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Use of public roads for paddy processing during the ongoing harvesting season causes disturbance to vehicular movement in different areas of Moulvibazar district. The photo was taken from Sylhet-Moulvibazar road in Fenchuganj yesterday.

Highway robberies on rise in southwestern region

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Robberies on roads and highways have increased in the southwestern region, making journeys dangerous for the commuters. At least 24 robberies took place on different roads and highways in 10 districts in the region since April 13, police records and newspaper reports say. Two robbers were killed and five policemen were injured in gunfights with robbers. Around 50 people were also injured by armed robbers during the period. Police said organised gangs connected with inter-districts rings are involved in the robberies, which take place at night. The robbers stop the vehicles, mostly passenger buses, and take cash and valuables from the passengers. Sometimes they attack the passengers who protest or try to protect themselves. The robbers carry out their attacks by felling trees on highways to stop the

vehicles. These are Kushtia-Magura highway, Kushtia-Jhenidah highway, Jessore-Khulna highway, Khulna-Satkhira highway, Jhenidah-Chuadanga highway, Kushtia-Meherpur highway and Kushtia-Rajbari highway. Five robberies took place on Kushtia-Magura highway, 12 on Kushtia-Rajbari highway, three on Jhenidah-Chuadanga highway, four on Khulna-Satkhira and three on Jessore-Khulna highway. The number of robberies was 11 between March 13 and April 12, according to police records and newspaper reports. Police and other law enforcers seem to be helpless as the vulnerable places are mostly away from the main towns and the robberies take place at night. At least 20-25 inter-district gangs with around 200-250 members are active in the region, committing robbery on the highways, according to some police officials of the region. At least two robbers were killed in Magura and Kushtia districts and 7seven injured on the spot during gunfights between police and robbers in the last 10 days in Kushtia, Magura and Rajbari. The ringleader of an inter-district gang, Rafiqul, was killed in a gunfight on Magura-Jessore road in Magura Sadar upazila on April 18, and robber leader Milon Ali was killed in a gunfight between his cohorts and police in Mirpur upazila of Kushtia on April 21. Law enforcers arrested Abdul Hamid, the ringleader of an inter-district gang, following a gunfight with his cohorts at Kolanagar village in Pangsha upazila of Rajbari on April 20. Police also recovered firearms and sharp weapons from them. "We have highway patrol police teams but their number is not enough to check robberies on the roads and highways," said Proloy Chisim, Superintendent of Police, Kushtia.

Clash over paddy harvest leaves one dead, 10 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A man was killed and 10 others were injured as two rival groups of villagers clashed over harvesting paddy from a disputed land at Khoichala village in Raiganj upazila of Sirajganj yesterday. The deceased was identified as Abdur Rashid, 58, a resident of the village. Police arrested nine people in connection with the incident. Police quoted locals as saying that there had been a long-standing dispute Rashid and Amzad of the village over the ownership of a land. Rashid cultivated boro on the land. As Rashid and his men went to harvest paddy from the land at around 7:00am, Amzad and his supporters obstructed them. Both sides equipped with lethal weapons swooped on each other, leaving at least 11 people, including Rashid injured. Critically injured Rashid died on the way to hospital while the injured are undergoint treatment at Sirajganj General Hospital. Officer-in-Charge Rashedul Islam Biswas of Raiganj Police Station said they arrested nine people, including Amzad Hossain, from the spot. Away in Pabna, an activist of an outlawed party was shot dead in Atgoria upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Mithu Hossain, 30, son of Nannu Miah of Narjana village in Ekdanta union of the upazila.

Storm kills 2, damages 300 houses in Sunamganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Nor'wester coupled with hail and rain lashed Dirai, Tahirpur and Sadar upazilas in Sunamganj district yesterday morning, leaving two people killed and damaging over 300 houses. In Dirai, Gulena Begum, 25, wife of Jewel Kazi of Batipara village, died on the spot when a tree collapsed on her tin-shed house during the storm that lasted for about three hours from 8:00am. Apart from this, at least

nine people were injured and over 300 houses damaged by the seasoned storm that lashed Karimpur, Jagdal, Charanarchar, Bhatipara and Raphinagar unions in the upazila. At least 214 cows were also killed by lightning in Charanarchar, Sarmagal, Karimpur, Jagdal and Shenarbagh unions during the storm, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Altaf Hossain. Meanwhile, the storm injured at least nine people at Noagaon village in Sadar upazila. The injured are Baha

