### SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

### Jasas leader shot

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A local leader of Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas) was shot by criminals in Dagonbhuiyan upazila of the district early Sunday. The injured is Ismail Hossain alias Sabuj, 40, general secretary of the upazila unit of Jasas. Family sources said a gang opened fire on Sabuj near his house at Pashchim Rajapur village in the upazila, leaving him critically injured. He was rushed to a local hospital and then referred to Dhaka as his condition deteriorated. Md Abul Faisal, officer-in-charge of Dagonbhuiyan Police Station, said they were yet to receive any information about the incident.

### Two held with Yaba

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two youths along with 510 Yaba tablets at Norkhali village in Sadar upazila on Saturday. The arrestees are Alamgir Sheikh, 27, son of late Azahar Ali, and Rajib Sheikh, 28, son of Monir Sheikh of the village. ASP Jasim Uddin, assistant director of Rab-8, said the elite force, acting on a tip-off, raided a house of the area in the evening and arrested the duo along with the Yaba tablets.

#### 2 hurt in bomb blasts

UNB, Pabna

Two people sustained injuries as criminals blasted several crude bombs in front of Sadar Police Station on Sunday. The injured were identified as Suja, 22, and Jewel Rana, 25. A gang blasted bombs in front of the main gate of the police station at around 7:30pm, leaving the two injured, said Additional Superintendent of Police Siddikur Rahman. Meanwhile, two crude bombs also went off at Abdul Hamid Sarak in the district town the same time, said police.

### Boy drowns in river

UNB, Magura

A teenage boy drowned in the Nabaganga River at Binodpur village in Mohammadpur upazila on Sunday afternoon. The deceased was identified as Nazmul Alam, 18, son of Sadek Ali. Police said Nazmul fell into the river when he along with two other friends went to the river to enjoy a boat ride at around 5:00pm. Later, locals rescued the boy and took him to Sadar Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead, said Jahangir Alam, officer-incharge of Sadar Police Station.

### 15 shops gutted

UNB, Rajbari

At least 15 shops were gutted in fire incidents in Baliakandi and Goalanda upazilas of the district early Sunday. In Baliakandi, a fire gutted 10 shops at Bohorpur Bazar in the upazila. In another incident, at least five shops were gutted in Daulatdia launch ghat area of Goalunda upazila at around 4:30am. On information, fire service units from Rajbari and Pangsha rushed to the spot and doused the flames, said Station Officer Fazlul Haque of Rajbari Fire Service.



PHOTO: STAR

Border Guard Bangladesh seizes 1,500 ampoules of Indian sedative injection at bordering Shialmara village in Shibganj upazila under Chapainawabganj district yesterday morning.

### Indian injection ampoules seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 1500 ampoules of Indian sedative injection from a mango orchard at Shialmara village in Shibganj upazila yesterday. Acting on a tip-off, the border guards raided the orchard at around 5:30am and seized the injections, said Lt Col Zahid Hasan, commanding officer of BGB-43 Battalion. None was arrested in this connection, he said.



PICTURE TELLS THE TALE: Patuakhali-Dashmina via Baufal alternative road remains in an awful condition due to lack of repair for long, thanks to the indifference of the authorities concerned.

# Patuakhali-Dashmina road in awful state

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Over 10 lakh people of three upazilas in the district are facing untold suffering as Patuakhali-Dashmina via Baufal alternative road has become unfit for use due to lack of renovation.

Meanwhile, rain adds to the woes of the residents during the monsoon as rainwater fills up the potholes on the road built by the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) 20 years

During a visit, this correspondent found potholes

filled with water after unexpected rainfall of last Friday and Saturday. To ease communica-

tion to Dashmina and Baufal upazilas from the road, the distance between district headquarters, RHD built the 10 km alternative road stretching from Lohalia to Kashipur that reduces about 13 km road distance between Patuakhali and Baufal and at least 25 km between Patuakhali and Dashmina upazila.

In 2011, RHD handed over the road to the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) so that

by crossing the Lohalia River to the east of the district town by boat.

Patuakhali and Baufal was about 40 km while Patuakhali and Dashmina about 60 km, said locals. Md Uzzal Khan, a businessman of Kalaiya Bazar in

Baufal upazila, said as a number of potholes developed on the road, they have to use it with risk.

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities are yet to take any steps to renovate the road, said advocate

local people can use it easily Jasim Uddin of Kashipur Advocate Gazi Shahid, a

resident of Dashmina Before building of the upazila town, said the authorities concerned should take immediate steps to repair the road to mitigate sufferings of local people.

Md Mojibur Rahman, chairman of Baufal Upazila Parishad, said they have already informed local LGED about the matter.

