

People have to take risky ride on small country boats to cross the Ghaghot River at Tunirchar village in Banagram union of Sadullapur upazila under Gaibandha district in absence of a concrete bridge there.

SADULLAPUR UPAZILA IN GAIBANDHA

# Thousands suffer for want of concrete bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Thousands of people of six unions under Sadullapur upazila are suffering much as their demand for a concrete bridge over Ghagot River has remained neglected since country's liberation.

Several thousand people, including schoolchildren, have to cross the river everyday in tiny boats to go to the upazila headquarters amid risk of life. So, the incident of boat capsize occurs sometimes due to heavy pressure of passengers.

School going children are facing severe problems in reaching their institutions

by the tiny boats. Most of them refrain themselves from going to schools in the rainy season, fearing boat accident.

"I don't know how to swim, so I feel afraid of crossing the river by a tiny boat," said Sajedur Rahman a class three student of Tunirchar village under Bonogram union.

Prior to every parliamentary election, candidates pledge to build a concrete bridge over the river at Tunirchar point to ease communication, but after election, they forget the pledge, said Abdul Jobber Akanda of Tunirchar village.

Farmers, who need to

carry their agricultural products to upazila headquarters for sale, are the worst sufferers for lack of a bridge over the river.

The growers of perishable commodities can not reach the markets at upazila and district headquarters in time due to lack of communication. Therefore, they have to count loss. "The growers carry food

grains and other agricultural products to the district town, travelling a 15kmlong alternative road. They don't get fair price of their produce as they have to give maximum carrying cost," said Ruhul Amin a trader.

A bridge is inevitable at

Tunirchar point to connect Bonogram, Kuptola, Durgapur, Malibari, Chapadaha and Dariyapur unions with Sadullapur upazila headquarters, villagers of Tunirchar said, adding that they repeatedly appealed to the government for construction of a concrete bridge there, but to no effect.

Contacted, Sadullapur Upazila Parishad Chairman Saidur Rahman said they have sent a proposal to the ministry concerned for construction of a concrete bridge over Ghagot River to mitigate the suffering of thousands of people of the six unions.

## 32 Bangladeshis return from Myanmar jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's

Under the extradition treaty between the two countries, Border Guard Police (BGP) of Myanmar handed over 32 Bangladesh nationals, who had served different jail terms on charge of illegal intrusion, to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yester-

The 32 people hailed from different villages of Ukhia, Moheshkhali, Chokoria and Teknaf upazilas of Cox's Bazar district.

Muktar Hossain, officerin-charge of Teknaf Police Station, said an eight member squad of BGB 42 Battalion, led by Teknaf Company Commander

Subedar Major Zakaria Alam went to Mongdo in Myanmar to attend a flag meeting around 7:30am and returned to the country with the 32 detainees around 11:30am.

Than Thun Lai, immigration staff officer of Myanmar, led the tenmember BGP team at the flag meeting.

BGB handed them over to Teknaf Police Station, soon after their arrival. Later, police handed them over to their family mem-

Sources said, the 32 people were detained by the BGP troops for trespassing and served jail terms ranging from one year to seven years.

## One more arrested in Ekram killing case

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Police arrested an alleged mugger, also involved in the killing of Fulgazi upazila chairman, from Academy area in the district town on Monday night.

The arrestee was identified as Azmir Hossain Raihan, 21, a close associate of Jubo League activist 'Ruti' Sohel.

Sohel, one of the accused in Fulgazi upazila chairman Ekram killing case, is still at

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Feni Model Police Mahbub Morshed said a team of patrol police arrested four muggers, including Raihan, from the academy area.

Raihan confessed to his involvement in the killing before the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Khairul Amin yesterday. Fulgazi upazila chairman

Ekramul was shot and burnt to death in his car by a gang of 40 to 50 in the academy area of the district town on May 20. He came under the attack

on his way to Fulgazi upazila headquarters from his residence in the town. Following the incident,

Rezaul Haque Jasim, brother of the slain AL leader, filed a murder case with Feni Model Police Station the same day, accusing 30 to 35 people, including local BNP leader Minar Chowdhury.

#### **SNIPPETS**

#### BSF picks up boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) arrested a Bangladeshi teenage boy on Dharmagarh fronties in Ranishankoil upazila early Monday. The arrestee is Abdur Rahim, 17, son of Durul of Moradhar village in Haripur upazila, said an official of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). A BSF patrol team of Sreepur camp picked up Rahim near the border area around 4:00am. They sent a letter to BSF to return Rahim, said Commanding Officer of 30 Thakurgaon BGB Battalion Lt Col Kamal Ahmed.

### Lightning kills farmer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A farmer was killed by lightning at Charhatibhanga village in Dewanganj upazila of the district yesterday afternoon. The deceased is Manu Miah, 30, son of Kalim Uddin of the village. Locals said a thunderbolt struck Manu when he was working at his paddy field in the area.

#### 27 gold bars seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Indian Border security Force (BSF) arrested an alleged Bangladeshi smuggler along with 27 gold bars weighing 2.5 kilograms at Benapole check post yesterday morning. The arrestee is Apu, 30, son of Sahjahan Ali of Rajnagor village in Sarsha upazila. Monir Hossain, officer incharge of Benapole check post police immigration, said on secret information, a BSF team raided the area and arrested Apu along with the gold bars worth TK 1.4 crore. The arrestee was later handed over to Bongaon police station in India. A case was filed in this connection.

