

Driver, horse killed as train rams cart

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A train rammed a horse cart near Mohimaganj railway station on Sunday night, killing the horse and rider.

Witnesses said, horse cart owner Sekender Ali, 60, of Salmara village in Gobindaganj upazila was alone on the cart when he was going by the road alongside the rail track around 9:00pm.

At that time, a Lalmonirhat-bound mail train was heading for Mohimaganj rail station.

Seeing the horse cart by the side of the rail track, the loco master of the train blew whistle which caused the fear-stricken horse to jump on the track and hit by the running train.

The bodies of horse and the rider were cut

into pieces under the train. The cart became mangled and thrown a few yards away. The horse and rider Sekender Ali died on the spot.

A case was filed with Bonarapara GRP station, said Taslimuddin, station master of Mohimaganj railway station.

In a similar incident, at least 11 people, including two kids, were killed and 60 others injured as a train hit a bus carrying a wedding party while it was crossing a rail gate at Barobazar in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah on August 1.

The bus was carrying the wedding party from Shailkupa upazila to Shako village in Kaliganj upazila. The bride and bridegroom, however, were safe as they were travelling by a microbus.

Jubo Dal leader stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A local leader of Jubo Dal was stabbed to death by a rival group at Rajganj in Putkhali border area on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Shamim Ahmed, 42, president of Rajganj unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth wing of BNP and son of Yusuf Ali, a resident of the village.

Apurba Hasan, officer in-charge of Benapole Port Police Station, said a gang called Shamim, a businessman by profession, out of his house at about 11:00pm and took him to Mathbari garden in the village.

Later, they stabbed him indiscriminately with sharp weapons, leaving him dead on the spot.

Police later recovered the body and sent it to Jessore Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Police arrested Shamim's nephew Kamrul Hossain for his alleged hand in the killing. However, the actual reason behind the murder could not be ascertained, they said.

Shamim's son Imran Hossain filed a murder case with Benapole Port Police Station.

UP member murdered

UNB, Kurigram

A union parishad member was stabbed to death allegedly by a rival group at Kirtantari village in Rajibpur upazila on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Tara Mia, a member of ward-2 of Mohanganj union parishad in the upazila.

Police said a gang intercepted Tara Mia on the way home from Kirtantari bazar around 11:00pm and stabbed him indiscriminately, leaving him critically injured.

He was rushed to Rajibpur Upazila Health Complex where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.



PHOTO: STAR

Locals join a two-kilometre-long human chain in Rangpur town yesterday demanding gas supply through pipeline in the division.

3 missing as engine boat capsizes in Brahmaputra

Two bodies recovered from Padma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Three passengers went 'missing' in the Brahmaputra when an engine operated country boat capsized in the mid-stream of the river near Councillor Bazaar of Sader upazila yesterday afternoon.

Locals suspected that the missing passengers might have drowned in the heavy current. They are Taslima Begum, 30, wife of Jewel Mia of village Sarkerpara in Malibari union, Ayetullah Mia, 45, and Sohrab Hossain, 50, of village Noongola in Kamajani union of Gaibandha Sadar upazila.

Police and eyewitnesses said, an engine boat with 12 passengers on board was bound for Councillor Bazaar from Kunderpara Ghat (terminal). When the boat about to reach its destination, suddenly it capsized due to strong current.

Hearing the news, local people came to their help with country boats and rescued all the passengers but the aforesaid three

remained missing till filing of this report yesterday evening.

Divers from Gaibandha rushed to the spot and started rescue operation, sources said.

Ashraful Momin Khan, UNO, Gaibandha Sadar, said the rescue operation will continue to find out the missing persons.

In Rajshahi, police recovered two decomposed bodies from the Padma River in Zianagar area of the city yesterday, reports our Staff Correspondent.

Identities of the deceased, one male and the other female, could not be known. They were at their early 30s, said Khan Md. Erphan, OC of Rajpara police station.

Informed by the locals, police recovered the bodies at around 11:30am and sent those to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

There was no mark of injury on the bodies, the OC said. An unnatural death case was filed with the PS.



PHOTO: STAR

The source of once profusely flowing Dhaleshwari River at Chartilli in Saturia upazila under Manikganj district remains dry even during the ongoing rainy season due to blocking of the water course by massive siltation.

