



Regional Commander of Border Guard Bangladesh (BOG) Rangpur Brigadier General Latiful Haidar Welcomes Director General of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) DK Pathan offering a bouquet of flowers at the zero point of Banglabandha yesterday morning.

Border killings to be reduced to zero level

Assures DG of Indian BSF

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Director General of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) DK Pathan yesterday said efforts would be taken to bring the killings on the Bangladesh-India border to zero level.

He assured this during a courtesy meet with the BGB officials at Banglabandha Zero point of the border in Tentulia upazila of Panchagarh district.

After the meeting, Regional Commander of Rangpur Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Brigadier General Latiful Haidar told the reporters at a press briefing that the courtesy meet between the officials of two border guards was held in

very cordial atmosphere.

DK Pathan assured BGB of reducing the border killings to zero level while BGB appealed him not to hand over Bangladeshi nationals to Indian police following detention on charge of intrusion.

BGB asked BSF to hand the Bangladeshis over to BGB who cross the border illegally, the Regional Commander said.

During the short meeting, the two sides also agreed to maintain peace along the border and resist different trans-border crimes through joint cooperation. They also stressed on showing highest restraint in special circumstances and resolving border problems through discussion.

The other issues discussed at the meeting included curbing drug smuggling, intrusion and trafficking of women and children.

Earlier the BGB Regional Commander Latiful Haidar welcomed BSF DG DK Pathan by offering a flower bouquet when he reached the zero point at 9:20am.

The BSF DG also gave a crest to BGB regional commanding officer. They also exchanged some gifts.

Acting Sector Commander of Thakurgaon BGB Lt. Colonel Kamal Ahmed, Commanding Officer of 18, BGB Battalion Lt. Colonel Ariful Haque and Inspector General of North Bengal Frontier of BSF SK Sudha and others were present.

Cops injured in attack by robbers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

At least 10 people, including three policemen, were injured in an attack by armed robbers in Chuadanga district early yesterday.

Meanwhile, locals caught four robbers while they were preparing to loot passenger buses on Kushtia-Meherpur highway in Gangni upazila of Meherpur district the same day.

In Chuadanga, law enforcers, acting on a tip-off, raided Mobarakpur village in Damurhuda upazila where a gang of robbers were taking preparation for committing robbery at the house of one Ashan Ali at the village at around 1:30am.

Sensing the presence of policemen, robbers hurled two bombs at cops, leaving three of them, including ASI Hadiuzzaman, injured.

Seven people also sustained injuries as the robbers threw two more bombs on locals, who tried to help police catch the gang members.

Police, however, could not arrest any of the gang as they managed to flee. They (police) recovered two swords, a police ID card, a driving licence, one mobile phone and splinters of the bombs from the spot.

In Meherpur, locals encircled a gang of robbers when they were taking preparation for looting passenger buses at Haria point of Kushtia-Meherpur highway by felling three roadside trees at around 11:45pm

Locals caught four of the robbers while others managed to flee. They beat up the robbers mercilessly. On information, a police team led by Officer-in-Charge Reazul Islam of Gangni Police station went to the spot and rescued the injured robbers.

Abducted boy rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police rescued a six-year-old boy at Debinagar village in Sadar upazila on Friday, a day after his abduction.

They also arrested one Tazemul Haque of the village for his alleged involvement in the abduction.

The victim is Emon, son of Abdul Matin of Lakshminagar village under Fatullah in Narayanganj district.

Jasimuddin, officer in-charge of Sadar police station, said Emon was kidnapped from Fatullah on Thursday.

Man, son drown

CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An elderly man and his son drowned in Mathabhanga River of Meherpur district on Friday night.

The deceased were identified as Yar Ali, 60, and his physically challenged son Sanwar Ali, 18, of Mohammadpur village in Gangni upazila.

Officer-in-charge of Gangni police station Reazul Islam said being informed, Yar Ali went to Mathabhanga to rescue his son who drowned in the river at 7:30pm.

At one stage, strong current took away Yar Ali, to mid river.

Later, locals recovered the bodies of the duo, said the OC.

