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The district administration with the help of fire service, police and Border Guard Bangladesh arranges a fire drill at Dariapur truck terminal in Chapainawabganj town yesterday to make transport workers and owners informed about the quick measures to douse fire, especially in case of arson attacks on vehicles.

Housewife, schoolgirl commit suicide

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A schoolgirl and a housewife allegedly committed suicide in Mymensingh and Sylhet districts on Wednesday.

In Mymensingh, Rinku Akhter, 14, a Class VIII student, took her life over a trivial matter in Gohailkandi Mirbari area of the district town in the afternoon.

The deceased was daughter of Abdus Samad of the area, reports our correspondent.

Police said, Rinku demanded Tk 200 from her mother to buy shoes at around 10:00am.

As she did not give the money, Rinku committed

suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling of her room, said Abu Mohammad Fazlul Karim, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed in this connection, said the OC.

Away in Sylhet, a newlywed housewife allegedly committed suicide following a family feud at Khojarkhala village in Dakkhin Surma upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased is Rozina Akhter Moni Begum, 28,

wife of Meraj Ali of the village, reports UNB.

Locals said Rozina married Meraj, a carpenter, three months ago.

Police said Rozina took her life by hanging herself from the ceiling of her room following a brawl with her husband.

On information, police rushed to the spot at around 10:00pm, recovered the body and sent it to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The victim's husband went into hiding soon after the incident, said OC Shafiqul Islam Khan of Dakkhin Surma Police Camp.

SNIPPETS

2 boys held on murder charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police arrested two madrasa boys at Belaichandi village in Parbatipur upazila on Wednesday on charge of killing one of their fellow students on Saturday. The arrestees are Shajahan Ali, 16, son of Abul Hossain, and Moshir Rahman, 16, son of Rashidul Islam of Domar upazila in Nilphamari district. They are students of Class IX of Sundarpir Nurani Hafezia Madrasa in the upazila. On secret information, a police team raided the madrasa and arrested the duo, said Rezaul Karim, sub-inspector of Parbatipur Police Station. On Saturday morning, the body of Shahinur Islam Sohan, 16, a Class IX student of the madrasa, was found floating in a ditch beside the institution. Earlier, Md Emdadul Haque, a teacher of the madrasa, was arrested in the murder case.

Shibir leader arrested

UNB, Patuakhali

Police arrested a local leader of Islami Chhatra Shibir leader in Police Lines area of the district town on Wednesday night. The arrestee is Saidur Rahman Pavel, general secretary of the district unit of Shibir. Acting on a tip-off, a police team conducted a drive in the area at around 10:30pm and arrested Saidur, said Ziaul Haque, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

40 kg jatka seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A mobile court seized 40 kilograms of jatka (hilsa less than 10 inches long) from Dewanganj upazila in the district yesterday. The court, led by Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Saiful Islam, raided Majhipara ghat area in the upazila at around 6:00am and seized the jatka. The court then fined two people Tk 500 each for selling the fish, said Upazila Fisheries Officer ASM Sanwar Russel.

Body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Police recovered the body of an unidentified man, aged about 30, from Jangalia Phultola Chowrasta area in Melandaha upazila yesterday morning. Locals found the body in the area at around 9:00am and informed the police. The law enforcers then reached the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Jamalpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Criminals might have strangled the man and dumped the body in the area, said police.

Clash over control of cattle market, 5 hurt, 10 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

At least five people, including a BGB member, were injured as two rival groups clashed in Sharsha upazila over control of a local cattle market on Wednesday night.

Abdur Rahim, officer in-charge of Sharsha Police Station, said the supporters of the two groups-- one led by Tabibar Rahman and the other by Aouros--locked in

the clash over control of Agrovulat Cattle Market near the border around 9:30pm.

Both the groups, equipped with sharp weapons, swooped on each other and blasted several crude bombs during the clash, leaving four people from both sides injured, added the OC.

As a BGB team rushed to the spot, the supporters of both sides attacked the border guards. A BGB man

named Shah Alam was injured in the attack. He was admitted to a local clinic.

Later, police went to the spot, fired five rounds of blank shots to bring the situation under control.

BGB personnel and police conducted a joint drive in the area yesterday and arrested 10 people for their alleged involvement in the clash.

A case was filed with Sharsha Police Station in this connection.



PHOTO: STAR

Three robbers, arrested with gold ornaments, mobile sets, torchlights and wristwatches from different areas of Khulna and Jhalakathi, were produced before a press briefing in the conference room of Jhalakathi police superintendent yesterday.

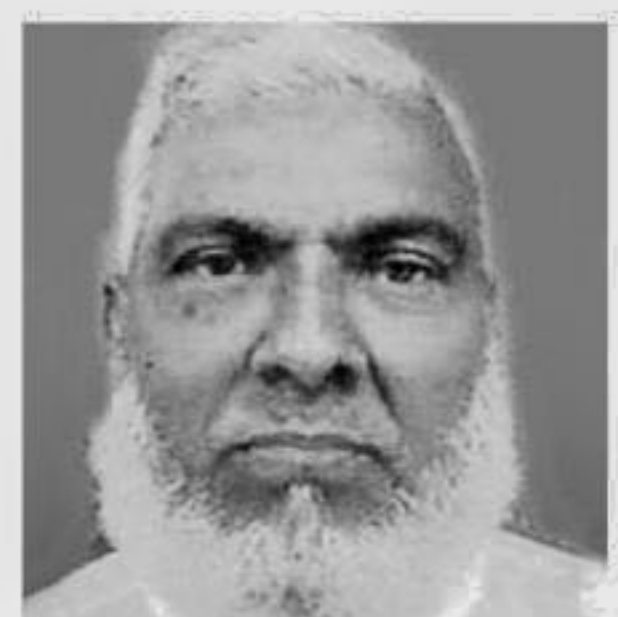
CASES FOR TORCHING AL OFFICES Dupchanchia upazila chairman, 3 Jamaat men sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A Bogra court yesterday sent Dupchanchia Upazila Parishad Chairman and ex-upazila Jamaat ameer Abdul Gani Mondol and three other Jamaat men to jail in the cases for torching and vandalising AL and government offices in the upazila on March 3, 2013.

