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College student hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A college student was hacked to death and 10 others were injured in an attack by rivals over taking water from a deep tubewell at Paschim Bakra in Satkhira's Ashashuni yesterday, said police.

The deceased, Habibullah Sarder, 24, son of Alimuddin Sarder, was an honours second year student of Satkhira Government College.

Around 25 people attacked them over disputes on electricity bill of the motor used for lifting water from the government tubewell supervised by Habibullah's father.

Witness of murder case killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

The prime witness of a murder case was hacked to death by unidentified criminals at Achalongpara in Manikchhari upazila of Khagrachhari yesterday noon.

Mohammad Mominul Haque, 55, son of Abdul Malak of Kalapani in the upazila, was the prime witness of local doctor Gofran murder case lodged in 2009.

Quoting locals, Manikchhari police Officer-in-Charge Safiqul Islam said Mominul was attacked with iron rods and sharp weapons on his way to a mosque.

Eight houses gutted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Eight tin-shed houses were gutted by a fire in Bakalia of Chittagong city yesterday afternoon.

Fire officials said the fire originated from an electric short circuit in one of the houses near Moydar Mill area and damaged valuables worth around Tk 2 lakh.

Fire fighters doused the fire after an hour long effort.

3-wheeler driver killed in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Miscreants killed a three-wheeler driver at Baradi in Kushtia Sadar upazila and took away his vehicle yesterday.

Aminul Islam Rana, 25, of Jugia village, went out with his easy bike on Thursday night and did not return, said police.

The body with its throat slit was sent to Kushtia General Hospital for an autopsy.

Indian clothes of Tk 80 lakh seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh seized a huge amount of smuggled Indian saree, salwar kameez, and cloth, worth Tk 80 lakh, in different incidents in Benapole yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, BGB members made the seizure in Amrakhali and Sadipur while the smugglers fled away.

The goods were handed over to Benapole customs. A case was filed.

Cousins murder man in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A person was beaten to death allegedly by his distant cousins in Anwara upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased was Nepal Chandra Das, 57, of Gujra area in the upazila.

His son Robin Das alleged that his distant uncles Sumon, Manu, Babla and Ranajit attacked his father on a dispute over catching fishes in a pond collectively owned by the four, said Anwara police.

Nepal was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital around 12:30pm, said CMCH police.

Cop's stolen arms recovered, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A stolen pistol, its magazine and five rounds of bullets of a sub-inspector of Nasirnagar police was recovered from Alakpur in Brahmanbaria after seven months yesterday.

Police also arrested two people Tabarok Raja, 27, and Mojibor, 30, who were carrying those, on the spot.

SI Rafiqul Islam, investigation officer of the case, said seven rounds of ammunition and one magazine, which were also stolen, were yet to be recovered.

Hanging body of woman found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police recovered the hanging body of a woman from village Jigatala in Bakshiganj upazila of Jamalpur yesterday morning.

The deceased was Nureda Begum, 35, wife of Abdur Rashid of the village.

Neighbours discovered her body hanging from the kitchen rafters of her house and informed police.

The body was sent for an autopsy. Police are yet to ascertain whether Nureda committed suicide or was murdered.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 11th death anniversary of Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, former adviser to a caretaker government.

On the occasion, Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Smriti Parishad will place wreaths at his Banani grave, offer prayers and hold milad mahfil at an orphanage, says a press release.

Barrister Ishtiaq, also former attorney general, made immense contributions to the country's democratic movements and legal arena.



With Ramadan wearing on, shoppers throng the capital's New Market yesterday. Similar crowds were seen elsewhere too, as Eid shopping picks up. In the meantime, the huge rush of people and their spillover onto the streets are causing traffic snarl-ups in those areas.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Dhaka wants halt to Israeli atrocities in Gaza

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has strongly condemned the Israeli aggression and called for an immediate cessation of its atrocities on the civilian population in Gaza.

"Bangladesh is deeply shocked at the recent Israeli atrocities and violence perpetrated in Gaza, in particular, air strikes, resulting in tragic loss of civilian lives and heavy damage to property and posing renewed threat to regional peace and stability," according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.

