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# Girder collapses on tourist bus, killing man, injuring 10

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A man was killed and 10 others were injured as a girder of an under construction bridge collapsed on a tourist bus at Hazipur ferry terminal point on Kuakata-Patuakhali road yesterday morning.

The dead, Faruque Akand, 45, of Lachaple village in Kalapara upazila, was going to Patuakhali in the bus. He was critically injured and declared dead on arrival at Kalapara Upazila Health Complex.

Five of the injured--

Feroza Begum, Jogodish Chandra, Rina Begum, Aklima, and Ismail Hossain--were admitted to the health complex while the rest given first aid at the hospital. Later, Jogodish and Rina were shifted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

Police and locals said the incident occurred at around 9:30am when the Khulna-bound BRTC bus with tourists on board was waiting for ferry at Hazipur ferry terminal, about 12-km from Kuakata sea

beach.

Suddenly, a 140 feet long girder weighing about 150 tonnes of nearby under construction 'Sheikh Jamal Bridge' on Sonatala River collapsed on the bus, they added.

Deputy Assistant Engineer of Roads and Highways Department Humayun Kabir Panna, who was supervising the work of the bridge, said the mishap took place when the workers were placing the girder by a jug machine.

Patuakhali Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Amitabh Sarker and Police Superintendent Md Rafiqul Hasan Goni visited the spot.

The district administration formed a three-member inquiry committee headed by Amal Krishna Mondol, additional deputy commissioner (revenue). The committee has been asked to submit its report within three days.

The 482.37-metre-long bridge is being constructed by the R&HD at a cost of Tk 43.4 crore. It is scheduled to be completed in December this year.

## Outlaw killed in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police recovered the body of an outlaw from Charatala area in Harinakundu upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Ziur Rahman Zia, son of Alek Joardar of Sura village in the upazila. He was an activist of Pubo Banglar Communist Party (Janajuddha faction).

Mahibul Alam, officer in-charge (OC) of Harinakundu police station, said, local people found body of Zia lying in a field in the morning and informed police.

Police suspected that rivals might have picked up Zia from another place and killed him in the field. He was wanted in a number of cases, they said.

The body was sent to the Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy and a case was filed.

# Forest robbers swoop on trawlers in Bay, kidnap 50 fishermen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Robbers from the Sundarbans swooped on ten fishing trawlers at Sonar Char point in the Bay at midnight on Friday and abducted at least 50 fishermen.

A fisherman named Abdul Haque, 60, who sustained bullet injuries during the attack, was brought to Mohipur fish landing station under Kalapara upazila yesterday morning.

He was first admitted to Kalapara Upazila Health Complex then shifted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Md Ansar Mollah, president of Alipur Fish

Traders Association, quoted the injured fisherman as saying that a gang of over 50 robbers equipped with firearms, sharp weapons and sticks attacked the fishermen while they were fishing hilsa in the Bay.

They attacked ten trawlers one after another, looted fish, fishing nets, fuel and money and abducted at least 50 fishermen, he added.

Abdul Haque, who hails from Cox's Bazar, told local newsmen at Mohipur that he was in FB Ma-Moni fishing trawler during the attack. "The robbers opened fire when we tried to resist them," he added.

Contacted, KM Tariqul

Islam, officer-in-charge of Kalapara Police Station, said no complaint regarding the attack on the fishing trawlers and abduction of fishermen from the Bay was filed with the police station as of 6:00pm yesterday.

On September 29, Robbers abducted 41 fishermen from Bedarkhal in the Bay in Patharghata upazila of Barguna.

The fishermen, who managed to escape and return to Patharghata, said 40 to 50 robbers in two trawlers attacked the fishermen while they were fishing at around 7:00pm. The gang picked up 41 fishermen at gunpoint, they added.

## BNP leader injured in gun attack

UNB, Jessore

A local BNP leader was shot and injured in an attack by a gang of criminals at Bangdah under Ichhali union in the district town on Friday night.

The injured is Matleb Biswas, general secretary of Ichhali unit BNP and former chairman of the union.

Sources said, Matleb was returning home at night by a motorbike from Ichhali Bazar.

When he reached Bangdah, a gang opened fire on him from a close range.

Hearing the sound of gunshots, locals rushed in, rescued Matleb and took him to Jessore General Hospital in a critical condition.

Meanwhile, a procession was held in the district town at night, protesting the attack and demanding immediate arrest of the attackers.

## SEASON BEGINS AT DUBLARCHAR

# Using children at dry fish processing units banned

UNB, Bagerhat

The authorities have imposed a ban on engaging children in all kinds of work related to dry fish processing at Dublarchar in Shoronkhola upazila.

A circular was issued in this regard by the Forest Department in the third week of last month.

The circular also warned that tough legal actions would be taken against those found guilty of violating the ban.

Meanwhile, the fishermen and owners of several dry fish processing units are passing busy time in the seven char (shoal emerged from riverbed) areas, including Dublarchar, in the upazila.

Around 30,000 people remain engaged in the dry fish units of Dublarchar alone every season.

Sources said, in

October, fishermen build their makeshift structures along the bank of the Bay of Bengal for drying fish every year.

Later, they bring the of fishes netted from the Bay to the structures and process those as dry fish.

The dry fish processing includes various work hazardous for child health, like cutting and sorting out the fishes.

The Forest Department in the circular also imposed a ban on catching jatka (hilsa fry less than 10 inches in length) from the river canals in the Sundarbans.

It also imposed restriction on using wood from Sundarbans and carrying firearms without the department's permission in Dublarchar.

Last year, the government had an income of Tk

1.19 crore as revenue from Dublarchar dry fish units.

