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A food company recently started illegal construction, occupying land of the Ichhamati River at Ananto point in Pabna town. Inset, aggrieved locals, worried about possible flooding of the town as a consequence of the unscrupulous act, demolish the structure yesterday.



Illegal structures squeeze Ichhamati River in Pabna

Locals demolish walls, demand eviction of occupiers to save the town from flooding

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Pabna. Aggrieved locals demolished a part of the under construction structure on an illegally occupied portion of the Ichhamati River near Shitlai Ghat of Ananto area of the district town yesterday. Earlier they organised a protest rally where Pabna Sadar upazila parishad Chairman Mosharaf

Hossain and Pabna municipality Mayor Kamrul Hasan Mintu also took part. Recently a local food company started construction of pillars in the middle of the Ichhamati River to extend their factory site to an illegally occupied portion of the river. The unscrupulous act gave rise to angry protest from locals. "The Ichhamati River plays a vital role in releas-

ing water from the district town. But the illegal occupiers started construction in Ananto Shitlai Ghat point area, impeding the river flow and posing threat of flooding of the town during the rainy season," upazila Chairman Mosharaf Hossain said at yesterday's rally. The illegal occupation must be stopped to save the drainage system of Pabna

town, said Pabna Mayor Kamrul Hasan Mintu. He urged the district administration and the Water Development Board to remove the illegal structures from the river. At one stage the aggrieved people demolished a portion of the illegal structure of the food company. A tense situation is prevailing in the area over occupation of the river land.

'GUNFIGHT' WITH COPS

Two forest robbers shot in Sundarbans

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Satkhira. Two robbers sustained bullet injuries during a 'gunfight' with law enforcers at Kateshwar under Satkhira range of the Sundarbans on Sunday night. The injured are Abdul Karim, 35, chief of infamous 'Karim Bahini', and Alamin Hossain, 23, a member of the gang. They hail from Chandnimukha village in Shyamnagar upazila of the district. The duo were arrested and admitted to Shyamnagar Upazila Health Complex. Enamul Haque, officer-in-charge (OC) of

Shyamnagar Police Station, said a police team, led by Sub-Inspector (SI) Nazmul Hasan, surrounded a den of the gang in Kateshwar area at around 11:30pm to arrest the gang members and recover arms from there. Sensing the presence of the police team, the robbers opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to retaliate. During the gunfight, Karim and Alamin received bullets while their cohorts managed to flee, the OC said, adding that three policemen - Sub-Inspector Nazmul, Assistant Sub-Inspector Emran Hossain and constable Sona Mian - were also injured.

Police recovered a pipe gun, a machete and a bullet from the spot. Hafiza Khatun, wife of Karim, said locals caught her husband and Alamin from Kholshobunia area in Shyamnagar upazila on Sunday and later handed them over to the police. "I came to know early yesterday that they were admitted to the hospital with bullet injuries," she said. OC Enamul Haque said Karim was an accused in an extortion case filed with the police station. Sub-Inspector Nazmul Hasan filed a case yesterday against Karim, Alamin and 10 others of the gang.



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The local administration removes structures to evict illegal occupiers of the land acquired by Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority at Baherchar in Rangabali upazila under Patuakhali district yesterday.

Man gets life for killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Dinajpur court sentenced a man to life imprisonment on Monday for killing his wife in Birganj upazila of the district in 2011. The convict is Md Abdul Maleque, 30, son of Joynal Abedin of Miratungi village in the upazila. The court also fined him Tk 10,000. In default, he has to suffer three months more in jail. Court sources said Md Mahmudul Karim, judge of the District and Sessions Judge's Court-2, handed down the verdict in a crowded courtroom in the afternoon.

According to the prosecution, Rehana Begum, daughter of Abdus Samad of Miratungi village in Birganj upazila, was married to Md Abdul Maleque in 2010. After their marriage, the couple used to quarrel frequently. On February 14, 2011, Maleque and Rehana locked in an altercation over a trivial matter. At one stage, Maleque strangled Rehana. Md Abdus Samad, father of the victim, filed a murder case with Birganj Police Station the following day. After investigation, police pressed charges against Maleque.

2 kids drown in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Two kids drowned in the Pagla River in Kansat-Milik area of Shibganj upazila yesterday. They are Anik, 3, son of Nazim Uddin, and Rial, 3, son of Sohel Rana. Moinul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shibganj Police Station, said Anik and Rial fell into the river while they are playing on its bank near their house at around 8:30am. Locals rescued the kids and took them to Shibganj Upazila Health Complex where the doctors declared them dead.

