

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Robber killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A suspected robber was killed in a 'gunfight' between his cohorts and police in Kanchatala Bazar area under Kaliganj upazila of the district early yesterday. The dead is Iqbal Hossain, 28, son of Abul Kashem of Arpara village. He is an accused in eight cases, including one for murder, said Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kaliganj Police Station. Being informed that a gang was preparing to commit a robbery by felling trees on Kaliganj-Chapra road in Kanchatala area, a patrol police team raided the area at 1:40am. Sensing the presence of the police team, the robbers opened fire, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate. Iqbal sustained bullets in the chest and later died at the upazila health complex.

8 held while crossing border

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested eight people while they were going to India without valid documents through Putkhali border under Benapole Port Police Station on Friday night. The arrestees are Mashiur Rahman, 35, Kuddus Sardar, 18, Monirul Molla, 32, Arjina Sheikh, 20, Rabiul Islam, 20, Mohan Das, 19, Bhulu Adhikari, 30, and Nani Gopal Halder, 30. They hail from different areas of Jessore, Narayanganj and Barisal districts. Tajul Islam, sub-inspector of Benapole Port Police Station, said the border guards raided the area and detained the eight while they were crossing the border without passports on Friday night. A case was filed in this connection.

Land dispute kills one

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A youth was killed over land dispute in Sadar upazila of the district on Friday. The deceased is Rezaul Islam, 30, son of Shamsul Haque of Shimuldangi village in the upazila. Afaz Bhuiyan, chairman of Balia Union Parishad, told this correspondent over cellphone that Naya Mia and Ayub Ali of Dhapdop village locked in an altercation when Naya along with men were harvesting wheat from a disputed land around 4:30pm. At one stage, both the groups equipped with sharp weapons attacked each other, leaving Rezaul, younger brother of Naya's son-in-law, dead on the spot. Mehedi Hasan, officer-in-charge of Thakurgaon Police Station, said Naya Mia filed a murder case against 27 people with the police station.

Shop employee burnt alive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A man was burnt alive and two others were injured when a fire broke out at Barochaona Bazar in Sakhipur upazila of the district early yesterday. The deceased, Hamidul Haque, 22, of Kalia village in the upazila, was an employee of a stationery shop. The fire originated from an electric short-circuit around 3:00am at a tin-shed stationery shop owned by one Abdul Khaleq and soon engulfed other three adjacent shops, said Bazlur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Sakhipur Police Station. Hamidul was burnt alive while two other employees were injured as they were asleep inside the stationery shop.

Two fugitive convicts held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police arrested two fugitive convicts in a rape case at Nurui village in Sadar upazila early yesterday. The arrestees are Sirajul Islam, 45, son of late Khaleque Munshi, and Bakkar alias Bokta, 40, son of late Sanaullah of the village. In 1997, the two raped a schoolgirl in the area and fled the scene. Later, a rape case was filed with a court in the district. In 2013, the court sentenced them to 39 years' imprisonment in the case, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Gaziur Rahman.

UZ vice chairman arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Police arrested Mohammad Ali Sikder, vice chairman of Nazirpur Upazila Parishad, yesterday. On secret information, a police team raided the upazila headquarters in the morning and arrested Mohammad Ali. He is an accused in two cases for vandalising buses in the area in January this year, said Khandakar Mostafizur Rahman, officer in charge (OC) of Nazirpur Police Station.



PHOTO: STAR

The jatka (hilsa less than ten inches long), seized by the coastguard from fishermen on the Meghna River yesterday, were distributed among the poor people at Chandpur town yesterday. Defying official ban, a section of fishermen have continued catching jatka, much to the harm of the stock of the popular fish.



FILE PHOTO: STAR

Torching and vandalism on the eve of the parliamentary election on January 5, 2014, left Shailakupa Lolita Mohon Government Primary School in Jhenidah district unusable for classes but the authorities are yet to repair it.

ARSON ATTACKS DURING PARLIAMENTARY POLLS

6 of 24 schools in Jhenidah are yet to be rebuilt

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Six of 24 government primary schools, torched and vandalised by the activists of BNP-led 20-party alliance in the district the night before the parliamentary elections on January 5, 2014, are yet to be rebuilt.

These are Lolita Mohon Bhuiyan Government Primary School in Shailakupa upazila, Mamunshia Government Primary School, Pashpatila Government Primary School, Phulbaria Government Primary School, Solimanpur Government Primary

School, and Balabaria Government Primary School in Kotchandpur upazila.

Locals said the schools were supposed to be reconstructed immediately after the election, but no step has been taken yet.

Students of the six schools attend their classes under trees or open sky. They have to sit on the ground as the benches were vandalised and torched during the attack.

During this correspondent's visit to the schools recently, teachers told him that the upazila nirbahi officers (UNOs) ascertained the damages to the six

schools caused by the attacks and submitted necessary papers to the authorities concerned, but funds are yet to be allocated for rebuilding the schools.

They said education of children is being greatly hampered for want of schoolhouses.

