



Ethnic girls float flowers on the Chengi River in Khagrachhari district as they start three-day traditional Sangrai festival yesterday morning.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

ROBBERS SWOOP ON POST-WEDDING RECEPTION

One shot dead, 11 others injured in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A man was shot dead and 11 others were injured as robbers swooped on a post-wedding reception at Kagojikhola village in Nykhhongchhari upazila of the district early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Md Safa, 48, elder brother of advocate Ibrahim, the bridegroom. Witnesses said a gang of robbers stormed into the house of advocate Ibrahim

where his post-wedding reception was being held at around 12:30am. The gang held the hosts and guests at gunpoint and looted 50 tolas of gold ornaments, mobile sets, Tk 1.5 lakh and other valuables. As locals and family members of Ibrahim tried to resist the robbers, a scuffle held between the two sides. At one stage, the gang opened fire, leaving Safa dead and 11 others injured.

Five of the bullet-hit—Md Zubayer, 25, Ruhul Amin, 50, Ali Johar, 16, Hossin Ahmed, 34, and Md Jihad, 22—were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and the rest to local upazila health complex. Md Farid Alam, one of the brothers of Ibrahim, alleged that they informed the local police camp of the incident, but they did not come. Refuting the allegation, Kagojikhola police camp in

charge Md Abdul Khalek said police rushed to the spot after being informed by locals. The gang fled the scene, sensing the presence of the law enforcers, he added. No one was arrested in connection with the incident as of 5:00pm yesterday. Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Islam of Nykhhongchhari Police Station said they have already launched a drive to arrest the gang members and recover the looted

36 rescued while being trafficked to India

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) rescued 36 people, while they were being trafficked to India through Putkhali border in Benapole and Hili border in Dinajpur early yesterday morning and Thursday night. Our Benapole correspondent reported that members of 23 BGB Battalion, acting on a tip-off, raided Putkhali border area at around 6:00am and rescued 35 people, including seven women and two children, while they were being trafficked to India. BGB Battalion Commander Lt Col majharul islam said the victims hail from different areas of Faridpur, Narail and Khulna districts. They were later handed over to

Benapole Port Police station, headed. The traffickers managed to flee, sensing the presence of the border guards. In Dinajpur, BGB members rescued a boy while he was being trafficked to India through Hili border under Hakimpur upazila of the district on Thursday night. The boy was identified as Razu Hasan 8, son of Golap Hossain of Avirampur village under Birampur upazila. BGB quoted Razu's statement as saying that one Budu Mia of Avirampur area took him to Hili border area. As BGB men challenged the man, he managed to flee the scene, leaving Razu there. BGB rescued the boy and handed him to Hakimpur Police Station.

Trader hacked to death in Feni

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A local trader was hacked to death by criminals in the district town on Friday night. The deceased is Abul Hasan Mahmud Kaiser, 32, son of Abul Khayer of Rampur in the town. Police and family sources said Hasan along with his wife was retuning home from his in-laws house at Latif tower on Trunk Road in the town at 9:30pm. At this, a gang of 4/5 waylaid their rickshaw on Pathanbari road and hacked Hasan with sharp weapons, leaving him critically

injured. The criminals also stabbed his wife Shahnaz as she tried to resist them. Kaiser and Shahnaz were rushed to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared Hasan dead. His body was sent to Feni Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Officer-in-Charge Mahbub Morshed of Sadar police station. No one was arrested in connection with the incident as of 5:00pm yesterday. Contacted, the officer-in-charge said they are trying to unearth clue to the incident and nab the culprits involved.

TORTURE ON WOMAN FOR DOWRY

Sued husband, in-law still at large, threaten the victim

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A woman is passing days amid insecurity as her husband and brother-in-law continued threatening her after she filed a case with Dinajpur Sadar police station against them under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act. After filing the case (No 32) on April 8 accusing husband Md Syed Atiqul Islam Labu and his brother Syed Azadur Rahman Bipu, I with my son took shelter at my father's house at Balubari in the town but Labu and Bipu are threatening me over mobile," said

the victim Nazmun Nahar at a press conference at Dinajpur Press Club on Saturday. "Police on April 8 night arrested Azadur Rahman Bipu but mysteriously released him only after four hours. "I was married to Labu in 1994. He tortured me physically and mentally for dowry. I also discovered his illicit affairs with several women," she said. "My husband and his brother even built illicit affairs with domestic help. On several occasions, they attempted to kill me and my son. They are now spreading rumours that I have become mad," said a tearful

Nazmun at Dinajpur Press Club. She urged the local administration to arrest the two accused. Contacted, Altaf Hossain, OC of Dinajpur Sadar, said, "Police picked up Bipu and released him after interrogation. Bipu along with his family has been living at a separate house for the last one year as he got irritated with the quarrel between his brother and his wife." This correspondent failed to contact Labu and Bipu for their comments as their mobile phones were found off.

