

SNIPPETS

Madrasa teacher murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A madrasa teacher was hacked to death at Tekuapara village in Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj district yesterday. Police arrested one Ruhul Kuddus of the area in connection with the killing. The deceased is Moulana Nazrul Islam, 55, son of Tamin Mandol of Degreer Char village in Ullahpara upazila. He was a teacher of Goyahatta Alim Madrasa in the upazila. Officer in-charge of Shahzadpur police station Hasan Shamim Iqbal said Ruhul attacked Nazrul with a sharp weapon, leaving him dead on the spot following an altercation over previous enmity. The body was sent to Sirajganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Man held with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested a man along with a pistol, two bullets and two magazines in Putkhali border area under Benapole port police station early yesterday. The arrestee is Al Amin, 40, son of Sabor Ali of the area, said Lt Col Mostafizur Rahman, commanding officer of BGB-23. On secret information, the border guards raided the area and arrested Amin along with the arms and bullets, said the officer.

Outlaw bombed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenedah

An operative of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) was killed in a bomb attack at Tala Secondary School in Tala village under Harinakundo upazila on Friday night. The dead is Jahangir Hossain, 42, son of Toaj Mandol of the village. Officer in-charge Mahbul Islam of Harinakundo police station said, a gang buried bombs at Jahangir, leaving him seriously injured while he was returning home from the local bazar at 9:30pm. He died on way to Faridpur Medical College and Hospital.

Three robbers arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police arrested three alleged robbers in Khaltolibazar area of Borolekha upazila town. The arrestees include Shaheb Uddin, 35, and Md Jakaria, 38, of the area. Abul Hasem, officer in-charge of Borolekha police station, said locals caught the trio while they were trying to commit robbery in the area. They were later handed over to police, said the OC.

Farmer 'commits suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

A farmer allegedly committed suicide over family feud at Benipur village in Jibannagar upazila on Wednesday evening. The deceased was identified as Ansar Ali, 51, son of late Jahar Ali of the village. Police said Ansar Ali took his life by hanging himself from the ceiling of his room following an altercation with his wife. The body was sent to Chuadanga General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Day labourer electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A day labourer was electrocuted in Sobujbagh area under Srimangal upazila town yesterday. The dead is Patol Biswas, 34, son of Noresh Biswas of Lalbagh village. Witnesses said Patol came in contact with a live electric wire while working at a Building in the area and died on the spot. An unnatural death case was filed in this connection, said Md Abdullah, officer in-charge of Srimangal police station.

Fake medical assistants held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police arrested three fake medical assistants on charge of trading date expired medicines in Kulaura upazila on Thursday. The arrestees are Md Enamul Haque, 30, Md Ashraf Islam, 27 and Md Ruhul Amin, 31, of the district. On information, the law enforcers arrested the trio along with date expired medicines, said Md Hasanuzaman,



Coastguards seize skins of four deer from a granary at Dumuria village in Gaburia union of Shyamnagar upazila under Sathkhira district yesterday. The valuable items, obtained apparently from poached animals, were later handed over to officials of Burigoalini forest station in the Sundarbans.

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Brutal torture on SSC examinee in custody

Primary probe finds Rajapur police guilty

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

The district police are investigating the alleged brutal torture on SSC examinee Md Rassel Khan in the custody of Rajapur police station on March 28 and 29.

Rassel Khan, 15, son of Saidur Raman Khan of Boro Kaibortokhali in Rajapur upazila, appeared at this year's SSC examinations from Rajapur Pilot High School.

Rassel's neighbour Selim Howlader said he had complained to police as the boy teased his college going daughter Selina Aktar, 17.

The girl, on the other hand, told ASP (Circle) AFM Anwar Hossen Khan, who is investigating the matter, that she has 'love relations with the boy.

"On night of March 28, Masud Gazi, an influential man of the same area, called Rassel over phone and took him to the police station," said Helena Begum, mother of the victim.

The boy was kept in the police custody for two days without recording his arrest

or detention in the GD (General Dairy) book, informed a reliable source seeking anonymity.

"The OC (officer in charge) of the police station tortured my son three times in the custody to force him to marry Selina. The OC also arrested me and released me after taking three thousand taka on March 29," said Helena.

"Through brutal torture, the OC forced me to say that I would marry the girl but when he demanded Tk 4 lakh as the denmohor (dowry to be paid to the bride) I refused. The OC also pressurised me tell, when I would be taken before a marriage registrar, that my age is 25 years although I am 15 years 5 months old, according to birth and school registration certificates," said the boy.

