

More 700 SIM cards seized in Joypurhat

Police still clueless about sources

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members of Joypurhat-5 unit seized more seven hundred SIM (subscriber identity module) cards from Ziapur village in Khetlal upazila under Joypurhat district on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.

Most of the SIM cards were active with balance, members of the elite force said, adding that they have been trying to recover more SIM cards from Ziapur village as they learnt the people taken away a large number of SIM cards.

On Tuesday, Khetlal OC Iqbal Anwarul Haque told this correspondent that they recovered 243 SIM cards and

all were inactive.

The SIM cards belong to Banglalink, Robi, Teletalk, Airtel and Grameenphone.

"Criminals might have thrown the SIM cards into the pond with a special motive. If they wanted to destroy the SIM cards it could have been burnt," said Md Abdur Rahman, a resident of Ziapur village in Khetlal upazila.

He also alleged that police is not serious about the incident.

On Tuesday, seven-year-old Rizvi, son of Abu Musa of Ziapur village, first noticed the SIM cards when he went to the pond to collect leafy vegetables. Without collecting the leafy vegetable, he returned home with around 60 SIM cards.

Hundreds of villagers thronged the pond to collect the SIM cards.

Md Masud Rana of the area said villagers collected around 5,000 SIM cards from the pond since Tuesday morning.

Contacted, ASP Md Abdur Rahim, commanding officer of Joypurhat-5, told this correspondent over phone that they are trying to recover more SIM cards from the area.

"After recovering a satisfactory number of SIM cards we will seek help of mobile operators to detect the details of each SIM cards including identities, nature of use and the towers under which the SIM cards were used," he added.

Torture on schoolboy in police custody

Probe finds allegations true

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A three-member probe committee has submitted its report to the superintendent of police (SP) against the officer in-charge of Rajapur Police Station for his involvement in torturing a SSC examinee.

The report found proof of the allegations, sources said.

Seeing newspapers reports on torture on the SSC examinee at Rajapur police custody for two nights, SP Md Majid Ali formed the committee, headed by ASP Md. Mohidul Islam to investigate the allegations against OC Md Nazrul Islam.

The committee submitted its report on Wednesday 10 days after the investiga-

tion, said the ASP.

The OC did not give any written comments to the committee although it asked him for giving his statements about the allegations, he said.

"Some allegations have been proved against the OC according to the report", said the SP, adding that departmental action would be taken after getting his statement.

On March 28 and 29, Russel, 15, a SSC examinee of Rajapur Pilot High School was brutally tortured in the police custody and he was forced to marry a girl.

Later, Russel was produced before a mobile court, led by Executive Magistrate Mahabuba Aktar, which sentenced him to six months' imprisonment.

Yaba smuggler held after gunfight

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A listed Yaba smuggler, who sustained bullet wounds following an alleged gunfight with law enforcers, was detained in Alikhali area in Teknaf upazila Wednesday night.

Police also seized a locally made pipe-gun, two cartridges and 2000 pieces of Yaba tablets from the spot, said officer-in-charge (OC) Ranjit Kumar Barua of Teknaf Model Police Station.

Three policemen also sustained minor injuries during the gunfight.

The detainee Sayed Noor, 27, who resides along with

his family members at a Rohingya camp, was admitted to Cox's Bazar General Hospital.

Police said following information that a huge quantity of Yaba tablets was coming to Bangladesh territory through the Naf River, a police team took position at the embankment around 11:30pm.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the criminals opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to fire back, the OC said.

At one stage, the cops arrested bullet-hit Noor from the spot while his cohorts managed to flee.

Wild elephant kills two

Police shoot it dead later

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Two people were killed and two others injured in an attack by a wild elephant in Durgapur upazila yesterday.

Durgapur police opened fire to bring the

situation under control, killing the elephant, said upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Saiful Islam.

The deceased were identified as Shibupandey, 40, of Naluapara village and Taheruddin, 70, of Mithapukurpar area in the upazila.

The injured are Geeta Rani Dey, 35, and Abdur Rahim, 45, of Sadhupara in Durgapur municipality area.

The wild elephant entered Naluapara village from Indian Meghalaya area and attacked the house of Shibupandey around 5:00pm, killing Shibupandey on the spot. Taheruddin then came under the attack of the elephant and died on the spot.

Later, the elephant entered Sadhupara area and damaged several houses, leaving Geeta Rani and Abdur Rahim injured.

Brutality of mob justice!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Criminals cut the hair of a housewife, alleging her extra-marital relation with a youth at Boraidoho village in Sherpur upazila early Wednesday.

The victim is Tara Banu, 40, wife of physically challenged Abdul Karim of the village, said police.

Tara Banu, 40, went to bed with her seven-year-old son on Tuesday night. In the meantime, Shushil Chandra Das, 28, of the nearby village, entered the house, said a few locals.

At 4:30 am on Wednesday, some locals encircled the house, took the duo out after breaking open the door and tied them to a tree.

They then beat the victims up mercilessly. At one stage, they cut hair of Tara Banu.

On information, police rushed to the spot and rescued Tara Banu and Shushil, said sub-inspector Serajul Islam of Sherpur police station.

Tara Banu filed a case with Sherpur Police Station against seven identified and



PHOTO: STAR

Victim Tara Banu.

eight unidentified people in this connection.

The accused include Mokaddes Ali, 70, Hafizar Rahman, 34, Bahar Uddin, 32, Hazrat Ali, 32, Biddut, 20, Dulal Hossain, 30 and Rafiqul Islam, 33, of the village.

Police arrested Abu

Bakkar, 32, and Shah Alam, 28, sons of the main accused Mokaddes Ali, said the SI, also the investigation officer of the case.

Police are raiding different areas to arrest the accused, said Ali Ahmed Hashmi, officer in-charge of the PS.

Jubo Dal man held, arms seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a Jubo Dal activist from Pabna district town on Wednesday afternoon and recovered three firearms and explosives as per his confession.

The arrestee, Rashidul Islam Ripon, 32, is an activist of Ishwardi upazila unit Jubo Dal, the youth body of the BNP. He is a close associate of Zakaria Pintu, secretary of Ishwardi municipality unit BNP.

Sohan Ibne Akib, commander of Rab-12 Pabna camp, said acting on a tip-off, Rab arrested Ripon from Chandmari area around 3:00pm.

As per his confessional statement, the elite force later raided Piarakhali village in Ishwardi upazila. They recovered 42 homemade bombs, two light guns, a shutter gun and a huge amount of bomb-making materials.

Ripon is an accused in four criminal cases, the Rab commander said.

"BNP leader Jakaria Pintu is the real owner of the firearms and explosives. They used these arms and explosives to indulge in criminal activities in the area", the Rab official



PHOTO: STAR

Arrested Jubo Dal activist Rashidul Islam Ripon with seized arms and explosives.

quoted Ripon assaying.

Rab took Ripon to the Pabna camp along with the arms and explosives. Ripon was then handed over to Ishwardi police.

Two cases have been filed against several people, including Ripon and Pintu, with Ishwardi Police Station in this connection.

Biman Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of the police station, said police produced Ripon at the Pabna Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday and the court sent him to jail.

Police conducted drives

in different areas of the upazila to nab Pintu, but they failed to arrest him, the police official said.

Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not contact Pintu as his cell phone was switched off.

Contacted, SM Fazlur Rahman, joint secretary of Ishwardi municipality unit BNP, denied allegations of Pintu's involvement with the arms and explosives storage.

"Ripon is an activist of Jubo Dal. He stored the arms and explosives," he added.

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