

BRUTALITY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT IN PIROJPUR

Rival gang severs legs of 2 siblings

Victims are robbers, said police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Criminals severed legs of two siblings at Kadomtala village under Pirojpur Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The victims are Bellal Sheik, 45, and Hemayet Sheikh, 48, sons of Hashem Sheikh of Kadomtala village in the upazila.

At around 9:30am, 8-10 a rival gang beat up Bellal and Hemayet calling them robbers when they went to Ghanosha area of the village, said locals and police.

Then the attackers severed their four legs with sharp weapons and tried to gouge out one of the eyes of Bellal before leaving the scene.

On information police-men from Pirojpur Sadar Police Station (PS) reached the spot and took injured Bellal and Hemayet to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital. As their condition deteriorated, the victims were sent to

Khulna Medical College Hospital, and then to Orthopaedic Hospital in Dhaka.

Bellal's son Suján Sheikh alleged that Reazul of the area called his father over phone to Ghanosha where some locals including Anis, Akiz, Sirazul and Sattar beat him with sticks.

"Hearing the incident, my uncle Hemayet rushed there. Then the attackers beat both of my father and uncle and separated their legs with sharp weapons," hesaid.

Md Shah Abid Hossain, superintendent of police of Pirojpur, said, "There are several cases and arrest warrants against Bellal and Hemayet with different police stations on charge of committing robbery and other crimes. The attack on them may have occurred over internal conflict of a gang. Police is investi-

gating the matter."

Meanwhile, police arrested three robbers from CO Office area in Pirojpur town on Tuesday.

The alleged robbers -- Nazmul Islam alias Saiful, 27, Somir Mollik, 23, and Sabuj Sarder, 24, of Arjunbahar village under Bagerhat Sadar upazila, were brought to the court yesterday afternoon.

There are 12 cases against Saiful with different police stations of Bagerhat, Khulna and Gopalganj districts, said Md Abdur Razzak Mollah, officer in charge of Pirojpur Sadar Police Station.

"After arresting the robbers from CO Office area in the town, police recovered some sharp weapons and gold ornaments from the robbers' possession according to their confession. The robbers committed robbery at different houses in Pirojpur town for the last one and a half months," hesaid.



Restriction on hilsa fishing goes

The 11-day ban on hilsa fishing ended yesterday. Carrying and sale of the popular fish were also not allowed to save the mother fishes and ensure safe breeding during the period. Hundreds of fishermen were jailed and fined for defying the ban while huge illegal current nets were seized and burnt. Photo shows authorities burning current nets near Munshiganj launch terminal on the last day of the ban yesterday after they were seized from the Meghna River during drives at Bakchar and Kalirchar points in the Sadar upazila. Besides, several kilograms of fishes (inset) were also seized from the fishermen.

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Thakurgaon dist AL holds council today after 9 yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The district unit Awami League is scheduled to hold its council today.

To be held after nine years, General Secretary of AL Central Committee Syed Asraful Islam is likely to attend the council as chief guest while Organising Secretary of central AL Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury MP will be present as main speaker. District unit President Ramesh Chandra Sen will preside over the meeting at the Zila Parishad Auditorium in the town.

Those who have been invented to attend the programme as special guests include Presidium Member of Awami League Satish Chandra Roy, Joint Secretary Mahbulul Alam Hanif MP, Dr. Dipu Moni MP, Treasurer HM Ashikur Rahman MP, Cultural Secretary and also the

Minister of Cultural Affair Ministry Asaduzzaman Nur MP, Religious Affair Secretary Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

The council is now talk of the town as local Awami League leaders, activists and also common people are seen discussing the event everywhere, including at tea stalls, different public gatherings and places.

Party sources said, existing president and also lawmaker of Thakurgaon-1 constituency Ramesh Chandra Sen, district unit vice-president and also lawmaker of Thakurgaon-2 constituency Md. Dabirul Islam and former lawmaker and also senior vice-president Emdadul Haque MP have already announced their candidature for president while existing general secretary and also district administrator Sadek Quraishi and district unit

organising secretary and also Mayor of Thakurgaon municipality SMA Moin would vie for general secretary post.