#### 2 siblings drown in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Two siblings drowned in a pond at Dhaldah village under Sharsha upazila early yesterday. The deceased are Rimi, 8, and Jhimi, 9, daughters of Shahidul Islam of the village. Locals said the duo accidentally fell into the pond near their house while playing on its bank and drowned.

#### Two abducted siblings rescued

UNB, Munshigani

Police rescued two siblings from the district town yesterday afternoon, four hours after their abduction. The victims are Mansur Bhuiyan, 50, and his elder sister Khadija Begum, 55. Police also arrested one Shah Jalal, 27, from Dakkhinkot Gaon area of the town for his alleged involvement in the abduction. Mansur and Khadija were abducted at gunpoint by a gang led by Shah Jalal in front of the Diabetic Hospital in the court area of the town in the morning. The abductors demanded Tk 5 lakh ransom from their family over mobile phone. Police later raided Shah Jalal's house and rescued the duo.

#### Housewife murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police recovered the hanging body of a housewife from her bedroom at Loshkarpur village in Sadar upazila early Monday. The deceased is Popy Begum, 35, wife of Rabiul Islam of the village. Police said Rabiul used to torture Popy over family matter. On the fateful day, Rabiul killed Popy and hanged the body from the ceiling of the house to prove that she had committed suicide, said Sub-Inspector Md Bodrudoza. Rabiul was arrested in connection with the incident. A murder case was filed, said the SI.

#### Extortionists blast bomb

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

Extortionists hurled a crude bomb at the house of a farmer at Kalupal village in Sadar upazila on Saturday. However, none was injured. Family sources said a gang demanded Tk two lakh as illegal toll from farmer Atier Rahman, 40, for the last few days. As he denied to pay the money, a gang of 7/8 swooped on his house on Saturday night, exploded the bomb and left the place.

## Three siblings to die for killing housewife

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A court here yesterday sentenced three siblings to death for killing a housewife for dowry in 2005.

Those who were given death penalty are deceased's husband Khalil Mian, 30, his elder brother Abdul Mian, 33, and sister Anwara Khatun, 28, of Uttar Kassapia village in Subarnachar upazila.

According to the prosecution, the trio beat Ayesha Khatun mercilessly, leaving her dead on the spot following an altercation over

dowry on the night of May 26, 2005.

Later, Kalil along with his brother and sister dumped the body at a paddy field near their house. Locals found the body in the morning and informed the police.

Being informed, law enforcers from Char Jabbar Police Station went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Sadar

Sakina Khatun filed a case with Women and Child Repression Prevention

Tribunal, Noakhali, against Khali, his brother Abdul and sister Anwara.

After investigation, police pressed charges against the three on July 21 the same year.

Abdul Mian and Anwara Khatun were tried in absentia as they went into hiding soon after securing bail in the case in December 2005.

After examining wit-Hospital morgue for nesses and evidence, tribunal Judge Sayeed Later, Ayesha's mother Ahmed found them guilty and pronounced the verdict.



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A colourful procession marking Technical and Vocational Education Week 2014 parades different thoroughfares of Mymensingh town yesterday.

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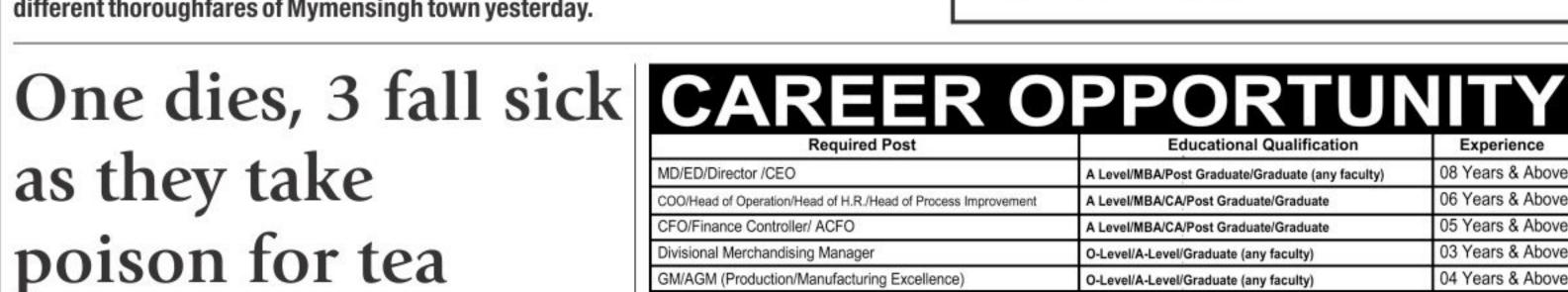
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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

An elderly man died and three others of his family fell sick after taking a homemade hot drink that contained pesticide instead of tea at Shingroad Prodhanpara village in Panchagarh Sadar upazila on Monday.

While preparing tea at their house in the morning, Zorina Begum mistakenly put pesticide 'Furadan' instead of processed tea into the boiling water, family and hospital sources said.

Soon after taking the drink, Zorina Begum, 60, her husband Atahar Ali, 70,

their daughter-in-law Fuljan Begum, 30, and grandson Kulsar, 18, fell sick.

Other family members with the help of neighbours brought them to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital where Atahar Ali died soon after admission.

"The four patients had mistakenly taken pesticide instead of tea. One of them died while the three others are in a vulnerable condition. We are giving required treatment to them," said onduty doctor Raziur Rahman.

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