Two UPDF, PCJSS men shot dead in Khagrachhari

Six others of the regional parties also killed in 6 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Criminals shot dead an activist of United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF) and another of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS -- MN Larma faction) at Pujgang Mukh in Panchhari upazila under the district yesterday morning.

The victims are Samiran Chakma, 32, of UPDF and Purna Kumar Chakma alias Zarman, 45, of PCJSS MN Larma faction.

Samiran, Purna Kumar and one Shyamal were chatting at a tea stall in Pujgang Mukh area, about six kilometres from Panchhari upazila headquarters, around 8:00am when criminals opened fire, police quoted locals as saying.

Purna Kumar received

bullets and the criminals picked up Samiran and Shyamal from there.

Later, the criminals shot dead Samiran in nearby Alichan Karbaripara area while Shyamal managed to flee from their custody. Purna Kumar died on the

way to hospital.

Confirming the incident, officer in charge of Panchhari Police Station Alamgir Hossain said, the bodies were sent to Khagrachhari Adhunik Sadar Hospital for autopsy and process was on to file a case in this regard.

A press release signed by UPDF Press and Information Secretary Niran Chakma blamed the armed cadres of Santu Larma faction of PCJSS for the kill-

punishment of the killers, UPDF front organisations Democratic Youth Forum, Hill Women's Federation and Pahari Chhatra Parishad held a rally and brought out a protest procession in the district town.

PCJSS (Santu Larma faction) denied the allegation of killing against them.

Six other activists of two factions of PCJSS were killed in last six months as their armed members engaged in fighting for dominance in different areas of the district.

On January 9, PCJSS Santu Larma faction activist Kalopriyo Chakma, 38, was killed in a gun battle with rivals at Jogapara in Panchhari upazila.

On May 2, the same faction members Manaiya Demanding exemplary Chakma, 22, and Khagrachhari district.

Shantimoni Chakma, 16, were shot dead at Jurgachhari of Laxmichhari upazila of the district. On April 17, Shanti Moni

Chakma, 28, member of Jubo Samity, a front organisation of PCJSS MN Larma faction, was shot dead at Purnachandra Karbaripara under Dighinala upazila of the district. On June 29, Supan

Chakma, 40, general secretary of Panchhari upazila unit of PCJSS MN Larma faction, was shot dead in the upazila health complex

member Mitun Chakma, 35, was shot dead in Sholo Number area of Marung union in Dighinala upazila under

'TORTURE' ON WIFE FOR DOWRY

Brac bank manager sent to jail in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Bogra Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 yesterday rejected the bail petition of a Brac bank official in a case for torturing his wife and sent him to Jail.

Accused Golam Mostafa, 37, of Pashchim Singra in Adamdhigi upazila, is manger of Brac Gouripur branch in Comilla.

The tribunal, however, granted bail to Mostafa's two brothers, Dulu Mia and Bayezid Mia, also accused in the case.

According to the case, daughter.

Mostafa married Shahida Akhtar Moni, 21, daughter of Safiuddin Palowan of Kalaikuri village in the upazila on August 8, 2011.

After the marriage, Mostafa and his family members used to torture Shahid for dowry.

Following an altercation over the issue, Mostafa and his brothers Dulu and Bayezid beat up Shahida on September 21 last year,

Later, victim's father filed a case with the tribunal, accusing Mostofa, Dulu and Bayezid of torturning his

Assault on Teacher

On July 2, Jubo Samity Two college students expelled in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna teachers of the college

Government Akbar Ali College have expelled two students from the college on charge of assaulting a teacher on Wednesday.

The expellees are Emtiaz Hasan and Ershad Ali. Local people said both are BCL workers.

Vice Principal Dr Md. Habibullah Bahar told this correspondent that Emtiaz, student of class XI, and Ershad, student of class XII, misbehaved with Emdadul Haque, a teacher of Botany department of the college. at

In the afternoon, the two students beat up the teacher on the college campus. Being informed, other

The authorities of Sirajganj rushed to the spot and res-The academic council of

> the college held an emergency meeting with Principal Abdur Razzak in the chair yesterday. The council expelled Emtiaz Hasan and Ershad Ali from the college. Contacted, BCL Sirajganj

> district unit General Secretary Md Jakir Hossain said Emtiaz and Ershad are not BCL workers.

"There is no committee of BCL at the college. After the incident, local BCL leaders went to the college and urged the authorities take necessary actions against the two students as per rules." Jakir said.

Hospital vandalised after death of 3 kids

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Locals on Wednesday went on rampage at Shahzadpur Upazila Health Complex in Sirajganj district where three kids, who fell into ponds, died sometime after their admission as no attending doctors were available during the period.

The deceased were identiof Mahamud Ali of Kaklimari village, Milon, 7, son of Liton and Alif, 6, son of Abdul Haque of

Shaktipur village. Police said the trio fell into the ponds near their houses while they were playing beside it in the evening.

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upazila health complex where no on duty doctors were present at the moment and died after sometime.

They were rushed to the

As the deaths news spread, agitating locals and family members assaulted doctor's room and assaulted Dr Abdur Rahman, residential medical officer (RMO) of the fied as Abir Hossain, 6, son health complex, said Hassan Iqbal Shamim, officer in-charge of Shahzadpur Police Station.

