

2001 PRE-POLL VIOLENCE IN GOURNADI Krishak League man sues ex-BNP MP Swapan, 100 others

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A local leader of Krishak League, peasant front of the ruling Awami League, has sued former BNP lawmaker from Barisal-1 (Gournadi-Agoiljhara) Zahir Uddin Swapan, and over a hundred BNP activists for alleged 2001 pre-election violence in Gournadi of Barisal.

Gournadi upazila BNP vice president and Sharikal union parishad chairman Manzur Hossain Milon is also among the accused in the case filed by Delwar Hossain, a resident of Kurirchar village, and president of upazila Krishak League, on Sunday night.

The case has been filed for attacks on AL activists and supporters, looting and damaging their properties, and blasting explosives, said Abul Kalam, officer in charge of Gournadi police

station.

"During campaigning of eighth parliament election, the accused directed by lawmaker Swapan and led by UP chairman Milon attacked the houses of my father and me at Kurirchar on September 19, 2001. They gave death threats to us and looted and damaged valuables worth Tk 2 lakh including Tk 50 thousand in cash," the complainant said.

"BNP leaders and activists again attacked the same houses the next day and looted properties worth Tk 1.6 lakh including Tk 30 thousand in cash. I saved my life by taking shelter in the neighbouring house of Sattar Peyada," he said in the case.

The delay in lodging the case was caused due to non-cooperation of police and political situation of the country in post-election

period, the complainant said.

Contacted, Zahir Uddin Swapan said, "The case is false and politically motivated and has been lodged to prevent the sure defeat of the ruling party in the constituency in next general elections."

Earlier on July 16, a home ministry letter reached Barisal, directing the officers in charge of different police stations to register cases about incidents of violence centring 2001 elections, said sources at Barisal district police office.

On July 17, a case was lodged with Banaripara police station and on July 18, another case was filed against former BNP home minister Air Vice Marshal (rtd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury in Patuakhali -- both concerning 2001 election-related violence.

BNP leader murdered

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Unidentified criminals killed a local BNP leader at Outergati village in Nandail upazila of the district on Sunday night.

The victim, Kamal Hossain, 43, was president of Rajgati union unit of the main opposition party.

Khandaker Zahidul Islam, officer-in-charge of Nandail Police Station, said a gang of unknown criminals swooped on Kamal at Outergati village on his way to Banati Bazar from his house at Uluhati village at around 8:30pm.

The gang hit him with sharp weapons and left the scene immediately, the OC said, adding that Kamal died on the spot.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) morgue for autopsy.

No case was filed with the police station concerned as of filing of this report at 4:00pm yesterday.

Contacted, Officer-in-Charge Khandaker Zahidul Islam said they are trying to unearth clues to the murder and identify the culprits involved.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Tidal water enters through the damaged part of the embankment at Sarishamuri village in Betagi upazila under Barguna district yesterday, adding to the woes of villagers.

RANGAMATI ABDUCTION

2 hill people held on suspicion

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Police on Sunday arrested two people, suspecting their involvement with the kidnapping of four staff of Bi Technology from Baribindughat under Baghaichhari upazila of the district on July 8.

The arrestees are Kironmoy Chakma, 42, son of Krishna Kumar Chakma of Tulaban village, and Montu Chakma, 32, son of Surya Kumar Chakma of Babupara village in the upazila.

Montu was picked up along with the four Bi Technology staff from Baribindughat area and released the same day.

Police yesterday produced the duo in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent them to jail, rejecting their bail prayers.

An unidentified gang abducted the four Bi Technology employees while they were inspecting equipment in a mobile phone tower for state-run carrier TeleTalk at Baribindughat. They are Akhter Hossain, Hemayet Uddin, Imrul, and Suja Miah.

Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parishad (PBCP), the student body of Bangalee settlers in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), enforced a daylong roads and waterways blockade in Rangamati and Khagrachar districts on Sunday to mount pressure on the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to rescue four staff of Bi Technology.

PBCP demanded that the government take immediate steps to rescue the Bi Technology staff.

Galachipa AL men demand action against MP Rony

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Galachipa upazila unit of Awami League (AL) has urged the party chief Sheikh Hasina, also the prime minister, to take immediate action against lawmaker Golam Maula Rony for assaulting two journalists of Independent TV in the capital on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference at the upazila AL office on Sunday evening, Harunur-Rashid, president of Galachipa upazila AL, said Rony has tarnished the image of the party by assaulting the journalists. He demanded that Awami League parliamentary party take action against the unlawful act of the lawmaker.