All the candidates went door to door to meet the councilors. Each candidate along with their supporters held meetings in every upazila. The existing candidates explained the development works held during their tenure while several contestants vowed to strengthen the party.

Thakurgaon Sadar upazila unit president of Awami League Arunangshu Datta Tito told this correspondent that a total of 173 councilors will elect their leadership for the next three years.

Sources said, most of the councilors want to elect a new leadership who would be able to restore the AL's stronghold and image.

The last district council of AL was held on 22 May in



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A mobile court rescued these parrots, among other birds and turtles, from poachers during a raid in different areas of Chalan Beel yesterday.

Five poachers jailed; birds, turtles seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A mobile court sentenced five poachers to three months' imprisonment each in Sirajganj district on Tuesday.

They are Md Lavu Sheikh, 20, Bashidkole village in Solonga upazila, Abdul Momin, 35, of Mirpur village, Md Jamil, 28, of Chuniyahati village, Md Khokon Sheikh, 32, of

Ekdala village in Sirajganj and Nazrul Islam, 26, of Kapasia village in Sherpur district.

The court, led by executive magistrate Md Sujaudoula, assisted by the officials of Rajshahi divisional wild animal and nature protecting office raided different areas in Chalan Beel region under the district in the afternoon and arrested the five along

with 28 birds and animals kept for sale in shops in the areas.

During the drive, they seized 15 parrots, nine Munia birds, two doves, and two turtles from the possession of the convicts, said the magistrate.

According to an act of 2012, it is strictly prohibited to catch, store or sale of wild animals, he said.

SNIPPETS

26 crude bombs recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered 26 crude bombs from Chowdhury intersection of Maharajpur in Sadar upazila early yesterday. Major Kamruzzaman Pavel, commanding officer of Chapainawabganj Rab-5, said on secret information, a team of the elite force raided the area at about 4:30am and recovered the 26 crude bombs in an abandoned condition. The recovered crude bombs were later handed over to Sadar Police Station.

Missing man's body found

UNB, Sylhet

Police recovered decomposed body of a man from a septic tank of his house in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar district on Tuesday night, 40 days after he had 'gone missing.' The deceased was identified as Ayub Ali, 58, of Mansur village in the upazila. Sub-inspector Kazi Shahed of Kulaura Police Station said, Ayub had remained missing since September 5. Informed by locals, a team of police recovered the body of Ayub Ali from a septic tank of his house at about 7:30pm. Police also arrested Jalil Rahman, 28, son of late Ayub Ali, on suspicion of his involvement in the incident.

18 Shibir men arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police arrested 18 leaders and activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir from an abandoned house in Tantkura area in Gouripur upazila here yesterday afternoon. The arrestees include Billal Hossain and Aminul Islam, president and secretary of Islami Chhatra Shibir Gouripur upazila unit, police said. On information, police raided the area and arrested the Shibir men while they were holding a secret meeting at the house around 5:30pm, said Mohammad Ali Sheikh, officer in-charge of Gouripur Police Station. Police also recovered party leaflets and jihadi books from their possession.

Shanty eviction plan protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Hundreds of slum dwellers yesterday staged a demonstration against Bangladesh Railway (BR) plan to bulldoze Lalbag-Sultannagar slum, locally known as Churipatti in Lalbag area of the city. They staged sit in and held rally in front of Sultannagar slum from 7:00am-2:00pm. The slum dwellers also brought out a protest procession from the slum and paraded the main streets of the city. Sultannagar Rail Bosti Rokkha Sangram Committee organised the programmes. Expressing solidarity with the protesters, Rangpur district unit of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) convention preparation committee, Rickshaw Shromik Union, teachers, students participated in the programmes. The speakers said BR issued a notice to evict about 500 families living in the slum by Wednesday. They said the High Court (HC) had passed an order not to evict the slum without taking rehabilitation plan for its dwellers.

