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RIVER SQUEEZED FOR UNNEEDED ROAD: A road, made with the money of Karmasrijan Prokolpa, a 40-day project meant for creating job opportunity for the poor people, narrows the Chitra River by over 150 feet at Suti-Talshar village in Kotchandpur upazila under Jhenidah district as the riverbed on both sides has been filled up for the work hardly serving any utilitarian purpose.

Pistol, bullets seized, two siblings arrested

UNB, Comilla

Members of Rapid Action Battalion arrested two siblings along with a foreign made pistol and ammunition from Ekbalia village in Sadar (South) upazila on Monday night.

The arrestees are Emon Hossain and Mir Hossain, sons of Abul Mia of the village.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-11, led by Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shah Shibli Sadik, raided Abul Mia's house at night and arrested the duo.

The elite force also recovered a pistol, a magazine and five bullets from their possession.

The arrestees were accused in eight cases filed with Sadar (South) and Comilla Model Police Stations, police said.

CHUADANGA, JAMALPUR

Land disputes leave one killed, 10 injured

STAR NATIONAL DESK

A man was killed and 10 others were injured over land disputes in Chuadanga and Jamalpur districts yesterday and on Monday night.

Our Kushtia correspondent reported that land dispute left a man killed at Andulbaria village in Jibonnaagar upazila of Chuadanga district on Monday night.

The deceased was identified as Abdus Salam, 38.

Police said there had been a long-standing dispute between Salam and his uncle Sahidul Islam over a piece of land.

At around 8:00pm, Salam along with his younger brother Abul Kalam went to Sahidul's house at

the village and locked in an altercation over the issue.

At one stage, Shahidul's sons Mohidul and Asadul swooped on their cousins Salam and Kalam and hit them with sharp weapons.

Salam died on the spot while Kalam sustained stab injuries. Kalam is now undergoing treatment at Chuadanga Sadar Hospital.

A murder case was filed with Jibonnaagar Police Station yesterday morning, accusing Sahidul and his two sons. None of them was arrested as of 5:00pm yesterday.

Police said the accused went into hiding soon after the incident.

In Jamalpur, at least 10 people were injured in an attack by their neighbour

and his men over a disputed land at Charlotabar village in Madarganj upazila yesterday noon, reports our correspondent.

Of the injured, four were admitted to Sarishabari Upazila Health Complex while rest given first aid at the hospital.

Locals said there was a long-standing dispute between Mofazzal and Lal Miah over 25 decimals of land at the village.

The land was under Lal Miah's possession. As the court issued an injunction on the petition of Mofazzal on Monday, Lal Miah became angry.

He along with his men attacked Mofazzal's house at noon, leaving 10 including Mofazzal and his wife Tahmina, injured.

Sonatola upazila chairman suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Sonatola Upazila Parishad Chairman Ahsanul Haque Toiyab Zakir was suspended on Monday as he is accused in the cases for arson, vandalism and sabotage.

Sonatola Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Habibur Rahman received the letter issued by the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives around 9:00pm.

Zakir, also the president of the upazila unit of BNP, is accused in three cases filed with Sonatola Police Station for arson, vandalism and carrying out subversive activities in the upazila, following a clash on



Ahsanul Haque Toiyab Zakir

February 10.

Contacted, UNO Habibur said the ministry also asked woman vice-chairman Anjona Begum to take over the charges with immediate effect.

The chairman has been absconding since filing of the cases, UNO office sources said.

Robber killed in 'gunfight' with cops in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A robber was killed in a 'gunfight' with police in Panchbaria area on the Jessore-Magura Highway in the district early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Yunus Ali, 42, son of Yakub Ali, of Bhallukghar village in Keshabpur upazila.

Receiving information that a gang of robbers was taking preparations for looting night coaches and good-laden trucks on the highway by felling a tree, a police team went to the spot at around 4:00am, said Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge (OC) of Jessore Kotwali Police Station.

Sensing the presence of

the team, the robbers exploded crude bombs and opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate.

Yunus Ali sustained bullet wounds and died on the spot while his accomplices managed to flee, the OC said, adding that two policemen--Mostafizur Rahman and Asadullah--were also injured during the gunfight.

Police sent Yunus' body to Jessore Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. They also recovered four crude bombs and several sharp weapons from the spot.

Yunus was wanted in several cases, including for robbery and extortion, police said.