Contacted, Abdur Rahman said he and another fellow doctor were on duty till 4:00pm and then returned to their respective homes.

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to flee, sensing the presence of BGB men. Student found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police recovered the body of a college student from a cropland in Sadar upazila yesterday. The deceased was identified as Mofizur Rahman, 20, son of Manik Mia of Biljoka village. He was a second year student of Lion Nazrul Islam College. Family sources said Mofizur went out home after getting a phone call on Wednesday and since then he went missing. Locals found his body in the farmland yesterday and informed police. The body bore injury marks, said Mohammad Abdul Haque, subinspector of Tangail Model Police Station. The reason behind the death could not be known immediately, said the SI.

SNIPPETS

Police arrested three alleged arms traders along with

a foreign made pistol in Amrakhali area on

Benapole-Jessore highway yesterday. The arrestees

are Raihan Ahmed and Rana Ahmed of Khulna city

and Sahidul Islam of Bhoberber village under

Benapole Port Police Station. Police said on secret

information, a team raided the area and arrested the

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in a drive

seized huge Indian cloths worth Tk 6 crore in Amrakhali

area under Benapole Port Police Station yesterday. BGB 26

Commending Officer Lt Matiur Rahman said a team

raided the area and seized a huge number of smuggled

sarees and three-pieces. However, the smugglers managed

Three held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

trio along with the arms.

Indian clothes seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Fake Rab man held

UNB, Sylhet

Police arrested a fake member of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) from a house in Kazitula area of the city on Wednesday. The arrestee is Sohel. Sub-Inspector Robiul Islam of Kotwali Police Station said Sohel sold a motorbike to one Elim Sheikh of Jailroad area a few days ago. At one stage, Elim found the vehicle's papers provided by Sohel to be forged and he pressed him (Sohel) to take back the motorbike. But Sohel refused it and rather threatened Elim impersonating a Rab official. Later, when Elim complained the matter to the local police station, the law enforcers arrested Sohel from his residence at Kaher Miah Colony of the area at 8.00pm. During the drive, they also seized a pistol, two walkie-talkies and a handcuff from the arrestee.

Four robbers held

UNB, Jhenidah

Police in a drive arrested four alleged robbers along with weapons on Jhenidah-Jessore Highway in Tetultala area early Wednesday. The arrestees are Rashedul Islam, son of Jahedul Islam, Kamrul Islam, son of Rajab Ali, Jasim Uddin, son of Abul Kashem and Hiron Shah, son of Firoz Shah of Hamdah Khandakar Para. Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, additional superintendent of police, said being informed that a gang was preparing to commit robbery on the highway, a team launched a drive at Tetultala at 3:00am and arrested the four. Later, police recovered a 303 rifle and six bullets from their possession.

Night guard murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A night guard was stabbed to death in Akkelpur upazila of Joypurhat district early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Golam Rabbani Sakhidar, 32, son of Mozaffar Hossain Sakhidar of Hinda village. On information, police recovered the body from the spot and sent it to Joypurhat Modern Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police suspected that the night guard might have been killed by his rivals over previous enmity.



PHOTO: STAR

This portion of Ganakpara-Manikpur road beside a pond in Munshiganj Sadar upazila subsided yesterday.

Battered by storms, Kuakata Eco Park loses charm

Fund crisis impedes renovation work

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Kuakata Eco Park, one of the attractions of the picturesque tourist spot in Kuakata sea beach, now hardly offers any charm to visitors as recurrent cyclones like Sidr, Aila and Mahasen wreaked havoc to the area.

There has been hardly any renovation work due to lack of fund.

During a recent visit to the eco park, about three km to the south of Kuakata Zero Point, this correspondent found sitting places for the tourists and a large portion of the walkways badly damaged and over 100 tamarisk trees uprooted by cyclone Mahasen that hit the south-

ern region on May 16. "Last year we came to Kuakata Eco Park with a picnic party and enjoyed the occasion amid immensely beautiful surroundings. But now it has lost its attraction to the tourists as cyclone Mahasen damaged it badly," said Tanvir Ahmed, a tourist

from Khulna. After its setting up a few years ago, the eco park with picnic sheds and adequate sitting arrangement became a great attraction for tourists but cyclones Sidr in 2007, Aila in 2009 and lastly Mahasen in May this year

damaged it seriously, said

resident.

The government should take step for renovation of the spot to bring back its charm, he said.

Patuakhali Divisional Forest Officer Mihir Kanti Do said a Tk 15.69 lakh project proposal titled 'Kuakata Ecopark Development Project' was

cerned in 2010 but to no aboard.

we will start renovation work to make the spot attractive again," he added.

The forest department set up the eco park on Kuakata sea beach at a cost of Tk 2.76 crore in 2006 to make the

Shahjahan Akon, a local sent for approval of the area more attractive to the higher authorities con- tourists from home and

> Five picnic spots were set "After getting approval up in the park covering 13,984 hectares of land including 5,000 hectares of mangrove forest.

Authorities also made a two-kilometre-long lake where six paddle boats are available for visitors.



PHOTO: STAR

Uprooted trees in Kuakata Eco Park in Kalapara upazila under Patuakhali district bear testimony to the massive destruction caused by recurrent cyclones, especially Mahasen that battered the area on May 16 this year.

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