



A portion of the protection embankment on the Jamuna River collapsed under the pressure of water at Bhatpara in Shahjajpur upazila under Sirajganj district early yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

50 metres of flood control dyke collapses in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A portion of the flood control embankment at Bhatpara in Koizuri union of Shahzadpur upazila under Sirajganj district collapsed into the Jamuna River early yesterday.

"At least 50 metre area of the embankment suddenly collapsed as the GO bags and CC blocks of the right

side protection embankment of the Jamuna got displaced at about 1:00am on Monday due to the pressure of river water at Koizuri point," said Md Saiful Islam, chairman of Koizuri union parishad.

"Poor work of the protection embankment caused the damage. The embankment weakened as the GO bags and CC blocks were not used prop-

erly," he added.

Contacted, Md Kabibur Rahman, executive engineer of Bera division of Water Development Board (WDB), claimed that there was no fault in the embankment construction.

"A small area of the embankment eroded due to the pressure of water. This is nothing serious. The WDB experts visited the spot in

the morning. We will take necessary step to repair the embankment soon," he said.

The WDB constructed a 12-kilometre protection embankment on the bank of the river at a cost of Tk 110 crore in 2011.

Locals blamed poor monitoring by the WDB for the damage of the newly built embankment.

Trishal AL office vandalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Unidentified criminals vandalised the office of Trishal upazila unit of Awami League yesterday.

They also brought the furniture of the office to the street and set them afire around 2:00pm.

The incident might have been occurred due to internal conflict in the unit, said Moniruzzaman, officer in-charge (OC) of Trishal Police Station.

Sources said there was a conflict among the leaders and activists of the unit over formation of the committee of Trishal upazila unit of Jubo League.

A new convening committee of the unit was formed yesterday, dissolving the former one, added the source.

Contacted, advocate Reza Ali, former AL lawmaker and also the convener of the upazila unit of AL, said the attackers could not be identified immediately.

Outlaw killed by 'rivals'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police recovered the body of an underground operative from a field at Mohonpur village in Kotchandpur upazila of the district yesterday.

He was identified as Nasir Uddin, 45, regional leader of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddha).

Nasir's brother Emarul Islam claimed that police arrested him from his in-laws' house at Purapara Bazar in Moheshpur upazila three days ago.

Shahidul Islam Shaheen, officer-in-charge of Kotchandpur Police Station, said locals found the body in the field at around 8:30am and informed the police who recovered the body and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Nasir might have been killed by his rivals in the party, the OC said, adding that the outlaw was wanted in four cases, including two for murder.

2 JCD men held

UNB, Sunamganj

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two JCD men from Eidgah Maidan area of the district town on Sunday night.

The arrestees are Tofazzal Hossain, 35, joint convener of JCD district unit, and Nur Jalal Montu, 30, an activist of the party.

Schoolteacher murdered in Bogra, wife held as suspect

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A schoolteacher was killed by slitting the throat at Rudrabaria village in Choukibaria union of Dhunat upazila under the district early yesterday.

The deceased, Shahidul Islam, 34, son of Azmal Hossain of the village, was an assistant teacher of Pirahati Government Primary School in Dhunat upazila.

Police arrested the victim's wife Shima Akhtar, 32, daughter of Shajahan Talukdar of Chalapara village of the same upazila, in connection with the killing.

Shahidul married Shima, also an assistant teacher of Bogra Government Primary

School in the upazila, on December 1 last year.

Before the marriage, Shima had relations with a local youth who later created pressure on the deceased to divorce her, said the victim's family sources and police.

On Sunday night, Shahidul and Shima went to sleep after dinner.

At around 2:00am on Monday, Shima cried out, saying that her husband was killed. Finding the body with the throat slit, his family members informed police who recovered the body and later arrested Shima around 8:00am yesterday.

Victim's brother Sajedul Islam said, "Shima had love affairs with a local youth for long. After her marriage,

the youth repeatedly pressed my brother to divorce her. Both of them are involved in the killing of my brother."

Arrested Shima Akhtar denied having love affairs with the youth.

Asked how and by whom her husband was killed while sleeping beside her, she failed to give any satisfactory answer.

Police arrested Shima for her alleged connection with the killing over an extra-marital relation, said Ziaur Rahman, officer in charge of Dhunat Police Station.

Police has started investigating the case and preparation was on to file a murder case with the police station yesterday evening, he added.