Indian medicine seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in a drive seized 56,900 Indian tablets from Dhanyakhola under Benapole Port Police Station on Monday night.

Acting on a tip-off, the BGB men raided the area and seized the smuggled tablets.

However, the smugglers managed to flee the scene, sensing the presence of the border guards, said Lt Col Mohammad Jahangir Hossain, commanding officer of BGB-26.

Quality of the medicine is very poor, said the BGB official.

A case was filed in this connection.



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Fire destroys around 200 trees on around two acres of land in Kalachhara Forest in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar district on Monday evening.

WAREHOUSE COLLAPSE

One more worker dies at hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Another construction worker, who was injured in the cement factory warehouse disaster in Bagerhat on Thursday died at Jessore Combined Military Hospital (CMH) on Monday night.

With this, the death toll in the warehouse collapse rose to eight.

The deceased, Shah Ali alias Shihab, 50, son of Moksed Ali of Gourambha village in Rampal upazila of the district, was undergoing treatment at the hospital.

On Thursday, the 42-foot high under-construction building of Sena Kalyan Sangstha in Mongla of Bagerhat caved in around 1:00pm when around 90 workers were pouring concrete for the roof, leaving seven workers dead on the spot.

Jahangir Alam, deputy commissioner (DC) in Bagerhat, said 32 injured workers were admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital after the incident on Thursday afternoon.

Of them, five, including Shihab were later shifted to Jessore CMH where he died around 12:00midnight.

Meanwhile, the body of another victim was handed over to his wife after she identified the body of her husband yesterday.

Ayasha Begum identified the body of Nur Mohammad, 25, son of late Momin Ullah of Noakhali Sadar upazila, said Manjur Elahi, sub-inspector of Mongla Police Station.

80,000 Yaba tablets seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 80,000 Yaba tablets from the Naf River in Teknaf upazila of the district yesterday morning.

On secret information, the border guards raided an engine-run fishing boat and seized the Yaba tablets worth about Tk 2.40 crore.

None was arrested in this connection, said Lt Col Abu Jar Al Zahid, commanding officer of BGB-42 Battalion.

Youth held with 23 crude bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Detectives arrested a youth along with 23 crude bombs at Lalapara village in Sadar upazila on Monday night.

The arrestee is Ferdous Ahmed, 20, son of Mohsin Reza of Bienbazar of Shibganj upazila.

Golam Mortuza, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said the DB police, acting on a tip-off, raided the area and arrested Ferdous along with the bombs.

A case was filed against Ferdous, said the OC.

3 Shibir men arrested in Kurigram

UNB, Kurigram

Police arrested three activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir in Pateshwari Bazar area of the district town yesterday.

The arrestees are Ershad, Shahidul and Jalil. They all are activists of the district unit of Shibir, said Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police Masud Alam.

A group of Shibir activists brought out a procession in support of the hartal in the bazaar area in the morning. Being informed, police rushed to the spot, dispersed the processionists by firing blank shots and arrested the three.

However, other processionists managed to flee the scene, said the police official.

BANGABANDHU'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



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1) Children take part in a recitation at a function organised by Faridpur Shishu Academy, 2) a painting competition at Shaheed Abul Kashem Maidan in Joypurhat town, 3) a colourful procession joined by a large number of people parade the thoroughfares of Faridpur town, 4) another procession in Thakurgaon town, and 5) people place wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Munshiganj town yesterday, as the nation celebrates the 96th birthday of the Father of the Nation, also observed as National Children's Day.

Imam murder suspect held in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police yesterday arrested a youth suspecting his involvement in the killing of an Imam under Pagla Police Station in Gafargaon upazila on Sunday.

The arrestee is Ramzan Ali, 35, son of Tamij Uddin, a resident of Purba Golabari village in the upazila.

Police later produced the arrestee before a court that sent him to jail, said Badrul

Alam Khan, officer-in-charge of Pagla Police Station.

On Monday, police recovered the body of Borhan Uddin, 32, Imam of Amtoli Jam-e-Mosque at Longair village from Kaja-Kandi area, some three kilometres away from his Purba Golabari village.

Police said Borhan, father of four children, went missing while he was returning home from the mosque

after offering Esha prayers on Sunday night.

Locals spotted Borhan's body near a bridge in Kaja-Kandi area on Monday morning and informed the police.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police suspect Imam Borhan might have been killed as a sequel to a previous enmity with some people of the village.