SATURDAY'S STORM IN DINAJPUR

Thousands of fallen trees find way to looters' homes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

It seemed to be a tree looters' day as a section of people engaged in sawing into pieces and taking away the uprooted and broken trees beside different roads and highways in the district, shortly after Saturday night's storm battered large areas of the district. During the storm, six people were killed, around 10 thousand houses and other structures destroyed, thousands of trees and electric polls uprooted and standing crops on vast lands flattened. A large number of matured trees including acacia, eucalyptus and banyan trees on both sides

of Dinajpur-Gobindaganj, Dinajpur-Saidpur, and Phulbari-Bogra highways and several local roads were uprooted or broken during the storm. The roadside trees belong to Forest Department and Road and Highways Department in Dinajpur. The number of uprooted and damaged trees would be not less than 10 thousand, said Ali Kabir, divisional forest officer in Dinajpur. The looting of trees started soon after the storm and continued the day after, said Alexandra Hasda, an indigenous man of Bejaimor in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur. During a motorbike ride from Dinajpur to Birampur

upazila in the district, this correspondent saw men, women and children engaged in taking away parts of the damaged trees. Many people were seen using saws to cut uprooted and broken trees into pieces. Later the logs were taken to their homes by vans or tractors. Saw mills were also purchasing the logs, each maund for Tk 150. "It gave us an opportunity for extra earning," said Aleya Begum of Hajratpur village in Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur. Suruj Mia, executive engineer of Dinajpur RHD, admitted the incident of villagers' looting of uprooted trees beside different roads and highways.



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A large number of trees fallen during Saturday night's storm became easy targets of looters in different areas of Dinajpur district. The photo was taken from Ambari village on Dinajpur-Bogra highway yesterday.

ACCUSED IN SABOTAGE, ARSON CASES

Municipality mayor, UZ vice chairman suspended in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Mayor of Sherpur municipality and vice chairman of Shibganj Upazila Parishad, accused in three cases, were suspended through an order issued by the ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives yesterday. They are Shadin Kumar Kundu, 46, mayor of Sherpur municipality and organising secretary of Sherpur municipality unit of BNP, and Abdus

Samad, 50, vice chairman of the upazila parishad and Jamaat upazila unit leader. The two were accused in three cases for sabotage, vandalism and arson, said Ahsan Habib, officer-in-charge of Shibganj Police Station. Recently, a charge sheet was pressed against the mayor in a case. On May 18, a Bogra court rejected his bail prayer and sent him to jail, said police.

SUNAMGANJ, THAKURGAON

Missing auto-rickshaw driver, housewife found dead

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The bodies of a missing auto-rickshaw driver and a housewife were recovered from Thakurgaon and Sunamganj districts on Sunday and the day before. Our Thakurgaon correspondent reported that police recovered the body of a housewife from Proyagpur village in Ranishankoil upazila of the district on Sunday. The deceased is Bashanti Rani, 30, wife of Fagu Barman of the village. Bashanti went out of her house around 10:00am on Friday and remained miss-

ing since then, said Sukumar Mohanta, officer-in-charge of Ranishankoil Police Station. Locals spotted her body lying at a maize field of the village around 5:00pm and informed the police, the OC added. Police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Away in Sunamganj, the body of an auto-rickshaw driver was recovered from Mahasingh River in Dakkhin Sunamganj upazila on Saturday night, six days after he went missing.

The deceased, Iqbal Hossain, 23, son of Salek Mia, was a resident of Rupia village in Balaganj upazila of Sylhet. Quoting victim's family members, police said Iqbal went out of his house around 10:00pm on May 18 and did not return home. Locals found his body floating in the river around 7:00pm and informed the police, said Al-Amin, officer-in-charge of Dakkhin Sunamganj Police Station. Police recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC said.

Tragic!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A schoolgirl died as her scarf got entangled in the wheel of a battery-run auto-rickshaw on Pirganj-Ranishankoil road in Pirganj upazila town of the district yesterday. The deceased is Nipun Chandra Roy, 11, a student of Narayanpur Government Primary School, and daughter of Arun Chandra Roy of Narayanpur village. Locals said Nipun was returning home from the town by the three-wheeler after attending private tuition at around 9:30pm. When the vehicle reached Futani area, somehow her scarf got stuck in a wheel and she fell to the road. She was rushed to the upazila health complex where the doctors declared her dead.

Combined Military Hospital
Momenshahi Cantonment

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a.	Electro Medical Equipments	28-5-2015	02-6-2015 1400 hours	03/6/2015	750/-	23.01.955.440.04. 029.76.12.05.15/EM

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