Patuakhali district AL leaders also condemned the incident and demanded immediate action against Rony. In a statement on Sunday, district unit general

secretary Khan Mosharrif Hossain, also the administrator of the district council, said they can't take action against Rony for tarnishing the image of the party as he is not a member of the unit. "Only the parliamentary party can take action against the lawmaker," he said.

Meanwhile, journalists at Dashmina Press Club on Sunday strongly protested assault on two newsmen of Independent TV and demanded action against Rony.

On the other hand, the supporters of Rony brought out a procession and held a rally in Galachipa upazila town on Sunday noon, protesting filing of a 'false' case against the lawmaker. They paraded the main streets of the town, chanting slogans against Salman F Rahman, one of owners of Independent TV.



PHOTO: STAR

The staff quarters of Chowhali police station in Pabna district being devoured by the Jamuna last Tuesday while the turbulent river, washing away the protection embankment on its bank, has already reached the plaque (inset) marking completion of the protection work.

SERIOUS EROSION IN 4 SIRAJGANJ UPAZILAS

12,000 families rendered homeless in two weeks

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Erosion by the River Jamuna rendered at least 12,000 families homeless in several upazilas of Sirajganj district and devoured a number of government and non-government offices and buildings including the staff quarters of Chowhali police station in the last two weeks.

The worst affected upazilas are Chowhali, Sadar, Kazipur and Belkuchi, said an official of Water Development Board (WDB).

Chowhali upazila head-quarters is now under threat

of erosion as a portion of the compound already went into the river, said the upazila nirbahi officer.

The river devoured the UNO's residence, forest department's nursery, upazila chairman's residence and three staff quarters of the police station during the period, said Chowhali UNO Md Abdullah.

Due to serious erosion, around 10,000 families lost their homesteads in Omorpur, Bagutia, Khaspukuria, Khaskaulia and Ghorzan unions of Chowhali

upazila, said Begum Mahafuza Khatun, chairman of the upazila parishad.

Eunus Ali, assistant engineer of WDB, Tangail division, said they already wrote for funds to thwart the erosion.

Besides Chowhali, the river rendered at least 220 families homeless and devoured around 300 homesteads in Kazipur upazila, said locals.

It occurred as river protection work under a project recently came to a halt, said Sirajganj Deputy

Commissioner Billal Hossain.

Meanwhile, flood situation in Shahzadpur upazila of the district remained almost unchanged although water of Jamuna began to recede, reports UNB.

Floodwater still submerges more than 100 houses and 15 primary schools and vast tracts of cropland.

Upazila relief and rehabilitation office sources said the low-lying areas of the upazila were flooded as the river water kept swelling since late last month.

Indian smugglers swoop on border houses, injure 9

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At least nine members of two families, including five children, were injured in an attack by Indian criminals on Mogholhat border in Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The gang also vandalised houses, furniture and looted valuables and fled the scene, said Subedar Shah Alam, company commander of Moghlhat BGB camp.

Additional members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) have been deployed in the area to avert further trouble, said the commander.

The attack was a sequel to a dispute over sharing the money of smuggled phensydidil and Indian cattle, said locals.

Around 80, allegedly led by gangster Babu Islam alias Bhokra Babu of Doribas village under Dinhat police station in

Coochbehar district of Pashchim Banga, entered the area through the border at 9:30pm with the help of Minhazul Islam, an alleged Bangladeshi drug smuggler, and his accomplices.

The criminals then swooped on the houses of Dulal Hossain and Zinnat Hossain of the area and looted valuables worth Tk five lakh.

They also damaged the furniture of the houses and injured the family members, said the house owners.

A local UP member, Moslem Uddin Sarker, said the violent gang was doing illegal trade in the border area since long, but nobody dared to protest it.

"It is a serious threat to our national security as Indian criminals move freely across the border areas," he said.

Those who backed the Indian criminals for carrying out the attack must be brought to book after investigation, said Subedar Shah Alam.

5 children 'drown' in Padma

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were going to Kolchori Govt Primary School to collect primary scholarship (upobritt) money, said their family members.

All the five schoolgirls are from Vaduradangi village, around 30 km off Pabna town. They could not be traced as late as 10:00pm.

The boat sank around 11:00am with 11 people onboard, including nine schoolgirls, due to strong currents in the river, boatman Nirob Hossain told the Daily Star. However, Nirob along with five others managed to swim ashore.

Each student was supposed to receive a scholarship amount of Tk600 for six months.