Three other Jamaat men are Rafiqul Islam, Shahidullah, and Omar Ali of Talora area of the upazila.

The Jamaat men appeared before the District and Sessions Judge's Court



Abdul Gani Mondol

and sought bail in the cases.

After a hearing, Judge Abul Motaket Md Sayeed rejected their bail prayers and sent them to prison.

US surgeons fly in to change lives

A CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Gita Rani felt "quite well" after her surgery. The Forty-five year old from Kapasia, Gazipur had been suffering from breast cancer and that day a voluntary team of surgeons from the USA had operated on her at the Kumudini Hospital at Tangail. She said she felt relieved and thanked Dr. Ajmal Sobhan, a surgeon of the team. A grateful Gita Rani looked forward to go home three days after her surgery.

This was the ninth

mission in the last 15 years for the surgery team taken from different hospitals in Virginia, USA. The team members except the nurses pay their own airfares and fly to Bangladesh to perform difficult surgeries on the poorest patients. This all volunteer team provide support and training in sterility, infectious disease, and post-op wound care and pain management.

The surgical mission is jointly sponsored by Project Bangladesh, a nonprofit organization based in the US and a Bangladesh NGO Shushasthya.

Shushasthy has been running a primary health care center for the poor for 22 years and has organized the last nine surgical missions.

Dr. Sobhan said the 11-member team was doing two types of surgery -General and Gynecological.

Dr. Rafique Mahmood and Mr. Jafri are assigned with the Gynecological surgery. Dr. John Newman is assigned with general surgery.

Four surgeons, two anesthetists, two Registered Nurses, two surgical technicians, and a Sterile Processing Specialist want to run two operating rooms for 12 days and to perform over 80 major surgeries.

A large number of people came to Kumudini Hospital for this team. They feel the experts can help them.

Sixteen-year-old Robin Mia from Kapasia said, "I was frustrated because nobody could help me before." He had been suffering from "Undescended testicle." Mia said, "I rushed to this hospital after knowing about this team." After a successful operation he felt as if he had got a new life.

Their work is not without its challenges. "The hospital doesn't have a CT scan machines," as Dr. Sobhan observed, "CT scans are necessary for better treatment," he said.

The team has to transport all of their supplies, surgical instruments, and allowable medications at an additional cost. So a small amount is charged to the patients for medicine and for some other expenses.

Dr. John Newman, the surgeon for general surgery, is working in the hospital with his daughter. "I have come to this country just out of passion," he said, "I and my daughter, have come here in Bangladesh in our vacation and we are getting new experiences."

Dr. Rafique Mahmood is the Obstetrician & Gynecologist of the team. "A single surgery can change people's lives," he said, "and so we fly in from a distant country just to make your people smile."

Some surgical instruments companies donate instruments to the team and they bring the instruments with them.

"We have every instrument we need," Dr. Mahmood said, "people can go home in two days after surgery."

Sharon Green Golden is the manager of Sterile Processing and all Surgical Instruments. She has been here with all nine missions. She told The Daily Star the staff at Kumudini needs training. "We can help them," she said.



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(RFP-BD-2015-001)



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested Firms for **Production of a 10-minute Video Documentary for Upazila Governance Project (UZGP).**

This procurement process will be conducted through online tendering system of UNDP. Bidders who wish to submit an offer must register in the system in order to access the bidding document and submit a proposal. To register please visit the link: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org> and use the user name and password provided below to start the registration:

Username: event.guest
Password: why2change

The complete user guide and Bidding documents (RFP) can also be downloaded from the UNDP Bangladesh website in the link below: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement/>

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at UNDP, IDB Bhaban, 12th Floor, Procurement Meeting Room, Agargaon, Dhaka on **11 March, 2015 at 11:00 am.**

The deadline for submission of Proposals is **Sunday, March 22, 2015, 4:30 PM** local time.

UNICEF Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals to fill the following positions. For detailed Job Descriptions, please visit our website: www.unicef.org/bd

Education Specialist (FT)- NOC Level;
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Educational Qualification:
Masters in any discipline from any recognised university with minimum second division/ class or equivalent GPA/ CGPA in all academic examination

Additional Job Requirements:

- Excellent communication ability with strong verbal and writing skills in English
- Good computer skills in Microsoft Office, internet research and communication softwares
- Able to do frequent travelling in the rural areas of Bangladesh and abroad
- Should have adaptability with different situations and multi-tasking ability

Experience : At least 3 years' experience in relevant field
Age : Maximum 35 years

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- Ensure the accuracy of monthly and weekly MIS report
- Provide appropriate guidance and instruction to the field operation team and taking initiatives for staffs capacity building
- Following up, monitoring, supervising and mentoring the staff through frequent field visits, meetings by self and through the Regional Managers

Educational Qualification:
Masters in any discipline (preferably Social Science/ Psychology/ Urban Planning) from any recognised university with minimum second division/ class or equivalent GPA/ CGPA in all academic examination

Additional Job Requirements:

- Having knowledge on different issues of the vulnerable & disadvantage children and risk & protective factor of child development
- Knowledge of alcohol and other drug/mental health issues of street children and sensitive to the needs of all children. Presentation and communication skills with knowledge on computer softwares and new technology

Other Benefits : Festival Bonus, Contributory Compulsory Provident Fund, Gratuity, Health Insurance, Staff Security Benefit and others

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