On March 30, the OC presented the boy before a mobile court consisting of Executive Magistrate Mahabuba Aktar of Rajapur, showing him as 18 years' old and the mobile court awarded him six months' impris-

onment on charge of teasing a girl.

Tayef Uddin Mia, superintendent of Jhalakathi Jail, said he received Rassel with a medical certificate on March 30 noon and arranged his treatment as the boy fell ill in the jail.

"I found a lot of torture marks on Rassel's body, especially on legs and hands. I have given him proper treatment and his condition is improving," said HM Jahurul Islam, surgeon of Jhalakathi Jail (additional duty).

Contacted, Mahabuba Aktar just said, "Everything of the case is known to the OC."

OC Nazrul of Rajapur police station said, "We arrested Rassel for teasing a college girl and presented him before the mobile court."

Masud Gazi said that he brought the boy to the police station after an allegation of the girl's

family.

"Informed, high officials of police on March 29 night investigated the incident at Rajapur police station and found truth in the allegation of torture on Rassel there," said ASP (Circle) AFM Anwar Hossen Khan.

He also visited the houses of Rassel, Selina and Murad Gazi yesterday.

"I talked with dozens of people who claimed Rassel's innocence. Torture on an innocent boy is heinous crime and gross violation of human rights. I will submit an investigation report to the police superintendent by one or two days" the ASP said.

"Seeing newspaper reports on the alleged torture on Rassel, I have formed a three-member enquiry committee that will submit report after investigation," said SP Md Majid Ali.

PCJSS activist shot dead in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

An activist of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti (PCJSS) was shot dead and another injured by unidentified assailants in Baltali area under Laxmichhari upazila of the district yesterday noon.

The deceased was identified as Narayan Marma, 30, son of late Mongi Marma of Narangiri area under Kaptai upazila of Rangamati district. The injured is Lakkhijan Chakma, 18, son of Bangailya Chakma of Baltali area under Laxmichhari upazila.

Police quoted locals as saying that an unknown gang opened fire on Narayan and Lakkhijan when they went to a pond in the area to bathe at around 12:00pm.

Locals took Narayan and Lakkhijan to the upazila health complex where the doctors declared him dead. Lakkhijan was referred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

Assistant Superintendent of Police (Ramgarh circle) Mohammad Shahjahan said the body of Narayan was sent to Khagrachhar Adhunik Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Convener of PCJSS Laxmichhari upazila unit Dhiman Chakma blamed the armed cadres of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) for the killing.

Refuting the allegation, Niran Chakma, press and information secretary of UPDF, said his party men were not involved in the killing.

Hand of 'illegal' sand lifter severed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The left hand of an 'illegal' sand lifter was cut off allegedly by rivals at Aria Bazar on Bogra-Dhaka highway in Shajahanpur upazila on Friday night.

The victim was identified as Moshir Rahman, 32, son of Rafiqul Islam of the area.

Locals said a gang of 10 equipped with lethal weapons swooped on Moshir and his associate Morshed Ali, 24, of the area. They severed Moshir's left

hand, stabbed Morshed and left the area. Both were admitted to Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital.

Police said Moshir was an illegal sand lifter of the area and was fined Tk 50000 by a mobile court recently.

No case was filed in connection with the incident with the police station concerned as of 6:00pm yesterday, said the OC.

Police are raiding different areas to arrest the attackers, he added.



His hand severed, illegal sand lifter Moshir Rahman undergoing treatment at Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra.

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Advertisement for Bangladesh Skill Development Authority (BSDA) recruitment. It includes the organization's logo, name in Bengali, and details about the recruitment process for various positions. It lists the number of posts, application dates, and exam dates.

AL candidates win mayor by-polls in Feni, Choumohani

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Ruling Awami League backed candidates were declared unofficially elected mayors of Feni and Choumohani municipalities in by-polls held yesterday.

In Feni, AL's Alauddin bagged 41,145 votes while his nearest rival BNP-backed Alal Uddin got 3,660 votes.

In Choumohani municipality of Noakhali, AL-backed candidate Akter Hossain Faisal was declared elected.

He bagged 15679 votes while Jubilqar Ali Bhutto (BNP rebel) secured 5512 votes.

Meanwhile, six candidates, including the AL and BNP rebels, alleged vote rigging and demanded re-election in six polling centres. They also called a daylong hartal in Choumohani municipality area for today.

The supports of the six candidates brought out a procession in the municipality area in the evening and vandalised several vehicles.

Police charged batons to disperse the processionists, leaving at least 10 people injured.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Ltd. It includes the organization's logo, name, and contact information. It also contains an invitation for tenders for a construction project, detailing the scope of work, budget, and submission requirements.