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Rabindra Kuthibari at Shilaidaha in Kumarkhali upazila of Kushtia, inset, illegal structures demolished by local administration on six acres of land in front of Tagore's lodge yesterday following a High Court order.

TAGORE'S SHILAI DAHA KUTHIBARI

Illegal structures demolished

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The local administration yesterday removed the illegal structures on around six acres of land in front of Shilaidaha Kuthibari in Kumarkhali upazila under the district.

The land in front of the Kuthibari, a reminiscent of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, has been freed as the High Court recently issued an order, asking the authorities concerned to evict the illegal occupiers from

there.

Offices of two NGOs, three houses and thirty shops were dismantled during the drive conducted with the help of five platoons of police, one platoon of Rapid Action Battalion and around five hundred workers, said Sohel Reza, additional police superintendent of Kushtia.

Manjur Rahman, joint secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Amiruzzaman, director of Archaeology Department, Khulna Zone, and Syed

Belal Hossain, deputy commissioner of Kushtia, were present during the drive.

According to sources, the men of local influential person Alauddin Ahmed bought the lands in front of the Kuthibari in 1998-99 and started erecting a tourist complex there.

Different newspapers and electronic media ran reports on the matter, prompting protest from the admirers of Rabindranath.

Cultural activists led by Dr Sanjida Khatun started movement in Dhaka.

Consequently, the government acquired the six acres of land adjacent to the Kuthibari.

The purchasers of the land filed a case against the move in 2000.

After litigation for years, the High Court recently dismissed the case and asked the authorities concerned to recover the land.

A research centre and library and a guesthouse will be built on the land, said Manjur Rahman, joint secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Fishermen beat up 13 robbers in Bay

STAR REPORT

A group of fishermen yesterday beat up 13 suspected robbers when they swooped on the fishermen in Gas Camp area in the Bay of Bengal.

The fishermen also gouged out the eyes of five suspects before handing them over to Hatia police.

The suspects attacked a number of boats when the fishermen were returning from the Bay in the afternoon yesterday, reports our Noakhali correspondent.

Hearing the screams of the victims, fishermen on several other boats nearby rushed to the spot to rescue the victims and caught the gang of robbers.

The pirates, mostly aged between 18 and 27, were from Bashkhal upazila in Chittagong.

Syed Md Fazle Rabbi, officer-in-charge of Hatia Police Station, confirmed the incident and said all the robbers were admitted to Hatia Upazila Health Complex for treatment.

Lightning strike kills farmer

UNB, Khulna

A farmer was killed by a lightning strike at Ramnagar Thakurbari Ghat in Dakope upazila on Wednesday.

The deceased was identified as Krishnapada Sardar, 35, a resident of the village.

Witnesses said a streak of thunderbolt struck Krishnapada while he was working in his crop field at about 8:30 am, leaving him dead on the spot.

HUMAN CHAIN IN TANGAIL

Cops not probing Faruque killing properly: BNP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Leaders and workers of BNP Tangail Sadar upazila unit formed a human chain in the town yesterday, demanding capital punishment of the killers of Rafiqul Islam Faruque, vice-president of the unit.

Faruque, also chairman of Dainna Union Parishad (UP) in Sadar upazila, was shot dead by an unidentified gang near his house in Battala area in the town on December 20 last year.

Several hundred people from different villages of Dainna union also joined the human chain on the court premises.

Addressing a rally at the venue, local BNP leaders blamed law enforcers for not investigating the



Rafiqul Islam Faruque

Faruque murder case properly. They demanded immediate arrest of the killers who are still at large.

District BNP Vice-president Ali Imam Tapan, Organising Secretary Farhad Iqbal, Sadar upazila unit President Abdul Hamid, district Swachhasebok Dal President Ziaul Haque, district Sramik Dal General

Secretary Monirul Islam, district Chhatra Dal President Rashidul Alam and convenor of Sadar upazila unit of Chhatra Dal Azharul Islam Labu addressed the rally.

Slain Faruque's brother filed a case with Tangail Model Police Station on December 2, accusing 11 people, including several local Awami League men.

The case was later shifted to the Detective Branch of Police (DB) for investigation.

Contacted, Golam Mahfizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of DB in Tangail, said six of the accused surrendered to a Tangail court that sent them to jail. "We are trying to arrest the remaining five accused in the case", the OC said.



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Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) and its associate bodies take out a procession in Rangamati town yesterday, urging the government to put on hold its move to set up a medical college and a science and technology university in Rangamati district until the peace accord is fully implemented.

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SNIPPETS

Husband kills wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A housewife was stabbed to death allegedly by her husband over a family feud at Baraghariya village in Aditmari upazila early yesterday. Police, arrested the accused Ershad Mia, 28, son of Abdur Rashid of the village from adjacent Char Kutipar area around 10:00am. The deceased is Bulbuli Begum, 18, daughter of Abdul Matin of the village. Police quoted parents of the deceased as saying that Ershad stabbed Bulbuli to death for refusing to sell her share of the paternal property.

Cotton worth Tk 5 lakh gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A huge quantity of cotton materials worth Tk 5 lakh, were gutted in a devastating fire at a cotton mill in Phulbari upazila on Wednesday night. Fire Service sources said the fire broke out at the warehouse of Bengali Cotton Mill in Dhakamoor area around 8:00pm. On information, a fire-fighting unit from Phulbari Fire Station rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control around 9:00pm.

Mujibur, driver

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In the afternoon, a police team, led by the SP, took the two to Tukurbazar on Sylhet-Sunamganj highway, from where they were allegedly picked up on May 4 on their way to Sylhet.

Mujibur, 56, and Rezaul, 30, were taken to Sunamganj from Dhaka on Wednesday night after they were freed in Tongi, Gazipur on Monday, according to Sunamganj police.

In Sunamganj, they were first taken to the SP office at Hajipara and then Mujib was allowed to stay at his home in the same area. Police had been deployed there.

Police, however, did not permit journalists to talk to Mujibur, saying that he is "still sick and will talk later". Rezaul was not given the opportunity to stay at his Ukilpara house in the town, alleged his father Abdul Wahed.

"I even could not meet my son although I had been at the police station since yesterday [Wednesday] morning," he said, adding that police told him to come later.

Earlier in the morning, Sunamganj BNP leaders Nasir Uddin Chowdhury and Kolim Uddin Milon, both former lawmakers, met Mujibur at his home.

While talking to The Daily Star, Kolim Uddin said they

asked Mujibur about the kidnap incident. Mujibur said the kidnappers told him that they were policemen.

They stopped Mujibur's vehicle, saying that they would check the papers of the vehicle and the driver, Kolim quoted Mujibur as saying.

Mujibur also told his brother-in-law Anwar Hossain at the capital's United Hospital on Monday that the adductors had identified themselves as policemen.

Anwar said those who kidnapped Mujibur asked him about BNP leader Tarique Rahman, BNP chief Khaleda Zia's son, and Mujibur's connection with Tarique. They also asked Mujibur about politics of the BNP in the UK.

Hours after the release, Rezaul went missing again on that day. Police said they found him in a modest hotel in the capital's Gulshan on Wednesday morning, around 51 hours after he disappeared for the second time.

Now a member of advisory committee of the Sunamganj BNP, Mujibur is also a former vice-president of the party's UK chapter.

His family lodged a general diary with Sunamganj Sadar Police Station after the abduction.



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