Bangladesh maintains its principled position on a comprehensive solution of the Palestine issue in

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Protesters of RU fee hike still facing cop harassment

6 cases filed against over 750 students not withdrawn while probe drags on

MA SAYEED, RU

The Rajshahi University probe committee, formed to investigate the attack on general students by pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League activists backed by police, has not submitted its report even after about five months.

On the contrary, a day after the incident, the university authorities, police and BCL filed six cases with Motihar Police Station accusing more than 750 general students of damaging university properties.

With the cases hanging over them, the students are not being able to move freely on the campus because of the fear of arrest, while their families are being harassed by the law enforcers every now and then, said several victims.

On February 2, around 100 students and eight journalists were injured when some armed BCL men backed by



police attacked the students who were demonstrating against a hike in tuition fees and evening master's programmes. Several newspapers published photos of several BCL men brandishing firearms and attacking the demonstrators.

Alamgir Hossain Sujon, an organiser of the movement and one of the injured in the attack, said, "We are passing days in fear of arrest, as police are harassing our parents." Although

the complainants promised to withdraw the cases several times, they did not do so, he said.

Another student, Faruk Emon, who is also a leader of a left-leaning student body, said, "When we try to hold any organisational programme, police try to arrest us in those cases."

On the day of the violence, the RU authorities formed the five-member probe body, headed by Prof Khalekuzzaman of the zoology department, and closed the university for an indefinite period.

Two days later, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, on a visit to the university, directed the probe committee to submit its report within a month.

Talking to The Daily Star recently, Prof Khalekuzzaman said the committee would try to submit the report before this Eid-ul-Fitr.

About the procrastination, he said

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UISC boosts youths' livelihoods in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

Ziaul Haque, a 35-year-old physically challenged youth, is beaming this time as Union Information Service Centre (UISC) set up in Huzripara of Paba upazila in Rajshahi around three years ago, has brought a major change to his life as he is earning a satisfactory monthly income by providing ICT-based services to the people in general.

"I have earned around 80,000 taka and 85,000 taka in May and June last respectively by providing around 37 categories of services to people through this UISC established in 2011," he said, adding that Soniya Khatun was another entrepreneur of the centre.

He said the number of service-recipients was 21,105 and earning was around Tk 3.51 lakh in last 2013-14 fiscal.

In terms of earning, from very beginning he upholds the top position in the district and the second or third in the division comprising eight districts.

