



The building of Osmania High School in Trishal upazila under Mymensingh district lies ravaged as a nor'wester lashed the area on Saturday night.

SATURDAY'S NOR'WESTER IN MYMENSINGH

# Classes hampered as 35 institutions damaged

The storm destroyed hundreds of houses, huge standing crops too

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The nor'wester that lashed several upazilas of the district Saturday night caused serious damage to educational institutions, dwelling houses, croplands and broiler farms.

Three people were killed and 15 others injured due to tree collapse and lightning during the storm.

Tin-roofs of 23 educational institutions in Trishal upazila were blown away, affecting academic activities, said Mahub Hasan Shahin, upazila nirbahi

officer (UNO) of Trishal.

"We have prepared a list for sending to the district administration for immediate funding to repair the institutions. We have also urged the local elite to come forward with helping hand for the purpose," he said.

In Muktagachha, the storm badly damaged 12 educational institutions, causing suspension of classes there, said UNO Umme Afsari Johra.

"We are making a list of the affected institutions to send to the deputy commissioner of Mymensingh for immediate allocation," she

said.

Osmania High School and Chakrampur Fazil Madrasa in Trishal, Bonbangla F Rahman High School, Bhitbari Alim Senior Madrasa, Garbazail High School, Polsa Adarsha High School, Baniabari High School and Mogoltola High School in Muktagachha, and Gopalnagar Emdadia Senior Fazil Madrasa in Sadar upazila are some of the badly affected institutions.

Boro and vegetables on around 5500 hectares of land belonging to over 10,000 farmers in the district were affected in Saturday's storm, said Bibhuti Bhushan Sarker, district training officer of the Department of Agriculture Extension, Mymensingh.

Of it, crops on 777 hectares were totally destroyed. Dugaon, Kashimpur, Kheruajani and Banshati unions in Muktagachha, Radhakanai union in Phulbaria, Baroihati, Dutter Bazar and Niguari in Gafargaon, and Rampur and Balipara unions in Trishal upazila are the worst affected areas, said the official.



Film star Ilias Kanchan, also chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai (we want safe road), takes part in a large procession in Chapainawabganj town yesterday as part of an awareness campaign for preventing road accidents.

## Three return home from Indian jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Three Bangladeshi nationals returned home on Sunday night after serving two years in an Indian jail.

Indian police handed them over to Benapole immigration police at around 8:00pm.

Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Benapole check post immigration police, said a gang of human traffickers sent them to India two and a half years ago through Jessore border.

The returnees, two women and a nine-year-old girl, hail from Khulna and Maherpur districts.

Kolkata police arrested them from rail station area and filed a case against them. Later, a court sentenced them two year imprisonment for crossing the border without valid documents.

Benapole Police handed over the trio to their families.

## Return Salahuddin Ahmed unhurt

Demand BNP's human chains across Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

The district unit of BNP yesterday organised human chains in villages, unions, upazilas, roads, bazaars, stations and towns across the district demanding return of the party's central joint secretary general Salahuddin Ahmed 'unhurt and in good health'.

Around three lakh people participated in the programme for half an hour from 11:00am, claimed district BNP president and former whip Shahjahan Chowdhury.

Speakers at the programme claimed that law enforcers earlier picked up Salahuddin Ahmed from a house at Uttara in the capital at dead of night and the BNP leader's wife Hasina Ahmed and the party's central command have enough evidence about it.

Apart from the activists of BNP and its associate organi-

sations Jubo Dal, Chhatra Dal, Sramik Dal, Mohila Dal, and Sweshchhasevak Dal, a large number of common people took part in the programme covering over 300 kilometre stretch of area, said BNP central committee member and former lawmaker Lutfor Rahman Kajal.

The human wall stretched along Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway from Zero Point in Cox's Bazar town to Aziznagar in Chakoria upazila via Ramu upazila, to Chakoria-Pekua-Mognama ghat, from Kutubdia Lemshikhali to Ali Akbar Boli ghat, Gorak Ghat to Kalamarchhara in Moheshkhali upazila, the main road in Cox's Bazar town, Marine Drive road, and Kalatoli to Tekna, he said.

Shahjahan Chowdhury and Lutfor Rahman Kajal coordinated the human chain organised as part of a series programme demanding release of Salahuddin Ahmed unhurt.

## Clash over control of fish landing station

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least four people were injured as two rival groups of Awami League (AL) clashed over control of fish landing station at Ulania under Mehendiganj upazila of the district on Sunday night.

Of the injured, bullet-hit Altaf Sardar alias Altu Sardar, 55, vice president of Ulania union unit of AL, was admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital while the rest to the upazila health center.

Police and locals said there had been a long-standing conflict between Jamal Molla, Ulania union parishad chairman and organising secretary of AL Mehendiganj upazila unit, and Altaf Hossain Sardar, Govindapur union AL vice president, over control of the area.

At around 11:35pm on Sunday, some people belonging to the rival

## AL leader hurt in bomb attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

A local Awami League leader and two others were injured in bomb attacks by criminals in Bejpara area of Jessore district town on Sunday night.