Arif Mahmud, a Class V student of Mamunshia Government Primary School in Kotchandpur upazila, said the benches of classrooms were set afire by the attackers. "It is difficult for us to remain sitting on the ground in the sun for at least four hours everyday," he said.

Afsar Uddin, headmaster of Lolita Mohon Bhuiyan Government Primary School in Shailakupa upazila, said they face trouble to run the school under the open sky.

Contacted, Kotchandpur Upazila Primary Education Officer Dev Proshad Paul and Shailakupa Upazila Primary Education Officer Din Mohammad said they submitted necessary papers to the office concerned in Dhaka after the incident.

"We hope the authorities concerned will allocate funds for rebuilding the six schools as soon as possible," they added.

'GUNFIGHT' WITH COPS

Jubo Dal leader among 2 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Two alleged criminals sustained bullet injuries during a 'shootout' with police at Balaishpur village in Sadar upazila on Friday night.

The law enforcers also seized one LG and five bullets from the spot, said police.

The injured are Md Kiron, 30, joint convener of Uttar Hamsadi union unit of Jubo Dal, and son of Joinal Abedin of Bijoyanagar village; and Maudul Islam Rubel, 32, son of Ruhul Amin of Basudihita village in the upazila.

They were admitted to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Junaid Kawsar.

At around 11:00pm, a police team, acting on a tip-off, raided the village to arrest wanted criminal, Masum Billah alias Laden Masum.

Sensing the presence of the police team, the cohorts of Masum opened fire,

prompting the law enforcers to retaliate, ASP Junaid said, adding that Kiron and Rubel received bullets during the gunfight.

Kiron and Rubel are listed criminals and accused in several cases, the ASP further said. District Jubo Dal General Secretary Abdul Mannan Liton said Kiron is joint convener of the party's Uttar Hamsad union unit.

Three constables--Sharif, Nazmun and Ibrahim--also sustained injuries during the clash and took first aid, police said.

Md Kajol, elder brother of the Jubo Dal leader, alleged that the detectives picked up Kiron from in front of their house in the afternoon. They took him to Balaishpur village in the name of recovering arms and shot him in the left leg there.

Rubel told this correspondent that police arrested him from a tea stall at Chandraganj Bazar on Friday night, took him to the village and shot him in the leg.

Housewife stabbed for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A housewife was stabbed allegedly by her husband for dowry in Sadar upazila of Habiganj district on Friday night.

The injured is Swapna Akhter, 20, daughter of Keramot Ali of Barapota village. She was admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital.

Police and family sources said Swapna married Russel Miah, 25, son of Jitu Miah of the upazila, six months ago.

After their marriage, Russel often tortured Swapna for Tk one lakh as dowry, Md Nazim Uddin,

officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, quoted neighbour as saying

Last week, Russel beat up Swapna following an altercation over the issue. After the incident, she went to her parents' house.

At around 10:00pm on Friday, Russel along with his some aides went to his in-laws' house and again put pressure on Swapna for dowry.

As she refused to comply with the demand and asked Russel to leave the home, he stabbed her and fled the scene.

Keramot Ali, father of the victim, yesterday filed a case, accusing Russel, said the OC.

Ensure basic human rights of Dalits

Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination observed in districts

STAR COUNTRY DESK

The Dalit people at programmes marking International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination yesterday reiterated the demand for ensuring basic human rights for the backward community.

Chapainawabganj unit of Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights movement formed a human chain and held a rally in front of Chapainawabganj Press Club in the town yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Speakers at the rally demanded formulation of a law and a national policy immediately to eliminate social discrimination against the Dalit people, also known as Harijans, and ensure their civic rights including proper access to educational facilities and government jobs.

Speakers also demanded regularisation of jobs of

Dalit people in city corporations, municipalities, non-government and private organisations and reserving 80 percent of the posts of sweepers in every sector for the Harijan community.

Brahmanath Thakur, president of Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement, Chapainawabganj district unit, its secretary Abhinath Das, social activists Sajeman Ali and Shahjahan Ali spoke, among others.

In Naogaon district, Harijan Rights Movement formed a human chain and held a rally at Muktir More in Naogaon town.

Bhanu Bansfore, president of Harijan Rights Movement, Naogaon dis-

trict unit, its secretary Sabab Chandra, Abdul Malek Sheikh, councillor of ward No 4 of Naogaon municipality, spoke, among others.

Our Thakurgaon Correspondent reports: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was observed in the district with the theme "Learning from historical tragedies to combat racial discrimination today".

On the occasion, Premdip Project of Eco-Social Development Organisation organised a colourful procession that started from Thakurgaon Press Club premises and ended there after parading different streets in the town.



PHOTO: STAR

People of Dalit community join a human chain organised by Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement in front of Chapainawabganj Press Club yesterday marking International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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This is for information to all concerned that the Board of Directors of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited in its meeting held on March 21, 2015 between 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Bangladesh Time 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE has decided to postpone the 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company, which were scheduled to be held on March 25, 2015, due to unavoidable circumstances.

It has also decided that the date, time and venue of the 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company shall be notified later. All other information of the 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company shall remain unchanged.

By order of the Board of Directors
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 (Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)
 Company Secretary

Date: March 21, 2015

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