

SNIPPETS

15 hurt in clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 15 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Mitrimali village in Gowainghat upazila yesterday. Of the injured, four were admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital while the rest given first aid. Police and locals said Mokbul Ali and his neighbour Akram Ali locked in an altercation over the boundary of their houses. At one stage, the men of the two rivals attacked each other with lethal weapons, leaving 15 people from both sides injured. On information, police rushed to the spot and fired 27 gunshots to bring the situation under control.

Smuggled oranges seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 5,160 kilograms of smuggled oranges worth Tk 4,12,800 from bordering Khenpara village in Patgram upazila yesterday. Lalmonirhat 15 BGB Battalion's Patgram Company camp Commander Subedar Maqbul Hossain said, acting on a tip-off, they raided Burimari land port area in the morning and seized the fruits. None was arrested in this connection.

32 bombs recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered 32 crude bombs and 10 sharp weapons from Kharkhali bypass road area under Boalia upazila in Rajshahi district on Monday night. Police Superintendent Khaleda Begum said a team of Rab-5, acting on a tip-off, launched a drive in the area at 11:45 pm and recovered the bombs and sharp weapons. Sensing the presence of the elite force, the criminals managed to flee the scene. The bombs were kept in the area to carry out subversive activities, said Khaleda Begum.

Ferry services resume

UNB, Manikganj

Ferry services on the Daulatdia-Paturia route in the Padma resumed yesterday morning. Ferry services on the route came to a halt at 3:00am due to dense fog and resumed after seven and a half hours. Bidyut Kumar Saha, manager of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) at Aricha, said three ferries- Barkat, Keramat Ali and Madhabilata-with a large number of vehicles and passengers got stranded in the middle of the river. Passengers suffered as a good number of vehicles were kept waiting on both sides of the river for crossing. Ferry services on the important route resumed around 10:30 am as fog started disappearing after the sunrise, he added..

35 tonnes of coal seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 35 tonnes of coal from Baniagaon village in Tahirkpur upazila of Sunamganj district yesterday. On secret information, a team of BGB-8 raided the area in the afternoon and seized the coal worth about Tk five lakh, said Md Sahid Ullah, officer-in-charge of Tahirkpur Police Station.

Body found in manhole

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police recovered the body of a minor schoolgirl in Sadar upazila yesterday. Tania Akhtar, 5, daughter of Taijul Islam of Kalikapur village, was found dead in a manhole in the area. The deceased was a nursery student of a local kindergarten. She went missing from their house on January 3. Locals found her body in the manhole near their house in the afternoon and informed the police who recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.



A seller of combs and clips display artistic hairstyle of a doll to woo customers at Jasim Palli Mela, a fair held in memory of poet Jasimuddin in Faridpur town.

Fire kills 13,000 poultry birds in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two poultry farms were gutted in a fire, killing at least 13,000 chickens of the two poultry farms were burnt to death and two sheds and other valuables were completely destroyed.

Police and fire service sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at the farm owned by Dewar Hossain at around 3:00am and soon engulfed the adjacent farm of Tofazzal Hossain.

On information, a fire fighting unit from Chuadanga district fire service station rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze with the help of locals at around 4:30pm.

Zakir Hossain, in-charge

of the fire service station, told this correspondent over cellphone that at least 13,000 chickens of the two poultry farms were burnt to death and two sheds and other valuables were completely destroyed.

Our Bogra correspondent adds: Seven shops were gutted in a fire at Mahasthangarh Mazar area under Shibganj upazila of the district on Monday night.

Fire service source said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop at around 10:00pm and soon spread to six other shops.

Being informed, fire fighters from Bogra Fire service station reached the spot and doused the flames.

25 held while going to India illegally

BSF returns 2 others in Sunamganj

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