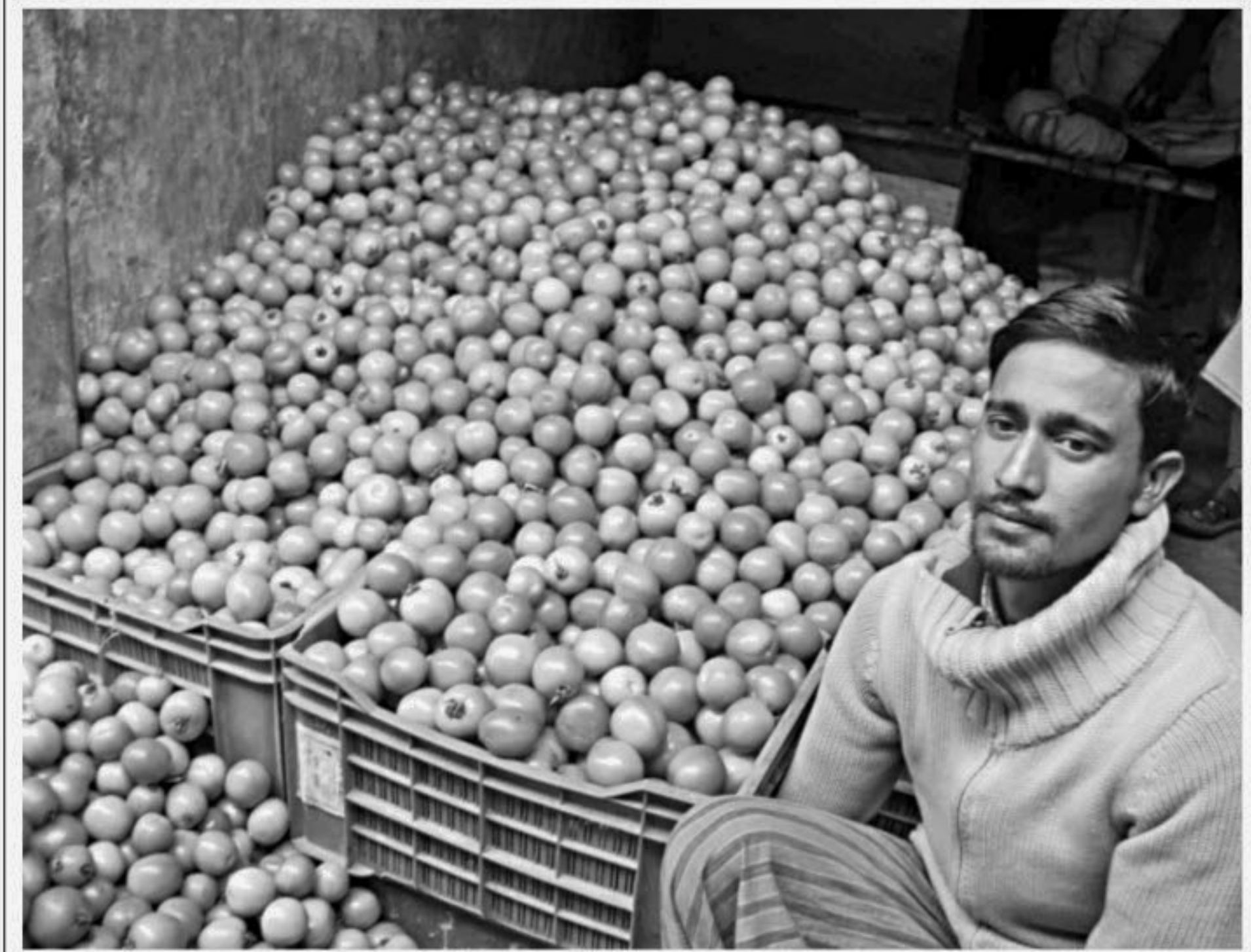


PHOTO: STAR

A wholesaler at a shop of City Kitchen Market in Barisal city passes idle time due to lack of customers amid the nonstop countrywide blockade enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Jatiya Protibondhi Unnayan Foundation distributed wheelchairs and white sticks among 68 physically challenged people at a ceremony in Patuakhali town yesterday.

Child marriage bid foiled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A mobile court here on Sunday sentenced two people to five days' imprisonment for arranging marriage of an underage girl. The convicts are Ershadul Haque of Telipara village and Abdus Sukur of Uttara Shashi village in Sadar upazila. They are uncle and maternal uncle of bridegroom Abdul Malek, 20, son of Afzal Hossain of Khokshabari union. Motahara Begum, 13, daughter of Mozaffar Hossain of Telipara village and a Class VIII student of Singdoi Dakhil Madrasa, was set to be married with Malek on Sunday night, said court sources. On information, a police team led by Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sabet Ali rushed to the spot, stopped the marriage and arrested the duo. The court, led by the UNO, later punished them.

Fish farmer found murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A fish farmer was found murdered at Medur village in Sharishabari upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Monir Hossain, 32, son of Nurul Islam of the village. Police and family sources said Monir used to stay at a makeshift platform beside a pond owned by him at the village. Monir's mother Monira Begum went to the spot around 10:00am and found him murdered. Being informed, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Billal Uddin, officer-in-charge of Sharishabari Police Station. Preparation to file a case was going on in connection with the killing till filing of this report at 6:00pm, he said.

Four shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least four shops were gutted in a fire in Hospital area under Jaganathpur municipality of Sunamganj district yesterday morning. The fire originated from a short circuit at a shop and soon engulfed the adjoining shops, said locals. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze with the help of locals. The affected shop owners claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 50 lakh.

30 maunds of jatka seized

UNB, Bhola

Members of Bangladesh Coastguard seized 30 maunds of jatka (hilsa less than 10 inches in length) from a passenger launch in the Meghna River on Sunday night. Acting on a tip-off, a team of the coast guard raided passenger launch 'MV Farhan-3' on the Hatia-Dhaka route at around 9:00pm and seized the fish, said Coastguard (South Zone) operation officer Lt Khalid of Bangladesh Navy.

TARUN LEAGUE LEADER KILLING CASE

Six Jubo Dal men charge-sheeted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Charges have been pressed against six Jubo Dal men in the case for killing Tarun League leader Sabbir Ahmed Raju at Putimari Dola village under Sadar upazila of the district.

Sub-Inspector Sahidul Islam of Sadar Police Station, also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Judicial Magistrate's Court on Sunday.

The accused are Jubo Dal Lalmonirhat Municipality unit Convenor Aslam Hossain, 35, and ward unit activists Shahin Alam Babu, 28, Nasir Hossain,

24, Hanif Miah, 25, Rubel Islam, 26, and Sohag Islam, 25. Of them, Aslam Hossain is now in jail while the remaining five are still at large.

Sabbir Ahmed Raju, 24, general secretary of Mogholhat union unit of Tarun League, was stabbed to death by Jubo Dal men in Sabujpara area of the town on January 2, 2014.

Victim's father filed a murder case with Sadar Police Station on the day, accusing three named and nine unnamed Jubo League men.

Aslam was arrested soon after filing of the case while the rest went into hiding.

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