The injured are Mohsin Ali, 42, joint secretary of ward No 7 unit of AL, Sohag Islam, 32, and Abul Hashem, 33.

Police said a gang blasted 2/3 bombs in the area at around 8:30pm while Mohsin was standing with his friends in front of local peace committee office.

Seriously injured Mohsin was admitted to Jessore Medical College Hospital, said police.

## Jamaat leader shot dead in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A local leader of Jamaat-e-Islami was hacked and shot dead by criminals in Charbalorampur area of the district town on Sunday night.

The deceased is Md Shariful Islam, 45, a member of Bharara union unit of Jamaat, and former member of the union parishad. He was also a teacher of Charbalorampur Dakhil Madrasa.

Police and locals said a masked gang of 4/5 attacked Shariful when he was watching television at a shop in the area at around 9:30pm.

The gang first hacked Shariful with sharp weapons and then shot him. He died on the spot, said Md Abu Sayeed, chairman of the union parishad.

On information, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to a hospital morgue for autopsy. The reason behind the murder could not be known.

Officer-in-Charge Ahsanul Haque of Pabna Sadar Police Station said they are trying to unearth clue to the murder and arrest the culprits involved.

## Elephant shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A joint team of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and police shot an Indian elephant dead at Masudpur village in Shibganj upazila yesterday.

Major Minnat Ali, operation officer of BGB-9 Battalion, said, an Indian elephant entered the bordering village at around 7:00am.

Being informed, a joint team of BGB and police rushed to the area and tried to send back the elephant to Indian territory through Masudpur border but failed.

The team then fired 54 bullets, killing the elephant.

The animal damaged several hectares of croplands in the area, said locals.

## 10 arrested on charge of raping schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The law enforcers arrested 10 people at Ratanpur village in Ghatail upazila on Sunday on charge of violating a 13-year-old schoolgirl.

The arrestees are Jahangir Alam, 19, Azharul Islam, 25, Mohammad Sabuj, 20, Shariful Islam, 20, Rezaul Bappi, 18, Sirajul Shuvo, 20, Harun-ur-Rashid, 20, Mohammad Arif Hossain, 19, Masum Miah, 25, and Jihad Hossain, 19, of the area.

The victim's mother filed a case with Ghatail Police Station in this connection yesterday, said Mokhlesur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the PS.

According to the case statement, the seventh grader along with her mother went to a baishakhi fair on Ratanpur Government Primary School premises on April 16.

When she was returning alone from the fair in the evening, the accused picked

up the girl from a local Eidgah field and raped her.

On Sunday, the victim's sister-in-law informed Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-3) about the matter.

A joint team of Rab and police raided the village on Sunday night and arrested the ten.

The arrestees were produced in a court that sent them to jail yesterday, said the OC, adding that the victim was sent to Tangail Medical College Hospital for medical test.



Police arrest seven alleged robbers after a gunfight with the criminals at Shahbandar of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

RAJBARI, MOULVIBAZAR

## Eight robbers held after 'gunfights' with cops

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Two alleged robbers were injured in 'gunfights' between their cohorts and police in Rajbari and Moulvibazar districts on Sunday.

In Rajbari, the law enforcers arrested a ring-leader of an inter-district robber gang following a 'gunfight' with his cohorts at Kolanagar village in Pangsha upazila on Sunday night, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

Arrestee Syed Abdul Hamid Mandol, 42, son of Syed Ali Mandol of Dudhsor in the upazila, sustained bullet injuries in left hand and right leg during the incident. He was admitted to Rajbari Sadar Hospital.

Abu Sama Md Iqbal Hayat, officer-in-charge of Pangsha Police Station, said, being informed that a gang of 10/12 was holding a secret meeting at the village

to commit robbery, a police team raided the area at around 8:30pm.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the robbers fired 4/5 bullets, targeting police.

In retaliation, police fired back, triggering a gunfight that left Hamid injured with bullets.

However, his cohorts managed to flee, said the OC, adding that Hamid is accused in five cases including three for robbery.

The law enforcers also seized a shutter gun and five bullets from the possession of the arrestee, said the OC.

Away in Moulvibazar, an alleged robber and three policemen were injured in a 'gunfight' in Shahbandar area under Sadar upazila the same night, reports our correspondent.

The law enforcers also arrested seven robbers-- Jamir Hosain, 23, Jilu Miah, 30, Iqbal Hosain, 28, Sahadat Hosain, 22,

Jakir Hosain, 26, Faruq Miah, 45, and Mukul Miah, 26, of the district-- from the spot.

The injured policemen are Sub-Inspector M Abul Hashem, constables Zia and Shankar of Sadar Police Station.

Police said on a tip-off that a gang gathered in the area for committing robbery, a police team raided there at around 10:00pm.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the robbers started firing at the police who also retaliated by firing back. The four were injured during the gunfight.

The law enforcers later arrested seven robbers with a pipegun, seven bullets, seven machetes and a Chinese axe.

A case was filed with the police station under the Arms Act, said Assistant Superintendent of Police SM Sirajul Islam.

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