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Curious people look on as this hanuman gets photographed on Parara Road in Barisal city yesterday. The stray animal that possibly reached there on a truck from Keshabpur in Jessore district often roams about near houses and shops and survives on the foods offered by people. The famous Keshabpur hanumans are now in problem due to food crisis and depletion of their natural habitat.

MUNSHIGANJ, RANGPUR

# 'Robber, mugger' killed in mob beating

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A 'robber and a mugger' were killed in mob beating in Munshiganj and Rangpur districts yesterday and the day before.

An alleged robber was killed by a mob at Dalalpara under Sadar upazila of Munshiganj early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Sahabuddin Sabu, 30, succumbed to the injuries at Munshiganj Sadar Hospital. Three other alleged robbers - Sardar Nagar, 50, Roman, 30, and Ratan, 32, -- were arrested from adjacent places along with valuables looted in the incident.

Officer in-charge (OC) of Sadar police station, Sahidul Islam, said a gang of robbers swooped on the house of Hekmat Bepari, a teacher of Rampal NBM High School, at around 1:00am. They looted valuables,

including five tolas of gold, and Tk 80,000 in cash from the house. During the robbery, they severely beat up Hekmat Bepari when he tried to resist them. He was later rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Hearing hue and cry, neighbors rushed to the spot and caught one of the robbers, Sabu, after a hot chase.

Later, local people gave him a good beating, leaving him critically injured. He was rushed to Munshiganj Hospital where he died early in the morning.

Police raided some places at Rampal and Goshairbagh under Muktarpur, arrested three people and recovered Tk 9,000 from their possession.

In Rangpur, an alleged mugger was beaten to death by a mob at Paglapir in the city on Friday midnight, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Sajú, 40, of

Gangachhara upazila.

Another mugger was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) in critical condition.

Md Shahabuddin Khalifa, officer-in-charge of Rangpur Kotwali police station said, on Friday midnight a gang of muggers intercepted Swapon on Rangpur-Dinajpur highway at Paglapir and beat him up indiscriminately.

Later the gang took away his motorbike, other valuables and tried to flee the area.

Hearing screams of Swapon, locals rushed to the scene and caught Sajú and Badsha after a hot chase.

Later, they gave them a good beating, leaving Sajú dead on the spot.

On information, police from Monthona camp in the area rescued Badsha in a seriously injured condition.

## Abducted boy's body found in dustbin

UNB, Chandpur

Police recovered the body of a schoolkid from a dustbin at Chandra Bazar in Faridganj upazila on Friday, after three days of his abduction.

The deceased was identified as Nabi Rahman Emon, 6, a playgroup student at Chandra Shishu Academy and son of Mizanur Rahman of the upazila.

Being informed by locals, police recovered the body, wrapped in a polythene bag, from the dustbin and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

Emon was abducted while returning home from school on October 1. Later, the kidnappers demanded Tk 10 lakh as ransom over phone. They also threatened the family members to kill Emon if they informed the matter to police.

Emon's father, Mizanur Rahman, filed a case with Faridganj police station on the following day.

Police arrested Chandra union unit's Jubo League leader Mafiz Sheikh, Chandra Bazar association member Manik Hossain and a trader, Harun-or-Rashid, for their suspected involvement in the killing and abduction.

## DB nabs top Benapole criminal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Detective Branch (DB) of Police in a drive arrested a top criminal and his two accomplices along with arms after a gunfight at Kagajpukur village here early yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as Amirul Islam, 45, ring leader of infamous 'Amirul Bahini', and son of Lutfur Morol, Tito, son of Moslem and Ahmed, son of Aynal of the village.

Maniruzzaman, officer in-charge of DB police, said acting on secret information that Amirul and his gang were staying at the Kagajpukur field, a team of DB police raided the area.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the criminals opened fire on them, prompting DB police to retaliate, triggering a gunfight.

At one stage, Amirul was caught in the line of fire and received injuries.

Later, police arrested bullet-hit Amirul and his two accomplices along with pistol and bullets while they were trying to flee the scene.

Police said, Amirul was wanted in a number of cases. He was the prime accused in Zillur Rahman, UP chairman of Singholi union in Chowgacha upazila and former president of the district unit Chhatra League, murder case. Zillur was shot dead in broad daylight on September 27, said police.

Amirul went into hiding soon after the incident.

## 3 PCJSS supporters abducted allegedly by UPDF men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Three supporters pro-peace treaty Partbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) were abducted allegedly by the rival members of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) at Tulaban village in Marishya union under Baghaichhari upazila of the district on Friday midnight.

The three were identified as Sumon Chakma 28, Udayan Chakma, 31, and Lal Baran Chakma, 35. Sumon and Udayan are night guards at Tulaban High School and Baghaichhari municipality office respectively and Lal Baran is younger brother of Bararishi Chakma, general secretary of PCJSS, Baghaichhari upazila unit.

A gang of armed criminals, numbering about 15, came to Tulaban village at about 11:30pm and picked up the trio from their respective residences at gun point. The criminals took them

took the deep forest, said Md. Rafique Ullah, officer in-charge (OC) of Baghaichhari police station.

The incident might be linked to the kidnapping a Karbari (village chief) named Hulomoni Chakma from his house in Sazek union in the same upazila on Thursday night. He was picked up allegedly by the cadres of PCJSS, Rafique added.

He, however, said no one lodged any complaint with his police station in this connection. Sajib Chakma, assistant information secretary of PCJSS central unit, yesterday blamed anti-peace UPDF for the kidnapping. He condemned the incident and demanded release of the villagers immediately.

