

# Main accused in Dhudu Soren killing case held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

The detectives arrested the main accused in Dhudu Soren murder case from Kashimpur area of Gazipur district early Friday, police said.

The arrestee is Md Abdul Gaffar, 45, son of Gulzar Hossain of Kushdah-Khalippur village in Nawabganj upazila of Dinaipur district.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Dinaipur DB led by Bazlur Rashid raided Kashimpur area in Gazipur early Friday and arrested Gaffar.

Police produced Gaffar in a Dinaipur court yesterday,



Md Abdul Gaffar

seeking seven days' remand for him. Sub-Inspector Bazlur Rashid, of Dinaipur DB said the hearing on the remand prayer will be held today.

Dhudu Soren, 56, was stabbed to death in Hili

Dangapara area in the upazila by a gang of land grabbers led by Abdul Gaffar on August 2.

Later, his son Rabi Soren filed a murder case with Nawabganj Police Station, accusing Gaffar and seven others. Police arrested Gaffar's wife Hawa Begum from Kushdah-Khalippur village on August 3. The case was handed over to DB on August 26.

The indigenous people of Dinaipur held several rallies and processions, demanding arrest of the killers of Dhudu Soren. His father and brother were also murdered by land grabbers in 1975 and 2011.

# AL leader beaten up by Jubo Dal men dies

UNB, Laxmipur

A ward-level Awami League leader who was beaten up allegedly by some Jubo Dal men over establishing supremacy at Sondara village in Ramganj upazila on Friday, died at a hospital in the capital early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Jahangir Alam, member secretary of 6 no. ward of Isapur union unit of Awami League and son of late Dudu Miah of the village.

Police said, local Jubo Dal leader Mahbubur Rahman, party activist Siraj Uddin and Abdur Rahman swooped on Jahangir while he was gossiping at a tea stall in Sondara, following a previous enmity in the area.

The attackers beat up the AL leader mercilessly, leaving him seriously injured.

Injured Jahangir was admitted to Ramganj Upazila Health Complex, from where he was shifted

to Noakhali General Hospital.

As his condition deteriorated, he was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries in the early hours yesterday.

Officer in-charge of Ramganj Police Station, M Lokman Hossain, confirmed the incident saying that they were raiding different areas to arrest those involved in the killing.



PHOTO: STAR

Criminals on Thursday night vandalised three idols that were being made for the upcoming Durga Puja at a puja mandap at Hortukitola village in Sadar upazila of Nilphamari district.

# University student, three kids drown

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A university student and three children drowned in Cox's Bazar and Natore districts yesterday.

A student of a private university in the capital drowned in the Bay of Bengal while he was taking a bath at Sugandha point of Cox's Bazar beach yesterday afternoon, reports our Cox's Bazar correspondent.

The deceased, Imtiaz Ahmed Mishu, 22, son of Gias Uddin, was a student of Department of Journalism at Daffodils University. Adnan Ahmed, younger brother of the deceased, said Mishu was swept away by the strong waves while he, along with relatives, was swimming at Shugandha point around 1:30pm.

Members of 'Lifeguards' rescued him and took him to the Sadar Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead.

Away in Natore, two

cousins drowned in a pond at Baiddyanath village yesterday morning.

The deceased are Rakibul Islam, 3, son of Majnu Mia of the village, and his cousin Sadia Khatun, 3.

Abdul Hai Talukdar, officer in-charge of Lalpur Police Station, said the children fell into water and drowned while playing on the bank of a pond near their residences.

In another incident, Al-Amin, 05, son of Jhantu Mia of Chamtia village drowned in a pond at Shibnagar village.

Police said, Al-Amin, who came to visit his maternal grandfather's house, went to a nearby pond to take a bath.

As he did not return home after quite some time, family member started searching for him. Later, they recovered his body from the pond and took it to Lalpur Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared him dead.

# Girl killed, Tk 4 lakh robbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Criminals killed a 12-year-old girl and looted Tk 4 lakh from a house at Mollapara village in Saidpur upazila on Thursday.

The deceased, Jannati Khatun, daughter of Abdul Gafur of the village, was a Class V student at Kumar Para Dhakhil madrasa.

Ataur Rahman, elder brother of the deceased, said his parents along with other members of their family went to attend the funeral of a relative at nearby Brommottor village on Thursday morning, keeping Jannati alone at home.

A day before, his father brought Tk 4 lakh and kept it in a wooden wardrobe in the house to buy a land from one of their neighbours, said Ataur.

Police said the primary motive of the miscreants was to loot the cash, but they killed the girl as she might have recognised any of them.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

A two kilometre road, stretching from Amtoli to Dharmapur under Rakhal Buruj Union in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha, has become unfit for use as it subsided at 15 points recently. Around 20,000 people of the area face a serious problem due to the sorry state of the road.

# 12 Jamaat, Shibir men arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police arrested six members of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and six activist of its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir in Mithapukur and Pirgachha upazilas early morning yesterday and on Friday night.

In Mithapukur, police arrested Jamaat activists Morshed Alam, 45, Sirajul Islam, 45, Iddris Ali, 53, Afzal Hossain, 40, and Tofazzal Hossain, 50 and Shibir activists Ashiqur Rahman, 25, Mizanur Rahman, 24, Tuhin Mian, 24, and Minajul Islam, 27.

In Pirgachha, police arrested Jamaat activist Hafizur Rahman, 32, and Shibir activists Mosharrif Hossain, 23 and Morshed Ali, 30.

Abdur Razzak, SP in Rangpur, said the arrestees were absconding accused in different cases filed including for attacking and killing police, resisting police from performing duties, attacking and torching polling centres and snatching away ballots.

# Two AL leaders killed in Natore, Lalmonirhat

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Two local Awami League men were murdered in Natore and Lalmonirhat districts yesterday and the day before.

An local AL leader was beaten to death in Tetanpara area under Bagatipara upazila of Natore yesterday morning, reports our correspondent.

The deceased is Mozzammel Haq alias Maznu Master, 62, senior vice president of 9 No ward AL of Natore municipality and former centre-in-charge (CIC) of Natore Sugar Mill.

Police and family sources said, a gang of criminals swooped on the house of Maznu Master in the area and forced him to go with them on a motorbike. They then beat up the AL leader mercilessly, leaving him dead on the spot.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately, said police.

In Lalmonirhat, a local AL leader was killed allegedly by his younger brother and nephews at Char Kahatamari in Sadar upazila on Friday, reports our correspondent.

The dead is Biroz Ali Munshi, 70, president of 7 No ward AL of Kulaghat union unit and a resident of the village, said police.

On Friday night, an arbitration was called to settle a quarrel between Abu Bakkar Siddique and Abdur Rahim, younger brothers of the deceased.

In the arbitration, Abdur Rahim and his son Abdur Barek beat up the AL leader and his younger brother Abu Bakkar Siddique, leaving Biroz dead on the spot and Bakkar injured.

# School kids 'forced' to attend ruling party conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Local Awami League leaders and activists allegedly forced the students of two schools to attend the conference of Sakharikathi union unit of the party under Nazirpur upazila of the district on Friday.

Wearing school uniforms, over 100 students of Hoglabuniya High School and Hoglabuniya Government Primary School in the union attended the conference held at Hoglabuniya High School field.

Locals alleged that the AL men forced the students to join the programme to show a good attendance. Though it rained in the afternoon and the field became muddy, the students had to wait there till evening, they added.

Chaired by upazila AL convener Amulya Ranjan Halder, district Krishak League General Secretary MA Malek Bepary, Sakharikathi UP Chairman Akhteruzzaman Ghaus, and some other local AL leaders addressed the conference.



PHOTO: STAR

Wearing uniforms, over 100 students of two schools attend a conference of Sakharikathi union unit of Awami League in Nazirpur upazila of Pirojpur on Friday. Local AL men allegedly forced them to join the programme.

"I do not know who has forced the students to attend the conference. I have seen them sitting in the programme," said upazila AL Convener Amulya Ranjan Halder.

Contacted, Headmaster Salahuddin of Hoglabuniya High School said no one forced the students to attend the AL conference. They eagerly came to observe the programme as their houses are not far from the school, he added.

"Most students of this area come from low-income families. They often wear school dress at different events," the headmaster said.

Sakharikathi UP Chairman Sheikh Akhteruzzaman Ghaus, who was elected general secretary of the union unit of AL at the conference, could not be contacted as he did not receive the phone calls.

# Two tragic deaths

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

A 17-year-old boy met a tragic death when he fell on the road from a running tractor his father was driving in Nawabganj upazila yesterday noon.

The deceased was identified as Md. Sohag, son of Motahar Ali, of Sogukhola village in the upazila.

Witnesses said, the man and his son were going on a tractor to plough their cropland. Motahar was driving the tractor while his son was sitting beside him.

As they reached Rambadrapur village area on Aftabganj-Nawabganj road, the tractor suddenly underwent a heavy jerk, causing Sohag to fall on the road.

Seriously injured, he was rushed to Nawabganj upazila Health Complex where the doctors declared him dead.

In another incident in Biral upazila, a woman was killed after she accidentally received a serious head injury Friday night while trying to stop a clash between her three sons.

The dead was Nuri Begum, 50, wife of late Khatib Uddin of Narsinghpura village in the upazila.

Police said, Mozammel Haque, Nurul Islam and Delwar Hossain, three sons of the women, locked in a quarrel over share of land property at their home on Friday.

At a stage, they started beating each other. As the mother tried to stop them, she fell down after being hit accidentally on her head and died on the spot at around 10.30pm.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Dinaipur Medical College and Hospital.

# SNIPPETS

## Body of UP member exhumed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

The body of a former UP member was exhumed for fresh autopsy after 15 days of his burial at Nachai Kochai village in Gobindaganj upazila. Police yesterday exhumed the body of Shamsuzzaman, 70, a former member of Phulbari union parishad in the upazila, in presence of the Senior Judicial Magistrate. According to the case statement, Shamsuzzaman and his brother Golzar were injured in a clash with one of their rivals Ataur Rahman of the village over previous enmity on August 22. They were rushed to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra where Shamsuzzaman succumbed to his injuries. After failing to lodge a case with the Gobindaganj Police Station, Galzar filed a case with the Senior Judicial Magistrate court after four days of the incident.

## Girl rescued on border

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) rescued a young girl foiling a trafficking bid on Daulatpur border on Friday night. Police also arrested Sohag Hossain, 27, son of Alam Sheikh, a resident of Khanjahan Ali Road area at Shiromoni in Khulna district in this connection. Lance Nayek Rezaul Islam of Khulna BGB 23 said, a team of the border force, acting on a tip-off, raided the border area around 8:00pm and rescued the girl, hailing from Dumuria upazila of Khulna, and arrested Sohag. Later, the rescued girl and Sohag were handed over to Benapole Port Police Station.

## Houses gutted in fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

At least two dwelling houses were gutted when a fire broke out at Giaripara village in Gangachara upazila on Friday night. Fire Service sources said, the fire might have originated from a mosquito-coil at a cow shed owned by one Masud Rana of the village and soon engulfed the adjacent house of Liakat Ali around 10:00pm. On information, a fire-fighting unit from Gangachara upazila headquarters, rushed to the spot and douse the flames. The fire damaged huge properties and killed several domestic animals, including five cows of the two families, added the source.

## Expat's house looted

UNB, Sylhet

Robbers looted valuables, including gold ornaments, worth Tk four lakh from an expatriate's house at Palerchak village in Bishwanath upazila on Friday night. Locals said, a group of 10-12 robbers stormed into the house of Abdul Malik, a Bangladeshi expatriate living in Qatar, breaking open the doors around 2:30 am. They held the house members hostage at gunpoint and took away seven tolas of gold ornaments, three mobile phone sets and other valuables.

## Pistol in cumin seed bag

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

A pistol was found in a seized cumin seed bag in Hili border area under Hakimpur upazila of Dinaipur early morning yesterday. According to the BGB officials of Joypurhat-3 Battalion, a BGB petrol team chased the a gang of women smugglers near Hili border at around 6.00am. Fearing arrest, the women left the spot, leaving their smuggled items. After opening the bags, the BGB members found a pistol in a cumin seed bag, smuggled by them from India, said Lt Col Abdur Razzak Tarafdar Commanding Officer of Joypurhat-3 Battalion.

# 60 hurt in AL factional clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least 60 people, including 10 policemen, were injured in a clash between ruling Awami League and its students wing Bangladesh Chhatra League at Chargaon village in Bahubol upazila of Habiganj on Friday.

The injured were admitted to Bahubol Upazila Health Complex, Habiganj Sadar Hospital and Sylhet

Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Locals said, the clash erupted when a group led by Habibur Rahman, joint secretary of Bahubol upazila unit of AL, and another led by Abdur Rahim, president of Bahubol upazila unit of BCL attacked each other around 9:00pm.

The clash erupted as a sequel to their previous rivalry over control of

the locality, locals claimed.

On information, police rushed to the spot and fired 49 rounds of rubber bullets and lobbed four tear-gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Muktadir Hosain, officer in-charge of Bahubol Police Station, said at least 10 policemen sustained minor injuries while dispersing the clashing groups.

# 36 sued for AL leader killing

UNB, Bagerhat

A case has been filed against 36 leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat-Shibir in connection with the killing of local Awami League (AL) leader Moazzam Shikdar in Morelganj upazila.

Zahid Shikdar, son of the deceased, filed a case against 24 identified and 12 unidentified people with Morelganj Police Station on Friday, said Mohammad Aslam Khan, officer in-charge of the police station.

Four people have been arrested so far in connection with the murder on Thursday, added the OC.

The arrestees were identified as Nurul Islam Talukdar and Quader Talukdar, sons of Abdul Gafur Talukdar, Rezaul Mridha, son of Sohrab Mridha, and Shahjahan Mridha, son of Hasmat Ali Mridha of Jeudhara village in Morelganj upazila.

Police produced them before Bagerhat Chief Judicial Magistrate Court on Friday.

Moazzam Shikdar, 60, general secretary of no. 9 ward unit Awami League under Nishanbaria union of Morelganj upazila was stabbed to death by a gang over a land dispute at Jeudhara village in the upazila around 9.00pm on Wednesday.

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