

SNIPPETS

Child marriage bid foiled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

The local administration foiled a bid for child marriage at Monshirhat Bazar in Monohorganj upazila yesterday. Police arrested bride Abdul Kadir, 20, son of Samad Ali of Bokna village and marriage registrars Kazi Sahadad Hossain and his brother Kazi Anwar Hossain of the village. Abdul Jalil, officer in-charge of Monohorganj police station, said informed that Tahamina Akhter, 12, daughter of Abul Kalam of Natherpotwa village was set to be married with Kabir forcefully at noon, upazila nirbahi officer Mohammad Monsur Alam Khan rushed to the spot and stopped the marriage, said the OC.

2 Jamaat men held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police arrested two local Jamaat leaders in Mithapukur upazila on Wednesday night. The arrestees are Joyal Abedin, ameer of Kafreekhali union unit Jamaat and Rafiqul Islam, general secretary of the unit. Moazzem Hossain, officer in-charge of Rangpur Kotwali police station, said the two were arrested on charge of attacking police and torching Mithapukur upazila unit Awami League office during a mayhem on February 28 this year. At least five people were killed during the violence.

Employees on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Class three and class four employees of Pabna University of Science and Technology called off their indefinite work abstention yesterday. They went on the strike on Monday to press home their 11-point demands, said Md Sohag Hossain a representative of the employees. The demands include rapid promotion, reform of benefit policies, quota in jobs and admission for dependants, overtime payments on rates fixed by the government, and making their jobs permanent. The strike was withdrawn following an assurance by the authorities of taking steps to meet the demand by September 28, said Sohag.



PHOTO: STAR

Aman fields in 50 villages in Teesta and Dharla river basin areas go under water due to heavy rainfall for the last one week. The photo was taken from Sindurna village in Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district yesterday.

Aman plants on 2000 bighas submerged in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Aman plants on around 2,000 bighas of land in four upazilas went under water due to heavy rain in the last one week.

Expressing deep concern, farmers of 50 villages at Teesta and Dharla rivers basin said they will not get expected aman production this year if the rainwater does not recede within the next three or four days.

"If the rainwater comes down by two days, the growers of the low lying areas will get bumper output of aman this year", said deputy director of Lalmonirhat DAE Abdul Mazid.

Delwar Hossain, 60, a farmer of Teesta river basin Sindurna village in Hatibandha upazila, said aman paddy on his 10 bighas of land is now under 5 feet water.

"If the situation continues for a couple of days, I

will have to count heavy loss", he said.

Montazur Rahman of Dharla river basin char Kulaghat village in Sadar upazila said, the paddy plants on his eight bighas of land are still under the four feet water due to heavy downpour.

If no rain falls in the next two days, the water will come down keeping away alluvium in the field that will help to bumper output of aman, he said.

Organiser of 'Sayeede Mukti Mancha' held

UNB, Satkhira

Police arrested an organiser of so-called 'Sayeede Mukti Mancha', also a local Jamaat leader, from Assasuni upazila headquarters on Wednesday noon.

The arrestee was identified as Fazlur Rahman Joarder, one of the organisers of 'Sayeede Mukti Mancha', and leader of Protapnagar village unit Jamaat of the upazila.

Being tipped-off, a team of police arrested Fazlur from the area around

1:30pm, said officer in-charge (OC) of Assasuni police station Farid Uddin.

Some local activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir established 'Sayeede Mukti Mancha' in Anulia area of the upazila following death sentence to Sayeede by International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-1).

In contrast to Shahbagh Ganajagoran Mancha, the activists established the mancha to raise a movement against the verdict.

Following this, a case was filed with the PS in which all organisers, including Fazlur Rahman, were made accused and Fazlur had been on the run since then, added the OC.

On February 28, the ICT-1 in a verdict awarded death penalty to Jamaat-e-Islami Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayeede for committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

'Suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A schoolgirl allegedly committed suicide at Azimpur village in Fatikchhari upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased was identified as Shukhi Akhter, 14, daughter of Ali Ahmed, of Azimpur village.

Police and family sources said Shukhi's mother scolded her as she did not sit for study in the evening. Following the incident, Shukhi took her life by taking poison at 9:00pm.

Mysterious fire at Bogra BEM den

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A fire broke out at "Dewan Bari" a rented house of a new militant organisation styled BEM, at Thanthania in Bogra town on early yesterday.

Being informed by locals, fire-fighters rushed to the spot, entered the house by breaking the lock of the main gate and extinguished the blaze at around 5:30am, police said.

Dewan Shohel Rana, senior station master of Bogra Fire Service, said the cause of the fire could be known after investigation.

Squad Commander of Rab-12 ASP Abu Sayeed said there was no possibility of originating fire at the house from a short circuit as the electric cables were stolen from there a few days ago.

The fugitive members of BEM might set fire to the house to destroy the evidence of their activities, the commander added.

Rab personnel raided the house in Thanthania area on August 22 and seized a China-made AK-22 semi-automatic rifle and a magazine with 15 bullets, a Germany-made GSG-522 sports rifle and a magazine

with 22 bullets, a US-made pistol with a magazine and 35 bullets and five US-made Saber knives, which are usually used by commandos, special forces and hunters.

They also arrested three militant suspects and seized one rifle target scope, two bayonets, three daggers, a hammer, two axes, one cleaver, 29 iron rods, a toolkit for repairing weapons alongside several jihadi books, leaflets and notes.

The arrestees are now on remand in two out of three cases filed by Rab-12 with Bogra Police Station on the day.

10 injured as AL rivals in B'baria clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

At least 10 people were injured and eight motorbikes damaged as a faction of ruling Awami League (AL) attacked their rivals in front of Bayek union parishad in Kasba upazila yesterday.

AL leader Taslimur Reza, convener of AL Trinomul Shangathon, said that they along with grass-root level leaders had rejected the newly formed upazila AL committee on June 9 this year.

Terming the committee as 'pocket committee' of MP Shah Alam, they earlier held a press conference to lodge their protest to the central committee and also decided to hold a giant motorbikes procession in favour of their demand.

Yesterday they brought out a procession with 250 motorbikes from Sayedabad College to parade the streets of the upazila.

While they were passing Bayek union Parishad point, the opponents numbering about 200, equipped with local weapons and headed by upazila BCL secretary Md. Palash, attacked them.

Armed criminals kill trader

UNB, Sherpur

Armed criminals gunned down a trader at Mudak para in Jograchar area in Sribardi upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased was identified Vaj Mudak, 35, owner of a grocery shop and son of Muhan Mudak of the village.

Officer in-charge (OC) of Sribardi police station M Ali Sheikh said a gang shot in the head of Vaj Mudak around 11:30pm when

he was sitting at the courtyard of his house, leaving him dead on the spot.

His family members alleged that their neighbor Papon Mudak killed Vaj with the help of hired goons following enmity over a piece of land.

Police arrested a man on suspicion of having connection with the incident and detained Papon's mother and sister for interrogation.



PHOTO: STAR

People use boats to cross the breached portion of Lalmonirhat-Phulbari road, as the Dharla devoured about a 100-metre area of Lalmonirhat-Phulbari road on Wednesday, adding to the 650 metre stretch of the same road getting eroded in last two weeks.

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