Sona Moni Chakma, press secretary of UPDF, Rangamati district unit, refuted the allegation.

PCJSS is trying to tarnish the image of UPDF by making false propaganda, Sona Moni added.

## Hartal observed to protest Jubo Dal leader killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

People of Baraigram upazila yesterday observed a dawn to dusk hartal protesting the killing of local Jubo Dal leader on Friday.

Criminals hacked and shot Abul Bashar, 36, vice-president of Baraigram upazila unit of Jubo Dal, and his companion Babul Hossain, joint organising secretary of Nagar union unit of the organisation in the upazila, on Friday night, police and locals said.

They were rushed to Natore Sadar Hospital where doctors declared Bashar dead.

Bashar was buried at a graveyard of Merigachha village after namaz-e-janaza at Merigachha High School field in the upazila yesterday afternoon.

Bashar's body reached the village at noon after autopsy at Natore Sadar Hospital morgue.

Bashar's mother Faizan Begum claimed that some Awame League activists of



Abul Bashar

Dogachhi village killed Bashar following a previous enmity.

She demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers of her son, also the only earning member of the family.

Aminul Haque, secretary of Natore district unit of BNP, also alleged that a local Awami League leader and his followers had launched the attack on Bashar and Babul at Merigachha village on Friday night.

Mohammad Ibrahim, officer in charge of Baraigram police station, said no case was filed in this connection as the family members were busy to arrange Bashar's burial.

### SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

This 71-foot high Liberation War memorial, built by the Local Government Engineering Department, saw inauguration at Chowrasta in Patuakhali town yesterday.

### Attack on journo protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Newsmen of the district formed a human chain in front of the press club in the town yesterday, demanding arrest of the attackers of Prothom Alo's Tangail correspondent Kamonashish Shekhor. Kamonashish, also vice president of the press club, was seriously injured in an attack by criminals in Saha Para area of the town on Friday noon. As per three-day protest programmes of the local journalists, they will submit a memorandum to the deputy commissioner today in favour of their demand. The participants expressed concern as the law enforcers are yet to arrest the criminals into the attack on Kamonashish. Police said they were raiding different areas to arrest the attackers.

### Hilsa seized in Benapole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh seized 2080 kgs of hilsa fish worth Tk 62.40 lakh from Sadipur border area here yesterday. A patrol team of BGB, on a tip-off, raided the border area in the early hours and seized the hilsa fish while those were being smuggled to India, said 26 BGB commanding officer Lt Col Matiar Rahman. However, the smugglers managed to flee, sensing the presence of the border guards. The seized fish were later deposited to Benapole Customs godown and a case was filed in this connection.

### Ex-BGB man electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A former member of Boarder Guard Bangladesh (BGB) was electrocuted while he was switching on his irrigation pump's motor near his homestead at Doljor village of Aditmari upazila yesterday. Quoting the family members, police said, Yusuf Ali, 55, met the fatal accident at noon when he touched the motor which was having short-circuit due to loose connection.

### 2 kids drown in Pabna

UNB, Pabna

Two children drowned in a pond at Baghasla in Ishwardi upazila on Friday evening. The deceased were identified as Sumaiya Khatun, 3, daughter of Jahurul Islam and Chhanda Khatun, 3, daughter of Selim Hossain of the village. Sources said, Sumaiya and Chhanda slipped into the pond and drowned while playing near it around 5:00pm. After a frantic search, local people recovered the bodies from the pond in the evening.



PHOTO: STAR

Pressure of water from rain-fed Arial Kha River badly affected a part of Madaripur district town protection embankment during the last few days.

## Imam jailed for registering underage marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A mobile court sentenced an Imam to seven days' imprisonment for registering marriage of an underage girl in Nachole upazila on Friday night.

The convict is Abdus Samad, 30, son of Faku Mondal of Choudala village in Gomostapur upazila and Imam of Sunpur Jam-e-Mosque of the upazila.

Sayed Iqbal, officer in-charge of Nachole police station, said the marriage of a 13-year-old girl of Sunpur village was being solemnised with one Rasel, 18, son of Lal Chand of Mirzapur village.

On information, police rushed to the spot, stopped the marriage and arrested marriage registrar Samad, said the OC.

He was produced before the court, led by upazila inirbahi officer Sufia Akhtar, which handed down the punishment.

## DEATH OF 4 NEWBORNS

## Hospital's probe finds no wrong treatment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Four newborn babies died at Tangail General Hospital on Friday due to premature birth complications, revealed the three-member physicians' probe body.

The hospital authorities formed the body headed by Dr Abdullah Al Harun, senior consultant (child) of the hospital on the day and asked it to submit the report within the next 24 hours.

Two other members of the committee are Dr Rafiqul Islam, resident medical officer, and Dr Tapas Kanti Bhounik, consultant (cardiology) of the hospital.

Dr Abdullah Al Harun told this correspondent yesterday that the newborns were underweight and suffering from different complications, including severe birth asphyxia and septicemia.

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"The expiry date of the administered antibiotic, cefazidime, was November 2014 and no wrong treatment or negligence of the doctors were found during investigation," Dr Harun said, adding that the doctors concerned had tried their best to save the lives of the babies.

Four newborns, aged between four and 15 days, died within a span of two hours in Tangail General Hospital on Friday right after being injected antibiotic.

Family members alleged that the administrated antibiotic injections were date-expired, but the doctors refuted the allegation.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare formed another probe body, comprising three members on the same day and asked it to submit its report in three working days.

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