Transport workers turn unruly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 10 people were injured as the transport workers went unruly at the Upazila Parishad complex in Jaintapur yesterday afternoon. Eyewitnesses and police said, over a thousand transport workers, under the banner of Darbast Ema Leguna Sramik Union, gathered at the upazila complex to protest the killing of human hauler driver Zainal Abedin. They pelted stones and brickbats as the police asked them to hold the rally peacefully. They also vandalised 20 windowpanes and physically assaulted a staff at the UNO's office. Sub-inspector Jayonta Kumar Dey said, 10 people including a sub-inspector sustained minor injuries and took first aid at the upazila health complex. Officer in-charge of Jaintapur police station Harun Or Rashid Chowdhury said, the workers went to hand over a memorandum to the UNO. But seeing police at the complex, they all on a sudden turned unruly.

MIRZAPUR TRAGEDY

Protests on as main accused still remains scot-free

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Protests against the gruesome killing of a woman and her three daughters in Mirzapur continued yesterday, as the law enforcers could not arrest the main accused even after eight days into the incident.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad held a press conference at Tangail Press Club yesterday afternoon, protesting the brutal murder and demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits.

Aisha Khanom, president of the organisation, demanded steps including mobile court drives against the stalkers to prevent women repression.

Earlier, they visited the spot at Dakkhin Sohagpara where the barbaric incident took place and also gave consolation to the family members of the deceased.

They also went to the Mirzapur Police Station and asked the law enforcers for appropriate action and later submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police in Tangail.

Hasna Begum, 35, wife of Mozibor Rahman, along

with her daughters Monira Akter, 14, Meem Akter, 10 and Molly Akter, 7, were burnt alive when criminals set their house on fire at Dakkhin Sohagpara village in the upazila on October 7.

The tragic incident took place as Hasna's elder daughter Monira allegedly refused to marry her neighbour Jahangir Alam, 25, with whom she was engaged three years ago, relatives and locals said.

After the incident, Hasna's brother Mofazzal Hossain filed a case against 10 people, including Jahangir as the main accused with Mirzapur Police Station on the same day.

Law enforcers have so far arrested 10 people, including two of the accused, but Jahangir still remained scot-free.

Meanwhile, the officer in-charge of Mirzapur Police Station Golam Mostafa was transferred yesterday.

He was transferred to Tangail Model Police Station while AKM Nosrullah of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) will take charges as the OC of Mirzapur PS today.

The OC of Tangail Model Police Station Akhtaruzzaman was transferred to Mymensingh.

43 held on borders

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested 43 people in different border areas of Jessore and Satkhira districts yesterday and the day before while going to India illegally.

In Jessore, the border guards in a drive arrested 10 women, seven men and six children while they were going to India through Daulatpur border on Tuesday night, reports our Benapole correspondent.

However, the traffickers managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the BGB men.

The arrestees hailed from different areas of Narail, Barisal and Bagherhat districts, said Lt Col Abdur Rahim, commanding officer of 23 BGB Battalion.

Meanwhile, five adolescents were held on Putkhali frontier on Putkhali border at night on charge of intrusion in India, said Rafiqul Islam, officer in-charge of the PS.

According to our Satkhira correspondent, a BGB team in a drive arrested 15 people, including women and children, while they were going to India illegally through Kakkdanga border in Kalaroa upazila early yesterday.

The arrestees include Raju Biswas, Raihan, 4, Nur Islam, Al Amin, Ruhul Amin, Jonny, 4, Hasan Ali, Alauddin and Ramjan Ali.

They hailed from Terokhada in Khulna district, said Golam Sarwar, company commander of BGB Kakkdanga camp.



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Officials and public representatives take part in a cleaning campaign on Station Road in Bogra town as they join a colourful procession marking National Sanitation Month and World Hand Washing Day yesterday.