Uddin, 50, Kamal Miah, 45, Mizanur Rahman, 24, Sahidullah, 35, Sohel Miah, 25, Iynul Haque, 35, Kamal Uddin, 18, and Sarwar, 18, of the village, said Abdul Hay, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station. In Tahirpur, a farmer was killed and four others were injured as a nor'wester hit Mullahpara village in the upazila. The deceased is Abdul Jalil, 45, son of late Abdul Hasim of the village, said OC Md Shahidullah of Tahirpur Police Station.



PHOTO: STAR

Cows die afloat in a haor of Doarabazar in Sunamganj district after lightning struck the area during a nor'wester yesterday.

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০২	সংগ্রহকারী দপ্তরের নাম
০৩	কি জন্য আহ্বান
০৪	আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ
০৫	বিক্রয় পদ্ধতি
০৬	বাজেট ও সোর্স অফ ফান্ড
০৭	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম
০৮	দরপত্রের সিডিউল
০৯	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য
১০	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান
১১	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ ও মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়
১২	দরপত্র খোলার অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা
১৩	দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ
১৪	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী ও ঠিকানা
১৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম
১৬	দরদাতাদের যোগাযোগ
১৭	দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও মূল্যায়ন পদ্ধতি
১৮	কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

Lightning kills 5 in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Five people were killed and at least six others injured by lightning in different upazilas of Mymensingh yesterday. In Dhubaura, two schoolboys-- Mosharraf Hossain, 14, a Class VII student of Bhedikura High School, and Delwar Hossain, 12, a Class V student of Gujirkandi Govt Primary School, were struck by thunderbolts at their respective houses around 9:00am and died instantly. Delwar's younger sister Rahima Khatun, 9, cousin Mosharraf Hossain, 32, and Harun-Or-Rashid, 45, of Panchanandapur village also sustained injuries during the incident. In Haluaghat, two farmers were killed and three others injured by lightning in two villages of the district. The deceased, Jamshed Ali, 50, of Baniakanda village, and Rubel Karim, 32, of Puruapara village, died

on the spot while they were working on their paddy fields in the morning. Injured Aymona Khatun, 45, Noor Jahan Begum, 30, and Aysin Akhtar, 11, were admitted to a local hospital, said Jakiur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Haluaghat Police Station. Kafir Uddin, 55, of Dhanerbhita village in Phulpur upazila was struck by lightning and died on the spot while he was returning home from a farmland yesterday. Away in Jamalpur, a farmer was killed by lightning at Moddhya Kamalpur village in Bakshiganj upazila yesterday morning, reports our correspondent. The deceased is Montu Mia, 56, of the village. Mostafa Kamal, chairman of Kamalpur Union Parishad, said a thunderbolt hit Montu while he was cutting paddy at his farmland during heavy rain. He died on the spot.

Request for Proposal

International Labour Organization (ILO) Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested and qualified companies or consultancy firm for below capacity building analysis

1. Capacity Building Analysis of Department of Fire Service and Civil Defense (DFSCD)
2. Capacity Building Analysis of Capital City Development Authority of Bangladesh (RAJUK).

All interested firms are requested to download the Terms of Reference (ToR) from the link: www.ilo.org/dhaka/aboutus/ under Procurement Notice

Submission of Proposal: The project title must be clearly written on the top of the envelope and the proposal must be submitted as per the instructions specified in the ToR to Country Director, ILO Country Office for Bangladesh, House No. SE (G)-2, Road No. 140, Gulshan-1, Dhaka, 1212.

The deadline for submission of Proposal is **Wednesday, 20 May, 2015, 4:30 p.m. Local time**

Request for Proposal (RFP-BD-2015-009)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested Firms to **Deliver standard IT skills training and build capacity to secure employment in the outsourcing market place.**

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 **14 May, 2015 at 11:00 am.**

The deadline for submission of Proposals is **Sunday, May 24, 2015, 4:30 PM local time.**

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