Malaria spreading fast in Thanchi of Bandarban

6 kids die, 1500 attacked in 11 bordering villages

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

At least six children died of malaria and 1500 others were affected in the last few days at 11 villages under bordering Thanchi upazilla.

The villages are Thoicha Kyang Para, Naidari Para, Jinna Para, Roy Bahadur Para, Aungsa Kyang Para, Chingthoai Aung Headman Para, Shotyomoni Para, Choto Madok, Boro Madok, Dalian Headman Para, and Aolsen Para.

The deceased were identified as Krai Saing Prue Marma, 9, daughter of Aung Shai Thoi Marma of Ching Thoi Aung Headman Para, U Thoi Prue Marma,

5, son of Thoainu Prue Marma of Aung Thoi Prue Karbari Para, Biren Tripura, 8, Jyotirmoy Tripura, 12, and Jagatjyothi Tripura, 15, of Shotyomoni Para, said family sources.

"My eight-year-old daughter U Kya Nu Marma died on the way to Bandarban Sadar Hospital on Wednesday afternoon as no doctors were available at the upazilla health complex", lamented Thoing Cha Ching Marma, father of the deceased.

"Malaria affected people of the area are facing untold sufferings due to shortage of doctors and staffs at the health complex," Kya Hla

Ching Marma, chairman of Thanchi upazilla parishad.

More than 10 people died of the disease without proper treatment but we could not contact with all of them as the affected areas are far away from here, he said.

Health department sources said, children and women were the worst affected. At least eight people died of malaria in the remote area over the last few weeks, they said.

Fu Myau Marma, health assistant at the upazilla health complex, said over 50 malaria affected people had to return home without treatment everyday due to shortage of doctors, nurses

and other staffs.

Local people said the killer disease was also spreading rapidly in Thanchi, Ruma and Lama upazillas, creating panic among the villagers.

They urged the government to send doctors and supply necessary medicines to combat the spread of the disease.

Contacted, civil surgeon Dr Maung Te Zaw said the doctors of the district do not want to stay in the remote areas.

"Necessary measures will be taken immediately to improve the situation in the malaria affected areas," he said.



Around 100 metres of Teesta road bridge protection dyke over the Teesta River collapsed due to the onrush of water from upstream in Sadar upazila of Lalmonirhat yesterday.



Victims formed a human chain in front of K Jahan Market in Bola yesterday, demanding steps to protect the district town from tidal surge and erosion by the River Meghna.

Victims demand steps to stop tidal surge, erosion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Hundreds of people of different villages in Sadar upazila formed human a chain in front of K Jahan Market in the municipality area yesterday morning, demanding protection from tidal surge and erosion by the River Meghna.

The victims joined the programme organised by five non-government organisations-- Coast Trust, Dwip Development Society, Family Development Society, Grameen Jono Unnoyon Sangstha and Palli Seba Sangstha.

Speakers at the rally said, the vulnerable 18 kilometres of Bhola town protection dyke had not been repaired for long. A 50-foot fresh breach on Monday inundated

nine villages in Sadar upazila, they added.

Besides, people of 50 more villages in Charfashion, Monpura and Daulatkhan upazilas became marooned in the last couple of days, they added. The speakers also pointed out that the problem had been continuing for years as the authorities concerned turned a blind eye to the matter.

Meanwhile, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed visited the flood affected villages in Sadar and Daulatkhan upazilas yesterday and the day before and distributed 12000 saris and 6000 lungis among the affected people.

During his visit, the minister assured the effected people of taking necessary steps soon to protect the district from tidal surge.

their demand, leaving her dead on the spot.

Later, they hung Shapla's body with the ceiling of her room in a bid to show the murder as a case of suicide, said Abdus Salam, father of the victim.

Away in Sadar upazila, Shreemoti Rani, wife of Ranjit Roy in Sadar upazila, allegedly committed suicide to get rid of her in-laws torture for dowry money on Friday.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Dinajpur Medical College and Hospital for autopsy.

dowry during their marriage about three and half years ago. However, Ashrafal kept torturing Shapla to realise more money from her parents.