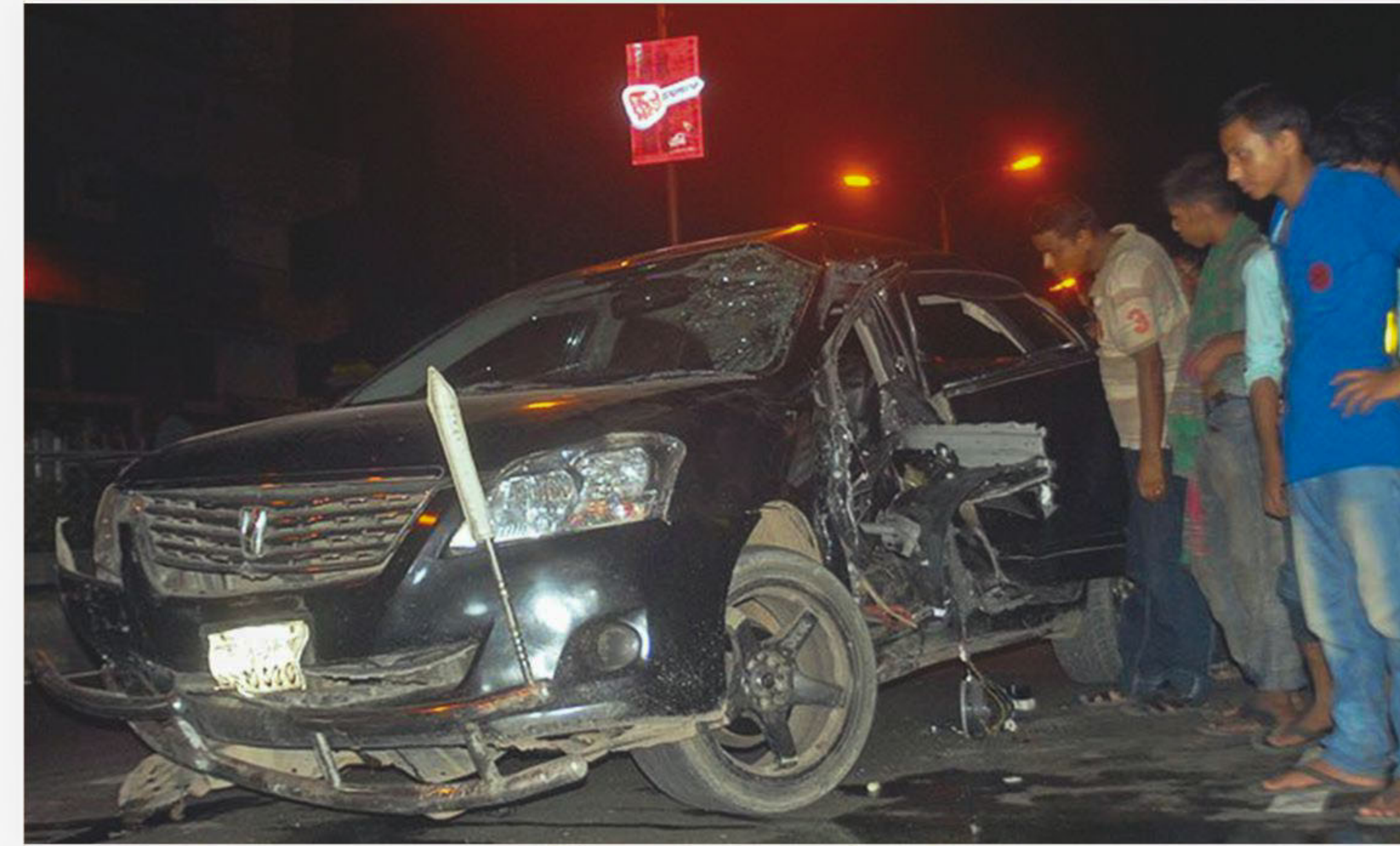
At the centre, alongside providing different services including agriculture, land, health, education and legal aid, Ziaul provides computer training to the students and unemployed youths, which greatly helped them to get better jobs.

Very recently his major incomes started coming mainly from computer training, composing, scanning, printing services, photography, photocopy, online registration, birth registration and internet browsing, he stated.

Like Ziaul Haque, many entrepreneurs of UISCs across the upazila as well as the district have entered into profitable ventures and made them fortunate by enhancing their regular income.

Entrepreneur of Haragram Union Raquibul Hassan Rony said he earned Tk 47,488 in June through his centre.

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Exiting the Mohakhali flyover at speed, this car rammed into a stationary police van killing a man in the passenger seat around 1:00am yesterday. The photo was taken at the Shaheen College end of the flyover in the capital.

PHOTO: STAR

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, CHITTAGONG

Three kids drown

CITY DESK

Three children drowned in Chapainawabganj and Chittagong yesterday.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, two girls drowned while they were taking a bath in a pond near their house in Fultala Bazar area of Shibganj upazila at noon, said locals.

Munni, 12, daughter of Masud Rana, was a class VI student of Chhatrajitpur High School; and Sabina Akhtar, 9, daughter of Mehedi Hasan, was a class III student of Chhatrajitpur Primary School in the area.

Locals recovered their bodies from the pond around 2:30pm.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong adds, a boy drowned in a pond in Boalkhali upazila of Chittagong.

The victim, Antar Barua, 11, son of Kamal Barua of Barua para in the upazila, went to the pond adjacent to their house to bathe around 1:00pm, said Paltu Kanti Barua, a relative.

He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead, said Nayek Abul Bashar of CMCH Police Camp.

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