



Massive sand lifting with dredgers from Taltali-Gouraganj canal near Kunderbazar bridge on Munshiganj-Sirajdikhan-Dhaka road in Tongbari upazila under Munshiganj district poses threat to the important bridge as well as nearby farmlands. Owner of a proposed chemical industry has continued the mindless act to fill up the bank of the government-owned water body.

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Hilsa catching continues despite punitive steps

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A section of fishermen are catching hilsa in different rivers of the district despite 'massive' drives against netting the delicious fish. The government on October 5 imposed an 11-day ban on catching, selling and transporting hilsa to ensure safe spawning of this popular fish during its peak breeding period. The ban will go on Thursday. Though the officials of the Fisheries Department have claimed success in protecting mother hilsa from being caught due to 'massive' drives in the last nine days, hilsa is still being netted in plenty in different rivers of the district. Fishermen were found catching hilsa in Tentulia, Paira, Lohalia, Buragourango, Kalabador, Kazal, and Montaz rivers early yesterday though the restriction is still in force. Contacted, SM Azharul Islam, acting district fisheries officer (DFO), said they conducted over 50 drives in different rivers from October 5 to 11 and seized 2.5 tonnes of hilsa. At least 27 fishermen were sent to jail while 27 others fined during the period, the DFO said, adding that they seized 3.66 lakh metres of nets worth over Tk 1.12 crore from different rivers and destroyed them with fire. Sources said several hundred trawlers are now stay-

ing in the Bay and netting hilsa, defying the ban. They will return to the shore just after ending the ban on October 15, sources added. Our Chandpur correspondent reported that a magistrate was injured in an attack by fishermen during a drive at Gobindia area in the River Megna yesterday morning. The incident occurred when a mobile court led by Magistrate Rajibul Haque launched a drive in the area at around 8:00am. The fishermen threw brick chips on the magistrate, leaving him injured. He received treatment at Chandpur Sadar Hospital. Coastguards had to fire at least 21 blank shots to bring the situation under control.

They arrested three fishermen and seized 25 kg mother hilsa and nets during the drive. The mobile court later sentenced the fishermen to one year's imprisonment each for netting hilsa, defying the ban. According to the district administration, around 400 fishermen and 40 buyers were jailed in the last eight days for netting and buying hilsa defying the ban. At least 1,000 buyers were fined while 40 other sent to jail by mobile courts. The law enforcers also seized 50 maunds of mother hilsa from different points of the Meghna during the period. In Manikganj, a mobile court yesterday fined 22 fishermen for catching Hilsa

at Aricha ghat, defying the ban, reports UNB. Shibalaya police said the court led by Shibalaya upazila nirbahi officer Galib Khan, also executive magistrate, launched a drive at the ghat and detained the 22 fishermen along with 40 kg Hilsa. Later, the fishermen were produced before the court that fined them Tk 500 each. Away in Munshiganj, A mobile court seized 50 kg mother hilsa and 30,000 metres current nets during drives in the Padma in Mawa area yesterday, according to our correspondent. The court also fined nine fishermen for catching hilsa in the river, defying ban.



Around 30,000 metres current nets, seized by coastguards and fisheries officials during anti-hilsa netting drives at Gazaria point of the River Megna yesterday, are being destroyed with fire near Munshiganj launch terminal.

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Man held for killing girl after rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police arrested a man on charge of killing a minor schoolgirl after rape in Sirajganj Sadar upazila on Sunday night. The schoolgirl was strangled in Shibnathpur village of the district early hours of the day. The victim, Ritu Khatun, 8, daughter of Nazrul Islam of the village in Sadar upazila was a student of Class I at Shibnathpur Government Primary School. Officer-in-charge of Sirajganj Sadar police station Habibul Islam said, locals found the body of the girl in a crop field of the village on Sunday morning and informed police. The girl was strangled allegedly by one Nur Islam after rape in the field. Nur Islam, son of Abdul Khaleque, took the girl from her residence for watching TV but she did not return home at night, the OC said quoting the family members. Mother of the deceased, Kohinur Begum, filed a case accusing Nur Islam and two others in connection with the incident. During a drive, police later caught Nur Islam from Kandapara village in the district headquarters on Sunday night. "During interrogation he confessed to raping and killing Ritu," the OC said. Meanwhile, angry villagers vandalised the house of Nur Islam on Sunday morning.

Thousands suffer as bridge remains incomplete

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

Unusual delay in reconstruction of Sitarampur bridge on Narail-Jessore highway causes sufferings for thousands of commuters using the road for going to Jessore, Khulna and other areas. As the dilapidated bridge collapsed in 2010, a temporary bridge and a diversion road was made there but it remains too risky for a large number of vehicles plying the busy road.

"It is very risky to cross this temporary bridge, especially for heavy loaded trucks," said a driver. Tender was invited in 2011-2012 fiscal year to build the 74.04-metre-long bridge and Md Wahiduzzaman and MS Sikder Construction jointly got the work order worth Tk 2 crore and 82 lakh. The work was scheduled to be complete within July 22, 2013. But the work has been

delayed as the required money was not released in time, said contractor Wahiduzzaman. Taposi Das, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Narail, said, "Sixty percent of this bridge construction work is already complete. We received Tk 1 crore 11 lakh of the total amount. We hope that the remaining money will be given soon and the bridge will be complete this year."



Construction work of Sitarampur bridge on Narail-Jessore road in Narail district has remained virtually stalled allegedly due to non-allocation of required fund, much to the frustration of thousands of commuters who travel amid risk through a temporary bridge on a diversion road.