Two BCL men held on charge of killing Tangail Sramik Dal leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Detective Branch of Police (DB) on Friday arrested two BCL men on charge of killing Golam Azam, organising secretary of Tangail district unit of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal. The arrestees are Shakil Kabir, 22, joint secretary of Tangail district unit of BCL, and his elder brother Shamim Kabir alias Russel, 24, also a BCL activist. The detectives arrested the BCL men from Gharinda area in Tangail town at noon. On the basis of their statement, the law enforcers recovered a pistol from Sabalia area in the town, said Golam Mahfeez, officer-in-charge of Tangail DB police. Police produced the two BCL men in a court here yesterday, seeking seven-day remand. The court fixed April 13 (today) for hearing the remand prayer, said Sub-inspector Chandan Kumar Chakraborty, investigation

officer (IO) of the murder case. They are among the eight accused in Golam Azam murder case. After recovery of the pistol, DB police also filed an arms case against the two arrestees. Sramik Dal leader Golam Azam was shot and stabbed by a gang at his furniture shop at Gharinda area in the town on April 1. Critically injured Azam, also president of auto-rickshaw Workers Union, was taken to Tangail General Hospital. As his condition deteriorated, doctors referred him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), but he succumbed to his injuries on the way to the hospital at around 4:30pm. Azam's wife Shilpi Akhter filed a murder case with Tangail Model Police Station the same day against eight people, including BCL men Shakil and Russel. The case was shifted to DB on the day.



PHOTO: STAR

Two BCL activists arrested on charge of killing Golam Azam, organising secretary of Tangail district unit of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

Missing schoolboy found murdered in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

A missing schoolboy was found murdered in a betel leaf garden at Ghasbila village in Alamdanga upazila on Friday night. The deceased was identified as Akram Hossain, 15, son of Shahatot Ali of Ghasbila village and a class nine student of Ghasbila High School in the upazila. Akram went out of house with a bag and Tk 100 in the morning and remained missing since then, said family members. Locals found his body lying in the garden at 7:00am and informed the police who went there, recovered the body and

sent it to Chuadanga General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Locals said the body bore in the left eye. Family and locals demanded proper investigation into the murder. The reasons behind the murder could not be known. Victim's family filed a murder case with Alamdanga Police Station, but no one was arrested in connection with the killing as of as of filing of this report at 5:00pm yesterday. Contacted, Officer-in-charge Rafiqul Islam of Alamdanga Police Station said they are trying to unearth clue to the murder.

SNIPPETS

School catches fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noulkhal

A fire broke out at Shibpur Muslim High School in Sadar upazila early yesterday. On information, a firefighting unit rushed to the spot and doused the flame, said Kabir Hossain, station officer of fire service in the district. The fire originated from an electric short circuit, he suspected. The loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 50 lakh, claimed headmaster AFM Ismail Hossain.

Three robbers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police in separate drives arrested three alleged robbers in Santhia upazila on Friday night. The arrestees are Md Uzir Uddin, 35, son of Abdus Samad of Borat village, Md Nur Islam, 30, son of Hasem Ali of Bondiramchar and Md Helal Uddin, 25, son of Azibar Rahman of Bongram char villages in the upazila. Of the arrestees, Uzir is accused in seven cases including one for murder.

Farmer hurt in bomb blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A farmer was injured as a bomb exploded at Boroghathi village in Kaliganj upazila yesterday morning. The injured is Abdul Kuddus, 42, son of late Babur Ali of the village in the upazila. He was admitted to the upazila health complex. Police and locals said Kuddus went to a field to graze his cattle where he found a bomb-like object. Suddenly, it exploded, leaving him injured, said sub-inspector Monirul Islam of Kaliganj police station.

Two schoolgirls drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Two schoolgirls drowned in a pond at Bhitarkuti village under Kaunia upazila on Friday afternoon. The deceased are Asha Moni, 9, daughter of Ershadul Haque of the village and a class III student of Bhitarkuti Government Primary School and Monirul Akhtar, 6, daughter of Monirul Islam of the same village and a class one student at the school. Police and family sources said the duo went to take a dip in the pond and drowned. Later, locals recovered the bodies from the pond.

2 held with bombs

UNB, Jessore

Police in a drive arrested two men along with three bombs in Dighirpara area of the district town on Friday night. The arrestees were identified as Mizanur Rahman, son of Abdul Kader of Kharki area, and Rubel Hossain of Rail Gate Pashchim Para area in the town. Acting on secret information, a team of police raided the area and arrested the duo along with the bombs around 8:00 pm, said Jamal, sub-inspector of Kotwali police station.

Eight shops gutted

UNB, Rajbari

At last eight shops were gutted in a fire at Nurnahar Market in the district town early Friday. Locals said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop at the market at about 4:30 am and soon engulfed seven other adjoining shops. Being informed, a fire fighting unit rushed in and doused the flame after two hours of frantic efforts. Affected shop owners claimed that the fire burnt down valuables worth Tk 30 lakh.

Man falls off bus roof, dies

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

A young man died after falling from the roof of a running bus in Sharsha upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased was identified as Tuhin, 34, son of Sadek Ali, a resident of the area. Witnesses said Tuhin while travelling on the rooftop of a bus from Benapole fell down from the vehicle in the area on Friday night as he got hurt with a roadside tree. Injured Tuhin was admitted to Jessore 250-bed Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries early yesterday.

3 held with arms, yaba

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Police in separate drives arrested three people along with a pistol, four bullet and 44 pieces of yaba tablet from Hajirali Balikhola area in Jhikorgachha upazila of the district on Friday night. The arrestees are Kabir Hossain, 25, of Fatehpur village, Ishaq, 27, of Police Line Lichu Bagan area of Sadar upazila, and Alal, 24, a resident of Beneali village in Jhikorgachha upazila. On secret information, police conducted a drive in Hajirali Balikhola area on the Jessore-Benapole Road at night and arrested Kabir. Police also recovered a pistol and bullets from his possession. In another drive, police arrested Ishaq and Alal with 44 yaba tablets in the area.

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