The government has set Tk 1500 revenue per quintal of dry Rupchanda, Poa and Lakkha while Tk 500 per quintal of other dry fish species.

Sundarban East Zone DFO Mohammad Amir Hossain Chowdhury said, the dry fish season started in the second week of October in Dublarchar.

This year, 13 fishermen have obtained permission from the Forest Department.

At least 1404 fishermen sheds and 70 makeshift dry fish units have been built in Majherkella, Meherali, Alorkol, Manikkhali, Narikelbaria, Chaprakhal and Shelarchar.

Dry fish processing work will continue till February 28.

## AL leader kidnapped in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A local leader of Awami League was kidnapped in Kutukchhari area in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday afternoon.

Victim Tridiv Kanti Das, president of Naniarchar upazila unit of Awami League, along with two others were going to the district town by a motorbike at around 5:00pm.

As they reached near Kutukchhari Residential Primary School in Kutukchhari union, a gang intercepted their vehicle and kidnapped him at gunpoint.

The criminals released the other two and took Tridiv to an unknown place.

Additional Police Superintendent (Investigation) Habibur Rahman said, they were yet to identify the persons involved in the incident.

Police continued raid in different areas to rescue Tridiv, he said.

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



Locals block Gaibandha-Balashi Road at Madanerpara Bazar in Phulchhari upazila of Gaibandha district yesterday, demanding immediate arrest of the culprit, who raped an 11-year-old girl in the area on October 14.

## Arrest of rapist demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Local people blocked Gaibandha-Balashi road at Madanerpara Bazar in Phulchhari upazila yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of an alleged rapist of a minor girl. Sacheton Nagorik Samaj organised the programme. On October 14, one Abdul Malek of Madanerpara village waylaid the 11-year-old girl while she was returning home from a local Puja mandap and violated her. Hearing the hue and cry, locals rescued the girl and sent her to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital. However, Abdul Malek managed to flee the scene, said the speakers. They also threatened to go for tougher agitation if their demand was not met immediately.

## Poet honoured posthumously

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Bagherhat Foundation, a local non-government organisation, yesterday honoured poet Rudra Mohammad Shahidullah posthumously for his contribution to literature. As chief guest at the programme, Md Wahiduzzaman, principal secretary to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), handed the award over to Sumel Safayat, younger brother of the poet. The foundation has this year awarded twenty-five people and 76 students in eleven categories. Born in Barisal district, Rudra Mohammad Shahidullah was one of the leading Bengali poets of 1970s. He was famed for his revolutionary and romantic poetry.

## Stalker jailed for stabbing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A mobile court here yesterday sentenced a youth to one year's imprisonment for stabbing a college boy who protested stalking of his cousin. The convict is Rinku, 25, son of Thandu Mia of Shishirpara village in Gangni upazila. Masudul Alam, officer-in-charge of Gangni police station, said Rinku used to tease a girl on her way to college. On information, her cousin, Tanvir Mohaddesh, protested the stalking yesterday. Angered by the incident, Rinku attacked Tanvir with sharp weapons, leaving him seriously injured. Police then arrested Rinku and produced him before the court, led by upazila nirbahi officer Abdus Salam, which pronounced the verdict.

## Kali Puja celebrated

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Kali Puja, the second largest religious festival of the Hindus, was celebrated across the country yesterday and early today.

Hindu devotees in Narail, Barisal and Jessore districts celebrated Dipali, festival of lights, during the puja.

To celebrate the festival, at least 2000 Puja mandaps were set up in Sadar, Lohagara and Kalia upazilas of Narail, reports our correspondent.

Of the mandaps, 1000 were erected in Sadar upazila, 490 in Lohagara and 510 in Kalia, said Ashok Kumar Kundu, president of Narail District Puja Committee.

In Jessore, the puja was held at over 600 permanent and temporary temples in the town, reports our correspondent.

The temples wore a festive look for the puja, said Tapon Ghosh, joint secretary of District Puja Parishad.

Away in Barisal, the Hindus celebrated Maha Shmashan Dipali Utsav at Maha Shmashan ghat in the city while the festival of lights at their houses, reports our correspondent.



Hindu devotees offer special prayer at Dipali Utsav, festival of lights, at Maha Shmashan Ghat (crematorium) in Barisal city, during Kali Puja celebration.

# Bogra college girl strangled at motel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A college girl was murdered at a motel at Banani intersection in Shajahanpur upazila the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Kona Khatun, 20, daughter of Kalimuddin of Alowharat village under Mothurapur union in Dhunat upazila of Bogra district. She was a student of second year honours course in psychology department of Bogra Government Azizul Haque College.

Police and motel sources said, the girl and one Enamul Haque, 23, of Sonamukhi in Kazipur upazila of Sirajgonj district, rented a room (No-207) of Parjatan motel identifying themselves as newly married couple at around 3:30pm on Friday.

Yesterday noon, the hotel boys knocked on the door of the room but found no response from inside. At about 3:00pm the hotel authorities along with others

entered the room and found the girl lying dead on the bed. They informed the police and police recovered the body after about half an hour.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Shajahanpur police station Mahamudul Alam said that the deceased was strangled in a planned way. The killer also tried to hang the body, he added.

Away in Dinajpur, a housewife was found dead at a village under Phulbari upazila on Friday evening, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Laxmi Rani Roy, 25, wife of Pores Chandra Roy of Chak Enayetpur village under the upazila.

Phulbari police quoting locals said that Laxmi took launch with her family members. Later her family members found her hanging from the ceiling of a room.

Police were yet to find the reason behind her



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