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Acid attack on schoolteacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A schoolteacher sustained burn injuries in an acid attack over a feud with her husband in BIP Colony area of the city early yesterday. Victim Asma Aktar, 34, is a teacher of Amirabad Government Primary School in Nalcity upazila of Jhalakathi district and daughter of Water Development Board CBA leader Abul Hossain Talukdar. She was admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital with 35 to 45 percent burn injuries. Mother of an eight-year-old boy, Asma was living with her parents in the area since her husband sent a

divorce letter three years ago, said family sources. Asma married Masud Alam, who is now working at River Research Institute in Faridpur, in 2002, said police. In 2011, she filed a case with a Barisal court when Masud sent a divorce letter to her through a marriage registrar. Later, Masud threatened Asma to withdraw the case or face dire consequence. Yesterday was the scheduled date of hearing of the case and family members suspected that the acid attack was carried out to bar the plaintiff from running the case. Shakwat Hossain, officer in-charge of Kotwali police station, said they were raiding different areas to arrest the suspected culprits.

Clashes leave man, college boy killed

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A man was killed and 10 others were injured as two rival groups clashed over local issues at Atbangla village in Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj on Sunday evening. The deceased was identified as Mafiz Uddin, 65, a resident of the village, reports our correspondent. Locals said, there was a longstanding conflict between one Abdus Sattar and Asadul of the village over establishing control in the area. They locked in an altercation over an issue in the afternoon, which later triggered a fierce clash. Equipped with sharp weapons, they attacked each other that left Mafiz, a supporter of Asadul group, dead on the spot and 10 others injured. Wife of the deceased, Bulbuli Khatun, filed a case with Shahzadpur PS, accusing 27 people, OC Hasan Shamim Iqbal said. In Gopalganj, a college student, who was critically injured during a clash in Kashiani upazila of the district on Saturday, succumbed to injuries in Dhaka early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Taposh Mollah, 19, son of Abul Kashem of Majra village. He was a first year student of honours course at Ramdia SK College, reports our correspondent. Taposh, along with 30 others, including four policemen was injured when two groups of villagers clashed over controlling a cattle market on Saturday. He was rushed to Faridpur Medical College Hospital and later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he died yesterday.

Missing boy found dead

UNB, Comilla

Police yesterday morning recovered the body of a schoolboy from a paddy field at Laxmipur village in Chandina upazila. The deceased was identified as Ismail Hossain, 14, a Class VIII student at Joag Ahmadiya High School in the upazila and son of Abul

Hossain of the village. Family members said, Ismail remained missing after he went to watch Brasil-Argentina friendly football match on television at a teashop near his house on Saturday evening with friends. Local farmers found the body of Ismail in the field while working in the morning and informed police.

SNIPPETS

BGB holds view exchange meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawaabganj
Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arranged a view exchange meeting with the local people to create awareness regarding killing on border, drug smuggling and other frontier crimes at the premises of Islampur Dakhla Madrasa in Jhlik Bazar area of bordering Cheradanga village in Gomostapur upazila yesterday. Lt. Col Mujibul Haque Shikdar, Commanding Officer of 43 BGB Battalion in Naogaon presided over the meeting. Colonel KM Ferdousul Shahab, Sector Commander of BGB, Rajshahi said BGB took up some steps to eliminate drug smuggling. He asked the locals not to go to the zero lines and sought help from them to stop drug peddling and women and children trafficking. After the meeting, he gave Tk. 5,000 to each family of two victims of border killing.

Man killed in land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram
An elderly man was killed in an attack allegedly by his neighbour over a land dispute at Purirpathal village in Ulipur upazila yesterday. The deceased was identified as Nowab Ali, 65, Jamir Uddin, officer in-charge of Ulipur Police Station, said Nowab Ali and Mahfuz Ur Rahman had long been at loggerheads over the demarcation of their homesteads. As a sequel to the dispute, an altercation took place between Mahfuz and Nowab around 9 in the morning. At one stage, Mahfuz along with his men swooped on Nowab Ali and beat him up mercilessly, leaving him dead on the spot. Police picked up three people -- Asgar Ali, 45, Enamul Haque, 20, and Jobeda Begum, 28 of Mahfuzur's family in connection with the murder.

UP chairman arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur
Police arrested Gopalpur union parishad chairman Harun-ar Rashid in connection with an extortion and land grabbing case from upazila parishad office premises in Mithapukur upazila on Sunday afternoon. Police said, a number of extortion and land grabbing cases were filed against the UP chairman at different times with the police station. Md Robiul Alam, officer in-charge of Mithapukur Police Station, said Jahangir Alam of Shaltigopalpur-Boterchara village of the upazila lodged a case for grabbing land and extortion with the police station on January 15, 2014. Later, an arrest warrant was issued against him in the case. Harun went into hiding after the arrest warrant was issued.

Jubo League man held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra
A Jubo League (JL) leader was arrested on charge of snatching an arrested accused and preventing police from official work at Bashpata village under Dhunat upazila early yesterday. The arrestee was Alam Al Razi Bullet, 32, son of local ruling party man Golam Hossain. Razi was vice-president of upazila unit Jubo League. Police said, a team of police, led by ASI Delwar Hossain, went to the village for arresting accused drug peddler Jahangir Ali, 30. But the JL leader snatched the arrestee from the law enforcers.

Robbery in Jamuna River

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur
A robbery took place in the River Jamuna at Munniarchar point under Belgacha union of Islampur upazila on Sunday evening. Locals and police said, the incident took place when two boats carrying 60-70 passengers, including BRAC officials, were heading towards Guthail Haat from Charbarul area of the upazila at around 6:30pm. When the boats reached Munniarchar, a gang of armed robbers came by a boat, intercepted those and looted cash amounting to around 1.5 lakh from BRAC officials and belongings from the passengers. A few passengers were injured as they jumped into the river water in fear. Hearing the screams of the passengers, locals rushed to the spot, but they could not capture any member of the gang.

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