Contacted, headmaster of Vaduradangi Govt Primary School Abdul Mannan said

they stopped distributing scholarship money among the students immediately after hearing the incident. The missing five could not be traced as there was no rescue diver in the area, he added.

Asked about the delay in rescue operations, Pabna Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Salma Begum said the local administration could not act immediately after the accident as there was no rescue diver at the Pabna fire station.

Fire brigade rescue divers from Rajshahi reached the accident scene around 5:00pm and launched their rescue operation, she noted.

Meanwhile, family members of the five missing students blamed the administration for distributing scholarship money at a

school around eight kilometre from Vaduradangi.

"My daughter had asked me to buy her a new dress with the scholarship money for the ensuing Eid. I had assured her of buying the dress tomorrow [Tuesday], but she is missing now. Who will take the dress?" wailed Md Tozu Sardar, father of Dulu.

Father of Rahima, Rahman Mollik said they will not send their kids to the school any more.

"Three daughters of our family have drowned in the boat capsize as they all went to collect scholarships. Our family doesn't need any scholarship," said Rahman through tears.

Missing schoolgirls Chompa, Mayna and Rahima are cousins.

SNIPPETS

Teacher gets life for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A court sentenced a madrasa teacher to life imprisonment for violating an 11-year-old girl in Haziganj upazila yesterday. The Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal also fined convict Abdul Jalil Master, 60, Tk 1 lakh in default to suffer another one year in jail. According to the prosecution, Abdul Jalil raped the girl of Kapaikap village on August 3, 2010. The girl later gave birth to a baby girl on April 29, 2011. The victim filed a case accusing the teacher. Later, police submitted charge sheet against Abdul Jalil on May 12 of the same year. The accused, however, challenged the charge sheet prompting the tribunal to order for DNA test of the newborn.

37 rescued on border

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Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel arrested 37 people while they were being trafficked to India through Putkhali border under Benapole Police station yesterday morning. Abdul Haque, company commander of Putkhali camp under BGB-23 Battalion, said a team of border guards, acting on a tip-off, raided the area at around 10:00am and arrested 37 people, including 13 women and 13 children from there. Sensing the presence of the paramilitary troops, the traffickers managed to flee, the company commander said, adding that the traffickers took money from the victims, promising jobs in India.

Cousin killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A man was killed allegedly by his cousin at Gonda village in Kendua upazila yesterday morning. The dead was identified as Biddya Mia, 30, son of late Abdul Gafur of the village. Police and locals said there was a longstanding conflict between Biddya Mia and his cousin Sirajul Islam of the area over a disputed land. As a sequel to the conflict, the duo attacked each other with lethal weapons yesterday morning. Biddya died on the spot and his wife Khadiza Begum was injured in the attack.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর

আগারগাঁও, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

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**e-GP পদ্ধতিতে ঠিকাদারদের
রেজিস্ট্রেশন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর সরকারি ক্রয়কার্যে স্বচ্ছতা, জবাবদিহিতা ও আর্থিক প্রতিযোগিতা নিশ্চিতকল্পে ইতোমধ্যে জেলা পর্যায়ে ও চলতি অর্থ বৎসর (২০১৩-১৪) হতে উপজেলা পর্যায়ে e-GP পদ্ধতিতে দরপত্র কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে। পর্যায়ক্রমে এলজিইডি'র সকল দরপত্র কার্যক্রম e-GP পদ্ধতিতে সম্পন্ন হবে। সিপিটিইউ কর্তৃক পরিচালিত e-GP পোর্টাল এর মাধ্যমে শুধুমাত্র রেজিস্ট্রেশনকৃত ঠিকাদারগণ এলজিইডিসহ অন্যান্য সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের e-GP'তে আহ্বানকৃত দরপত্র অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন। এ লক্ষ্যে e-GP'তে আহ্বানকৃত দরপত্র অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আত্মীয় ঠিকাদারগণকে e-GP পোর্টালে রেজিস্ট্রেশনের অনুরোধ করা হলো। রেজিস্ট্রেশন সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্যাদি সিপিটিইউ'র e-GP পোর্টালে (www.eprocure.gov.bd) সার্বক্ষণিকভাবে পাওয়া যাবে। প্রয়োজনে আত্মীয় ঠিকাদারগণ তথ্যের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করতে পারবেন। রেজিস্ট্রেশনকৃত ঠিকাদারগণকে পরবর্তীতে এ বিষয়ে প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদান করা হবে।

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