Failing to bear the torture, Shapla fled her in-laws house and took shelter at her brother's house at a nearby village on July 14.

On Friday afternoon, she returned home with her one and four months old son.

On her return, Ashrafal and his mother Golapi Begum beat her up mercilessly for not complying with

Two schoolgirls 'commit suicide'

Housewife allegedly kills herself

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Two schoolgirls allegedly committed suicide in two villages in Atwary and Debiganj upazilas of Panchagarh district on Friday.

AKM Enamul Karim, officer in-charge of Atwary Police Station, said Suchitra Sen, 15, daughter of Jadu Lal at Jamuribari village in Atwary upazila, also a Class-X student at Roseya High School committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan at her living room around 3:00pm on Friday.

The reason behind the suicide could not be ascertained immediately, the OC added.

Meanwhile, Mousumi Akhter, 15, daughter of Abdul Matin and a Class-IX student at Changthi Hazeradanga High School at Shikarpur village in Debiganj upazila took her life by hanging herself from the ceiling with the help of a scurf early Friday.

Kawsar Ali Khan, officer in-charge of Debiganj Police Station quoted locals as saying that Mousumi might have committed suicide after failing to secure sub-scholarship due to bad results.

Away in Pirojpur, a housewife hanged herself at Gaokhali village in Nazirpur upazila of the district early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The deceased is Nilufa Begum, 35, and wife of Mostafa, a fisherman by profession.

Police quoted locals as saying that Mostafa saw Nilufa hanging from the ceiling of their house, after returning from fishing at a nearby canal around 3:00am yesterday.

Mahubur Rahman, sub-inspector of Nazirpur Police Station, said being informed, police recovered the body and sent it to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

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School set on fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Local criminals burnt Baghi-Kotoi Junior High School at Baghi village in Nasirnagar upazila early yesterday.

Police and locals said, a gang set the school on fire at midnight, which damaged its tables, chairs and benches.

The loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 6,00,000, said headmaster Gautam Mallik of the school.

Upazila nirbahi officer Chowdhury Muazzam Ahmed said, punitive action would be taken against the culprits. We are investigating the incident, said police.

BGB detained 29 on border

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members arrested 27 Bangladeshi citizens from Putkhali border early yesterday, while they were attempting to enter India without valid documents.

Shafiqul Islam, officer in-charge of Benapole Port Police Station, said being tipped-off, a team of BGB members conducted a drive in the area and arrested 14 women, 11 men and 4 children.

The arrestees hailed from different villages of Satkhira, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat and Jhenidah districts, police said.

Later, the BGB troops handed them over to Benapole Port Police Station.

NGO workers mugged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A gang took away Tk 20,000 from a field worker of Thengamara Mohila Somobay Samitee (TMSS), a local NGO, in Shujabad area on Bogra-Dhaka highway under Shajahanpur upazila yesterday. The victim is Suraiya Khanam of the area. Manager of Shajahanpur upazila TMSS Majhira branch Md Sadruzzaman said the incident took place when Suraiya Khanam was going to Purbo Shujabad area after collecting loan money from rural women in the morning. Punitive action would be taken against the snatchers after getting complaint in this regard, said Abdul Mannan, officer in-charge of Shajahanpur police station.

4 Indians arrested

CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police arrested three Indian nationals at a mango orchard on Natudah border in Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district on Friday evening. The arrestees are Apel Mallick, 50, son of late Elahi Mallick, Hafizol Islam, 45, son of Ebad Ali and Ashutosh Bagchi, 45, son of late Bhelu Bagchi of Pakhi village under Morutia police station of Nadia district in Pashchimbanga. They were arrested on charge of entering Bangladesh illegally, said Shikdar Moshir Rahman, officer in-charge of Damurhuda police station. A case was filed in this connection, said the OC.



Monoshwita Mohila College, damaged by nor'wester on May 14 at Shouljalia in Kathalia upazila of Jhalakathi, has been rebuilt with the money donated by the local lawmaker, Barisal divisional commissioner and some philanthropists. After publishing a news item on the front page of The Daily Star on May 22, they extended their helping hands and gave Tk four lakh to the governing body of the college.

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