haque Shamim, 32, council-The prime minister also lor of Ward No 6, and resident of College Para in the town, said Nazrul Islam, officer in-charge of Tangail Model police station. On January 15, criminals tigation, Shamim's shot dead Faruque Ahmed, former publication secre-

**Faruque Ahmed** 

Nahar Ahmed, wife of the deceased, filed a case with the PS accusing some unidentified assailants.

asked the law enforcers to bring the killers of Faruque to book immediately. During a primary inves-

involvement in connection with the killing was found, said the OC.

However, Faruque's wife refuted the OC's claim.

# SNIPPETS

## Youth held with arms

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore** 

tary of district unit AL and

editor of local weekly

Mulsrot, in the town.

Police arrested a youth with two foreign made 9mm pistols, four magazines and 31 bullets from a bus at Bonbelghoria in Sadar upazila yesterday noon. The arrestee was identified as Mohammad Babu, 31, son of Mohammad Rupban Ali of village Nalduburi under Shibgonj upazila in Chapainawabganj. Police said, on secret information, a team of detective branch of police raided a Dhaka-bound Shyamoli Paribhan bus at about 2:00am and held the youth along with the arms.

### Child dies as tree falls on him

A minor boy met a sad death as a tree fell on him at Singair in Manikganj on Sunday. The boy was identified as Tariqul Islam, 8, son of Elem Uddin of Tanbati village of the Singair upazila. Police and family sources said, a coconut tree fell on him at around 10:00am when neighbouring Jamir Uddin was cutting his tree. Tariqul was playing near the tree, locals said.

## Lightning kills one

A madarsa student was killed and another injured in lightning strike at Goeshpur village in Santhia upazila of the district on Saturday evening. The deceased was identified as Abdul Khalek, 24, son of Joinal Pramanik of the village. Locals said, two people -- Abdul Malek, a student of kamil 1st year of Dhulauri Kowsia Kamil Madrasha and his cousin farmer Almas, 32, son of Alauddin of the village were injured in lightning strike while they were working at a garlic field at around 5:45pm. They were admitted to Pabna Medical College Hospital where Malek succumbed after some time.

district on Saturday night. Rab sources said, following a tipoff, a team of Rab-7 led by commander Major Md. Raquibul Amin conducted a drive at a house in Dakkhin Jagatpur village and seized the cocktails and gun cocktail making materials including gun powder. Sumon, who rented the house however managed to flee the scene.

## ago and dumped the body there.

Shankarpasha village in Abhoynagar upazila early yesterday. They arrestee was identified as Saiful Islam Shikar, a notorious criminal of the area. Police sources said, acting on a secret information, a team of Pathalia police camp conducted a drive in the village and arrested Saiful from a bamboo cluster around 1:00am. Saiful is a leader of an outlawed group, the sources added.

seven from separate places of the town.

The lone X-ray machine at Kaunia Upazila Health Complex in Rangpur has remained idle for a decade for lack of repair of a 'mechanical fault'.