

Six held with truckload of VGF rice in Bogra

They along with UP chairman sued for embezzling the item

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bogra*

Police arrested six people from second bypass at Matidali in Bogra Sadar upazila Thursday night on charge of illegally shifting 4,500 kg of rice meant for Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) before the Eid.

Shafiqul Islam, sub-inspector of Phulbari police out post, filed a case with Sadar Police Station the same night accusing the six arrestees and Abdul Momin, chairman of Gokul union parishad (UP) in Sadar upazila, also a BNP leader.

Informed that the UP chairman and his men were illegally shifting the 4500 kg of VGF rice in 90 sacks in a truck, police seized the vehicle with the rice and arrested the six people red-handed, police said.

The arrestees -- Saiful Islam, Bulu Mia, Moklesur Rahman, Rony Mia, Saju Ali and trucker Alam Mia of Chadmura village under Bogra Sadar upazila were sent to jail on Friday while the chairman went into hiding.



PHOTO: STAR

Police seized this truck loaded with 4.5 tonnes of VGF rice meant for distribution among the distressed people before the Eid in Gokul union under Bogra Sadar upazila on Thursday night. They also arrested six people for alleged attempt to illegally shift the rice instead of giving it to the beneficiaries.

The chairman and his men had been shifting the rice instead of distributing among the beneficiaries in the union, added the police.

Talking to the journalists, the accused claimed that they had bought the rice at Tk 14 per kg from the beneficiaries in the

union but they could not show any evidence in this regard.

District relief and rehabilitation office sources said they allocated 257.72 tonnes of VGF rice for distribution among 25,772 poor people in Sadar upazila.

Abdul Momin, the accused UP chairman, could

not be contacted as his cell phone remained switched off.

Police have been conducting drives to arrest the accused UP chairman as he committed serious inhuman act, said Arifur Rahman Mondal, additional superintendent of police in Bogra.

The deceased was identified as Md Munser Ali, 47, son of Aiyen Uddin of the village.

Police and locals said Ajgar Ali of the village protested against gambling at the village by Munser's son Sohel and his friends. At one stage, Ajgar's men beat up Sohel and his friends.

After a few minutes, Sohel and his friends attacked Ajgar's house and assaulted him. As a sequel to the attack, Ajgar's men made a counter attack on Munser's house at around 10:00pm and at one stage, they stabbed him.

Critically injured, Munser was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries early yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ahsanul Haque of Pabna Sadar Police Station said no case was filed in connection with the incident as of 5:00pm yesterday.

SNIPPETS

Teenager drowns in Bay

UNB, Cox's Bazar

A teenage boy drowned and a man went missing in the Bay of Bengal of the district on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Rubel, 17, said Officer-in-Charge of Ukhia Police Station Jahirul Islam Khan. Rubel and some of his friends were playing football at Inani beach, said the OC. At one stage, a strong wave of water washed four of them, including Rubel, away to the sea. Later, a team of local divers rescued the four -- Harun, Rasel, Tareq and Rubel -- from the sea and took them to a local hospital where the on-duty doctors declared Rubel dead. In another incident, Faruk, who was enjoying Eid vacation in Cox's Bazar with five of his friends, went missing while bathing in the sea in front of Eco Resort Mermaid Café, said Executive Magistrate Sadequr Rahman. Faruk is a screenwriter by profession.

Youth held with Yaba

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Nilphamari*

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a drug peddler with 70 Yaba tablets and 20 grams of heroin near the district forest department office in Bazar mouza area under Sadar upazila yesterday. The arrestee is Mokbul Hossain, 26, son of late Kurban Ali of the area. The elite force, acting on a tip-off, raided the area and arrested Mokbul with the Yaba and heroin. The arrestee was later handed over to police, said Rab-13 sources.

BNP leader arrested

UNB, Bhola

Police arrested a BNP leader in Borhanuddin upazila of the district on Sunday night. The arrestee was identified as Sarwar Uddin Khan, joint secretary of the upazila unit of BNP. On secret information, a police team raided the house of Sarwar and arrested him at night. He was arrested in a case filed for torching a bus during the blockade enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

Man commits 'suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kurigram*

An elderly man allegedly committed suicide in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased was identified as Abul Hossain, 65, of Shibrampur village. He was suffering from mental disease for long. Police and locals said Abul Hossain took his life by hanging himself from a mango tree near his home.

2 newborns found dead

UNB, Shariatpur

Police recovered the bodies of two newborns from in front of District Civil Surgeon's Office in the town yesterday. Utpal Biswas, sub-inspector of Sadar Police Station, said locals found the bodies, kept in a bag, around 12:00pm and informed the police.

One dies falling off train roof

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmirhat*

A young man died after falling from the roof of a running train on Lalmirhat-Burimari route near Burimari station in Patgram upazila of the district yesterday. The deceased is Jahangir Hossain, 22, son of Saidur Rahman of Bhullarhat village in Kaliganj upazila. Witnesses said Jahangir accidentally fell down when he was traveling on the roof of the train.

Housewife hacked to death

UNB, *Sylhet*

A housewife was hacked to death at Daulatpur village in Bishwanath upazila of the district on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Sujina Begum, 19, wife of UK expatriate Murad Ahmed of Satal village. Locals said a gang of four entered the house of victim's father Abdur Rauf in the evening with sweetmeat introducing them as Murad's friends. At one stage, they hacked Sujina and her mother Rezia Begum, 45, leaving them critically injured. They were taken to Sylhet MAC Osmani Medical College Hospital where Sujina succumbed to her injuries around 9:00pm. Officer-in-Charge of Bishwanath Police Station Rafiqul Islam said they are investigating the incident.

COUNTRY

Man killed in clash over gambling

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

A man was stabbed to death during a clash over gambling at Masimpur village in Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Md Munser Ali, 47, son of Aiyen Uddin of the village.

Police and locals said Ajgar Ali of the village protested against gambling at the village by Munser's son Sohel and his friends. At one stage, Ajgar's men beat up Sohel and his friends.

After a few minutes, Sohel and his friends attacked Ajgar's house and assaulted him. As a sequel to the attack, Ajgar's men made a counter attack on Munser's house at around 10:00pm and at one stage, they stabbed him.

Critically injured, Munser was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries early yesterday.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ahsanul Haque of Pabna Sadar Police Station said no case was filed in connection with the incident as of 5:00pm yesterday.

Two killed, 40 injured as villagers clash in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moulvibazar*

Two people were killed and 40 others injured in a clash between the people of two villages in Lakhai upazila of Habiganj district yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Bakul Miah, 30 and Kadar Ali, 60, of Singgram village.

Quoting locals, police said there had been a long-standing dispute between

Molai Miah of Teghrai village and Afzal Miah of Singgram village over a land.

At around 11:00am, Molai Miah and Afzal Miah had an altercation over buying fruits at Lakhai Bazar.

Hearing the news, people of the two villages, equipped with lethal weapons, came to the market and attacked each other, leaving two people -- