

# Job seekers fall victim to fake ad

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali  
At least 17 job seekers have been defrauded by a fake advertisement published in a local daily on September 3.

The victims held a press conference at Kalapara Press Club on Friday, demanding immediate arrest of the cheaters.

The job seekers are Nihar Ranjan, Samiron Roy, Amit Kumer Talukder, Soheli Mia, Juran Dewri, Shuvo, Prince Sarder, Razaul Karim, Bipul Chandra Howlader, Sumon Bala, Sanjoy Kumar, Sanjoy Mridha, Nupur Talukder, Abul Bashar, Bipul Chandra Sarder, Rahul Chandra Khokon and Mithun Chandra Howlader. They hail from different villages of Kalapara upazila of the district.

The victims alleged that a gang published the advertisement in the daily in the name of Paira Sea Port to recruit manpower to the posts of five office in-charge, 10 office assistants and 30 labours. The job seekers were asked to communicate with the authority concerned on mobile numbers 01954073668 and 01795081294.

Rahul Chandra Khokon, one of the victims, said he communicated with one Salahuddin of the fake organisation on

mobile No 01795081294 and sought office assistant job. Salahuddin gave him a bKash number and asked him to sent Tk 14,000 to get the job.

"After sending the money, he sent an appointment letter through my e-mail", said Rahul, adding that 16 more youths also paid Tk 10,000 to 25,000 and they all got appointment letters.

When the youths went to Paira Sea Port in Kalapara on September 10 to join their respective posts, they came to know that the advertisement was false.

Over 50 youths were cheated of around Tk 10 lakh by the gang, said one Anisur Rahman of Amtoli upazila of Barguna district. He also gave Tk 20,000 to the gang to get a job.

Contacted, Captain Md Saidur Rahman, member of the Paira Sea Port, said they saw the advertisement and also sent a protest letter to the newspaper on September 5.

We have already sent the copies of the fake advertisement, mobile numbers and e-mail address of the gang to Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and others law enforcement agencies to take action against the cheaters.

## Prime accused in twin killing case arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

The prime accused in a case for killing two siblings in Morrelganj upazila of the district was arrested in Rupsha area of Khulna city on Friday night.

The arrestee is Bachchu Mridha, 40, son of Berek Mridha of Pailatala village in the upazila, said Bagerhat additional superintendent of police Hayatul Islam Khan.

During a primary interrogation, the arrestee confessed to killing Mirajul Hawlader, 10, and Reazul Hawlader, 8, sons of Hawlader Lokman Hossain Babu of the area, said the ASP.

Bachchu violated the mother of the boys at their residence on Thursday night. As the duo witnessed the scene, they were dunked to death by the arrestee.

On Friday afternoon, police recovered the bodies of the victims from a shrimp enclosure at Pailatala village.

## Fisherman's body found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The body of one of two fishermen, who went missing after their boat capsized in the Kirtankhola River early Friday, was found floating on the river yesterday morning.

The fishing boat sank into the river after being struck by MV Bangalee, claimed family members of the fisherman.

Locals found the body of Alam Hossain, 26, son of Toab Ali, in Kadamtala area under Charbaria union of Barisal Sadar upazila and recovered it. Another fisherman named Saidul Islam, 17, son of Badsha Chaprashi of the same area, remained missing as of 5:00pm yesterday.

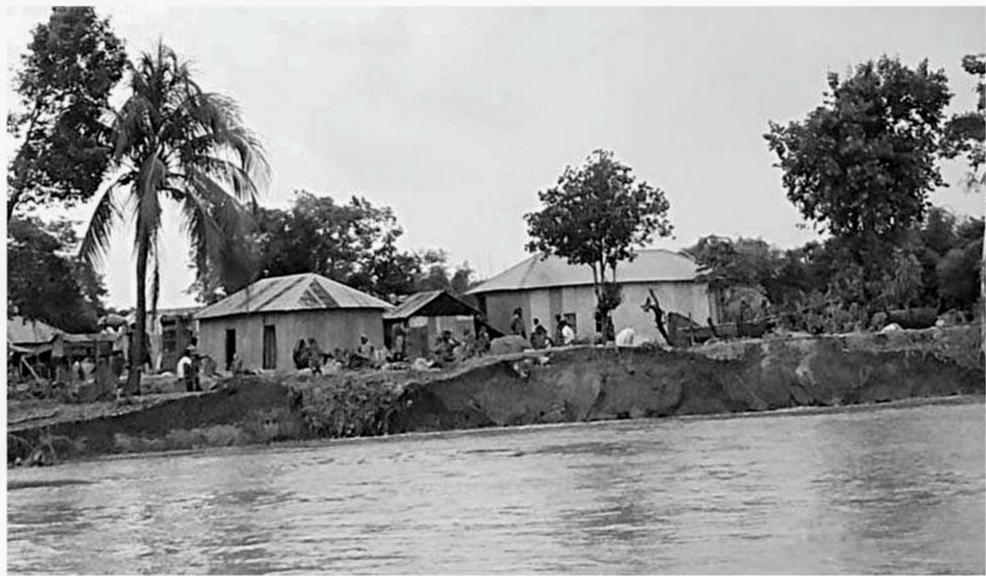


PHOTO: STAR

The River Jamuna turned furious during the recent flooding and devoured hundreds of homesteads in Manikganj district. The photo was taken from Charkatari village in Daulatpur upazila a few days ago.

# Flood, erosion victims in Manikganj await succour

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Flood affected people of Daulatpur, Shivalaya and Harirampur upazilas in the district have been passing their days in utter uncertainty.

Thousands of people of the areas lost their homesteads due to river erosion.

Following recession of the floodwater, the affected people are facing crisis of food and medicine. Besides, hundreds of vegetable growers of 25 villages in Singair upazila are counting huge loss as their vegetable gardens had gone under floodwater.

The district administration gave rice to a few flood affected family as government relief but it was too

inadequate, flood alleged.

Around 500 families of Mandrakhola, Noyakandi, Jogotdia, Kazirtek, Baulikanda, Baghutia, Pachuria and Saljana villages of Arua union in Shivalaya upazila lost their homesteads to the Padma in the last 20 days.

Runa Akter, Tara Banu, Hatem Ali, Swadhin Majumdar of Mandrakhola villages said they were passing hard days in their makeshift houses on roads or highland. Many of them took shelter at their relative's houses and a few others at their neighbouring houses, they said.

They demanded rehabilitation and urged the government to take necessary steps to check river erosion.

Otherwise, more haat-

mosques may go into the river Padma, they said.

More than 200 homesteads of Dhubalia village, Jafarganj High School and around 100 shops of Jafarganj Bazar went into river Jamuna this year. They did not get any help either from government or from any non-government body, they said.

Around 1000 families of Charkatari, Khalsi, Jionpur and Chak-Mirpur unions in Daulatpur upazila lost their homesteads due to erosion by Jamuna. They took shelter at neighbouring houses and facing food and medicine crisis.

Around 25 families of Ramkrishnapur union also lost their homesteads.

Meanwhile, hundreds of

vegetable growers at 25 villages in seven unions of Singair upazila became helpless as their vegetable fields went under floodwater. They urged the government to give them cash and seeds.

Upazila Agriculture Officer Md. Abu Adnan said they were making a list of flood-affected farmers to arrange government support.

"We have also visited most of the flood affected and erosion hit areas of the district, said Rashida Ferdousy, deputy commissioner of Manikganj.

"We have already distributed government rice as relief," she said, adding that the administration will give further support after getting fresh allocation.



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The job seekers, who were cheated by a fake advertisement published in a local daily on September 3, show the copies of the ad at a press conference held at Kalapara Press Club in Patuakhali on Friday.

## SNIPPETS

### Jamaat activists arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Police arrested 14 members of Jamaat-e-Islami party, including a union level leader, at Dumuria village under Senbag upazila on Friday night. The arrestees are Abu Bakar Siddique, Ameer of Dumuria union Jamaat, Emdadul Hoque, Abu Bakar, Abdul Halim, Md. Mostafa, Md. Mohan Mia, Md Riaz Uddin, Md. Samir Uddin, Md. Ashraful Hoque, Md. Rafiqul Islam, Mohim Uddin, Md. Saiful, Md. Rafiqul and Md. Mofizur Rahman. Mominul Islam, officer in-charge of Senbag Police Station, said on a secret information, police raided the house of Abu Bakar Siddique around 11.30pm and found them holding a meeting. As they could not give any satisfactory answer, police detained them. They probably were planning subversive activities, the OC said.

### Lawyers boycott court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Lawyers started boycotting the district judge court yesterday, demanding removal of a judge. Netrakona district bar association at a meeting took the resolution on Thursday for boycotting the court. Chaired by president of the Bar, advocate Shahnewaj Fakir, the meeting was addressed, among others, by PP advocate GM Khan Pathan Bimol and general secretary of the bar advocate Shahidullah and advocate Nazrul Islam Khan. Later, the lawyers brought out a procession on the court premises. They chanted different slogans and paraded different roads around the court building.

### Kid dies for 'neglect' at hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

A 3-year-old girl died for alleged negligence of doctors and nurses at Adhunik Sadar Hospital early yesterday. The child was identified as Hena, daughter of Abdul Hannan of Modhyo Boalkhali under Dighinala upazila in the district. Hannan alleged that the doctors and nurses were indifferent to their lone child Hena, who was admitted to the hospital on Friday noon with viral hepatitis. Nurses pushed a saline on Friday night but due to their neglect excessive bleeding through the needle point caused her death, they said. Contacted, duty doctor and medical officer Dr Rakesh Tripura denied their neglect during treatment. He blamed the child's guardians for bring her to the hospital at a very serious stage which caused her death.

### Fugitive accused arrested

UNB, Bagerhat

Police arrested an absconding accused in a case for killing a housewife after rape from bus stand area in Morelganj upazila early yesterday. The arrestee was identified as Mizanur Rahman Mallik, 35, son of Nurul Islam Mallik, a resident of Purba Saralia village of the same upazila. Aslam Khan, officer in-charge of Morelganj police station, said Mizanur raped housewife Sabi Begum, a resident of Baroikhali area of the same upazila, and later killed her four years ago. Mizanur, a charge-sheeted accused in the case remained absconding for long. The arrestee was also wanted in several other cases filed with the police station, the OC added.

## College boy held for rape attempt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police arrested a college student on charge of raping a five-year-old girl in Dhalua Beel area in Muktagachha municipality Friday night.

The arrestee was identified as Saimuddin Shishir, 19, an intermediate student at Muktagacha Shahid Smriti Government College.

Police and the victim's family sources said, Shishir, son of Nazim Uddin Badal, raped the girl, after taking her to a house at Dhalua Beel at noon.

Following allegation by the victim's father, police arrested Shishir from his house at Dhalua Beel around 11:00pm Friday, said Md. Kamal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Muktagacha police station.

The victim was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for treatment.

## Man killed over land dispute

UNB, Magura

A man was stabbed to death allegedly by his neighbours over a land-related dispute at Narayanpur village in Mohammadpur upazila on Friday night.

The deceased was identified as Pangkaj Basu, 55, a resident of the village.

Matiar Rahman, officer in-charge of Mohammadpur police station, said there had been a longstanding dispute between Pangkaj and his neighbour Anwar Hossain over the ownership of a piece of land.

They went to arbitration but failed to resolve the dispute.

On the fateful night, Anwar and his men swooped on Pangkaj and chopped him with sharp weapons indiscriminately while he was returning home from Binodpur Bazar at about 10:00pm, leaving him injured. Pangkaj later died at hospital.

## Five drown in four districts

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Five people including three schoolboys drowned in Rajshahi, Thakurgaon, Sylhet and Jessore districts yesterday, the day before and on Thursday.

Two minor boys drowned in a pond at Dakra village in Charchat upazila yesterday, reports our staff correspondent in Rajshahi.

The deceased, Golam Mostafa, 10, son of Islam, and Khokon, 11, son of Shahidul of the village, were students of Class V at Dakra Primary School.

Locals said, both the kids went to a nearby pond to take a dip before going to the school in the morning and drowned there.

Locals recovered their bodies after an hour of hectic search, said Golam Mortuza, officer-in-charge Charchat Police Station.

In Thakurgaon, a 15-year-old boy drowned while taking a bath in Tangon River in Burirbandh area in Sadar upazila on Friday, adds UNB.

The deceased, Himu, son of Naimuddin of Khanka Sharif area in the town, was a Class IX student at

Islamnagar High School.

Police said, Himu along with his four friends went to the river to take a dip when all of a sudden he went missing due to high tide.

Later, his body was found floating in the river.

Away in Sylhet, a minor boy drowned in a pond in front of his house at Daspara village in Osmaninagar upazila on Friday, reports UNB.

The deceased is Ibrahim, 5, son of Siraj Mia of the village.

Police said, relatives spotted Ibrahim's floating body in the pond around 3:30pm, after nearly two hours of his missing.

In Jessore, a minor girl drowned in a pond at Hatathpara village in Jhikorgachha upazila on Thursday, reports our Benapole correspondent.

The deceased is Nurun Nahar, 6, daughter of Abul Hossain of the village.

Family members said, Nahar fell in the pond while playing beside it and drowned.

Locals new her floating body in the pond and informed the family members and police.

## Woman's bid to commit suicide with two children

UNB, Satkhira

A woman allegedly attempted to kill herself and her two children, following a family feud at Kukhrali village in the town on Friday night.

Later, all of them were admitted to Satkhira Sadar Hospital.

The victims were identified as Manjuara Khatun, 37, wife of Amzad Hossain of the village, her two 3-year-old twin children Abdul Karim and Abdur Rahim.

Police said Manjuara took poison after feeding her children the same when her husband was out of the house.

Hearing groaning from the house of Amzad, local people rushed in and found Manjuara and her children lying on the floor around 10.00pm.

They took them to Sadar Hospital and admitted there.

Golam Rahman, officer in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said the reason behind the incident could not be known immediately.



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Hapless Rifat, left, who was killed allegedly by his cousin, Sohag, right, just over a mobile set in Narail.

## Boy killed by cousin just for a mobile

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

A teenage boy was killed allegedly by his cousin over a mobile phone set and later his body was thrown into Modhumoti River in Lohagara upazila on September 5.

The deceased, Rifat Hossain, 15, son of Sayed Abu Sayeed, was a student of Class X at Lahuria Siddykia Fazil Madrasa in the upazila.

Locals caught the alleged killer, Sohag Hossain, 19, son of Bhikhu Ali of Sayedpara village, also a Fazil student at the madrasa and handed him over to the police on Friday.

According to the case statement, a feud was going on between Sohag and Rifat after Rifat bought a mobile

phone set from his cousin.

On September 5, Sohag along with his 3/4 accomplices called Rifat out of his house and took him to the riverbank in Kalishankarpur area.

Later, the gang tied-up Rifat's hands and legs and strangled him. They then threw his body into the river and took away his mobile phone.

After searching for a week, family members of the deceased submitted a complaint against Sohag to Lahuria Police Investigation Centre on Thursday night.

Subhas Biswas, officer in-charge of Lohagara Police Station, said arrested Sohag confessed yesterday his involvement in the killing. However, police could not recover Rifat's body till filing of this report at 6:30pm yesterday.

## Mysterious death of couple at clinic

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A couple was found dead mysteriously at a clinic of the district town yesterday afternoon, said police.

The deceased are Jewel Hossain, 30, son of Jhantu Fakir and his wife Nasrin Khatun, 26, of Bagura village in Sreepur upazila of Magura district.

Dr. Hamidunessa Pakhi, owner of Doctor Clinic, said the childless couple came to her chamber for a medical test around 3:00pm. They were sent to a room

to collect semen but they did not come out despite passing of two hours.

On suspicion, clinic ward boy Kalim Uddin was asked to enter the room by breaking open the door.

In the room, Nasrin's body was found lying on the bed while her husband's body on the floor, said the clinic owner.

The reason behind the death would be cleared after getting the autopsy report, said assistant superintendent of police, Nazrul Islam.



PHOTO: STAR

Two fire incidents gutted at least 13 shops and godowns at Upazila Town Bazar and Paikhya Dushmi Bazar in Agoiljhara upazila of Barisal yesterday morning, damaging property worth Tk 1 crore. Photo shows some damaged shops at Town Bazar.