Contacted, Abu Saleh Md Hanif, executive engineer of LGED, said they are taking immediate steps to repair the road.

## Clash over control of fish landing station in Bhola

One killed, 10 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

A man was killed and 10 others were injured during a clash between two groups of fish traders over control of a fish landing station in Tazumuddin upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Mannan, 70, of Dewanpur village in the upazila.

Locals said there had been a long-standing dispute between the two groups of fish traders--one led Nur-e-Alam and the other by Shafiq--over control of Choumohani fish landing station in the upazila.

At around 11:30am, the supporters of the two groups, equipped with lethal weapons, locked in a clash in a bid to capture the fish landing station, leaving at least 11 people from both sides

Of the injured, five were taken to the upazila health complex where the doctors declared Mannan dead. The remaining five injured were given first aid at the

hospital. Being informed, police went to the spot and dispersed the clashing groups. No one was arrested in connection with the incident as of filing of this report at 5:00pm yesterday.

Police have been deployed in the area to avert any further incident, said Humayun Kabir, officer-incharge of Tazumuddin Police Station.

### ALLEGED ASSAULT ON COP

## Swechchhasebok League leader sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Swechchhasebok League leader Abul Bashar, arrested on charge of assaulting a cop at Dumki Police Station on Saturday, was sent to jail on Abdul Awal, an assistant

sub-inspector (ASI) of the police station filed a case with the police station on Saturday night, accusing Abul Basar, said Officer-in-Charge Habibur Rahman of the police station.

Police produced Bashar in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent him to jail.

Mirzaganj upazila unit in the

Immediately after the Bashar, general secretary of Swechchhasebok League

district, recently purchased a piece of land in Jalisha area under Dumki upazila and started building a house on it. As a local man filed a

complaint with the police station, claiming the ownership of the land, police asked Bashar to show documents relating to the purchase of the land. At around 11:00am on

Saturday, Bashar came to the police station and asked police why they had called him there. At one stage, Bashar

became angry and physically assaulted duty officer Abdul Awal, an assistant subinspector of the police station.

incident, police arrested Bashar on charge of assaulting the policeman.

# Three women get life for murder in Meherpur

### College student found dead in Lalmonirhat

STAR COUNTRY DESK

A court here yesterday sentenced three women to life imprisonment for killing a man in Sadar upazila in

The convicts are Khodeza Khatun, wife of Korban Ali of Darbeshpur village, her daughter Kajoli Khatun and their neighbour Jyoti, wife of Tengra, according to

The court also fined them Tk 20,000 each, in default, they are to suffer six months more in jail.

According to the prosecution, Tayeb Ali was strangulated by the three women at Darbeshpur

August 6, 2007 when he wanted back the money he had earlier given to Khodeza in loan.

Ferdousi filed a murder case with Sadar Police Station on the day, accusing the trio.

After a long hearing, District and Sessions Judge Rabiul Hasan handed down the verdict.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent reported that the body of a college student was found at a tobacco field at Gandhamaruya village in Aditmari upazila of the district on Sunday evening.

Police recovered the body culprits.

village in the upazila on and sent it to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The victim was identified as Rahim Miah, 20, son of The deceased's wife Anju Miah of bordering Karnapur village under Mogholhat union of Sadar upazila. He was an HSC student of Lalmonirhat Government Degree

College. Police said the college boy went out of their house on Saturday afternoon and

did not return at night. Officer-in-Charge Kafil Uddin of Aditmari Police Station said they are trying to unearth clue to the murder and arrest the



A NOVEL PROTEST: Tired of long waiting for repair of Tipu Sultan Road in Ishwardi municipality under Pabna district, some locals plant paddy on a muddy portion of it while others block the important thoroughfare leading to Ishwardi EPZ yesterday to draw attention of the authorities concerned.

Bomb Attack on Indian Truck

## Export-import thru' Sonamasjid port halted for 5 hours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

Export-import through Sonamasjid land port in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj remained suspended for five hours following a petrol bomb attack on an Indian truck on the port premises Sunday night. Sonamasjid-Panama

Port Link Limited and Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents Association sources said unidentified criminals hurled a petrol bomb at a maize-laden Indian truck at around 11:00pm. The front side of the truck was badly damaged by fire.

Protesting bomb attack

on the truck, Indian truckers stopped entering Bangladesh at 9:00am yesterday.

Later, the users of Mohodipur port in Malda of Paschimbanga and Sonamasjid port, representatives of business organisations, officials of local administration and law enforcment agencies held a meeting at Sonamasjid land port where the port authorities assured that they would pay compensation for the truck. The meeting ended at 2:00pm.

Following the meeting, goods-laden Indian trucks started entering Sonamasjid land port at 2:30pm, port sources said.