Dhaleshwari dying for siltation, dry at places despite rains

Irrigation in 12 unions of 3 Manikganj upazilas at stake

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

The Dhaleshwari River remains virtually dry at places even during the ongoing rainy season, causing irrigation problem for the farmers of 12 unions in three upazilas under the district.

The situation has arisen as the once mighty river is silted at Tilli, the source point of the watercourse, in Saturia upazila of the district.

The affected areas are Garpara, Jagir, Krishnapur, Betila-Mitora and Atigram unions of Manikganj Sadar upazila, Baira, Singair Sadar, Talebpur, Joymantap and Dhalla of Singair upazila,

and Tilli and Fukurhati of Saturia upazila.

Irrigation of farmland is being hampered for want of water as the river is heading towards death due to continuous siltation for the last 30 years, said Zakir Hossain, chairman of Jagir union parishad.

"Once streamers and launches plied the river and passengers and businessmen went to Kolkata with their goods. We caught many local varieties of fishes from the river. But now there is little fish there," said Chand Mia of Krishnapur.

To press for their demand to conduct massive excavation at Tilli, and remove

illegal structures, unplanned embankment, roads and bridges from different areas of the river for ensuring its smooth flow, locals formed a platform 'Dhaleshwari Nodi Banchao Andolon' in October last year.

Public representatives, lawyers, journalists, teachers joined in the platform. A team of the civil body visited different areas of the river on July 14.

Accompanying the team during the visit, this correspondent saw many illegal structures, unplanned roads, bridges and embankments in the river areas. Lands emerging in the middle of the river are being used for growing

crops.

To press for five-point demand including dredging of the river, Dhaleshwari Nodi Banchao Andolon submitted copies of a memorandum to the chairmen and upazila nirbahi officers of Saturia, Singair and Manikganj Sadar upazila, deputy commissioner of Manikganj and all three local lawmakers, said Azaharul Islam Arzu, convener of the movement.

Its copies were also sent to the offices of the prime minister, water resources ministry and agriculture ministry but there is no response from any quarter yet, he said.

"We urged the government to take up a plan for dredging the Dhaleshwari River in the annual programme of the Executive Committee of National Economic Council," said Azaharul Islam.

Contacted, deputy commissioner of Manikganj Rashida Ferdous said, "I have recently joined Manikganj. I will visit the river area soon to take necessary steps."

Mizanur Rahman, executive engineer of WDB, said, "We have made a survey of the area. We will dig the river between Char Tilli and Bangladesh Haat so that water can enter the channel and flow easily."

SNIPPETS

Brickfield owner mugged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Criminals stabbed a businessman before looting Tk 2.5 lakh from him at Silam Pashchimpara road in Moglabazar upazila Sunday night. Victim Atar Ali, also the former general secretary of Silam union BNP and now convening committee member, was rushed the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. He hails from Mohammadpur of Dakshin Surma. Witnesses said, about 6 to 7 young men on three motorbikes waylaid Ali's motorbike at about 10:00pm while he was returning home from his brickfield. On refusal to hand over the money, they stabbed him severely and snatched away the money at gun point, family sources said.

Man killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

One person was killed and at least six others were injured in a clash between two groups over a disputed land at Baghaura-Akhobpur village under Nabinagar upazila in the district yesterday noon. The deceased was identified as Md. Abul Khayer, 55, of the village. According to eyewitness and police, there was a long-standing enmity between Md. Abul Khayer and his cousin Md. Bellal Mia centering the disputed land. Yesterday both groups again tried to take control of the land, one by erecting a fence on the boundary line. At one stage, the rival groups attacked each other with lethal weapons leaving Md. Abul Khayer dead on the spot and six people injured.

Bangladeshi

FROM PAGE 2

Dr Bhopinder Singh, a senior consultant forensic pathologist at Penang Hospital.

On Friday, the Myanmar human traffickers demanded Malaysian Ringgit (RM) 240,000 from some Bangladeshi workers as ransom after kidnapping Alahi and his friend Mozibur Rahman, 33, another Bangladeshi worker, at Bukit Jambul, reported The Star.

Mozibur had managed to free himself before lodging a police report, the newspaper reported quoting Malaysian Police.

The victims had received a phone call from an unknown number asking them to repair a kitchen of a flat in the area. They were kidnapped by a group of people impersonating policemen as soon as they reached the spot.

"We were held captive in the deep jungle," said Mozibur.

Resist move

FROM PAGE 3

Referring to media reports which helped to put influential people involved in the Narayanganj seven murders behind bars, Jyotirmoy Barua, a Supreme Court lawyer, said, "If such reports demean the image of any forces, then I would want them to be reported 100 times."

Speakers said that since the government came to power through a questionable election, it wanted to throttle any voice that might work against the interest of groups such as bureaucracy, security forces and countries supporting it.

Abul Hasan Rubel, coordinating committee member of Gonosanghati Andolon, read out a statement, criticising the policy and questioning the government's objective for drafting such rules.

Meanwhile, Progressive Democratic Party (PDP), at the press briefing at Dhaka Reporters Unity, said the policy would make the broadcasting media completely subservient to the government.

"The government has in fact taken control of the media in its own hands through this policy," said PDP Chairman Dr Ferdous Ahmed Qureshi.

"Formulating a broadcast policy without having an 'Independent Broadcast Commission' is like putting the cart before the horse," he said, adding that in the absence of a commission, the information ministry would implement the policy.

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Bangla Corpus and Bangla OCR Software Development

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

1	Ministry/Division	Information and Communication Technology Division.
2	Name of procuring entity	Information and Communication Technology Division.
3	Expression of interest for selection of	The Software Firm.
4	Title of service	Selection of Software Firm for Development and Installation of "Bangla Corpus" and "Bangla OCR" Software in the Information and Communication Technology Division (ICTD).
5	EOI Ref. No.	56.00.0000.029.14.005.14-01
6	Date	06/08/2014
7	Procuring method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) of PPR-2008.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
8	Budget and source of fund	Revenue Budget, GOB.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9	Project/program code (if applicable)	3-2801-0001-4303
10	Name of the program	"Bangla Corpus, Bangla OCR, Text to Speech Software Development and Digital Talking Book Preparation Program" in Information and Communication and Technology Division.
11	Place of EOI submission	Information and Communication Technology Division, BCC Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.
12	Eoi closing date and time	25/08/2014 at 12:00 noon.
13	Eoi opening date and time	25/08/2014 at 12:30pm.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
14	Brief description of assignment	The Software Firm will be responsible for the following assignments which include: a) Bangla Corpus: (i) To develop a Bangla Corpus of ten (10) or more than ten (10) lakh words. b) Bangla OCR: (i) To develop a software to convert any document to the following file format. The formats are - MS Word, MS Excel, PDF and Ebook. (ii) The developed software will be able to convert any document written by any of the following fonts. The fonts are - Nikosh, NikoshBAN, NikoshGrameen, NikoshLight, NikoshLightBan, Solaimanlipi, Kalpurush, Kalpurush ANSI, Siyam Rupali, Siyam Rupali ANSI, AponaLohit, Bangla, AdorshoLipi, Bensen, Bensenhandwriting, Akaash, Mitra Mono, Sagar, Mukti narrow, Mukti, Lohit and Sutonnymj.
15	Experience, resource and delivery capacity required	Intending firms have to submit the following documents: (a) Brochure summarizing their facilities, areas of expertise; up-to-date trade license & Income Tax certificate; Firms registration, VAT registration and bank solvency certificate; Audited Balance Sheet for last 01 (one) year (in case of limited company); (b) Experience of minimum 03 (three) years in Software Development and IT Solution; (c) Experience in similar assignment; (d) Description of similar completed and ongoing assignment, clients names; and (e) Bio data of professional Engineers/Developers/Programmers and other personnel to be engaged in the job and duly signed by the respective personnel.
16	Other details	The firm will be selected in accordance with PPA and PPR. Interested firms/consortiums are requested to submit 03 (three) copies of EOI in a simple and clear form which should contain all relevant information.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
17	Name of official inviting expression of interest	Md. Rafiqul Islam.
18	Designation of official inviting expression of interest	Program Director (Deputy Secretary).
19	Address of official inviting expression of interest	Information and Communication Technology Division.
20	Contact details of official inviting expression of interest	Information and Communication Technology Division, BCC Bhaban (Level-5), Agargaon, Dhaka. Phone: 02-8181196; Email: alaol.kabir@yahoo.com
21	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept/reject any/all EOI.	
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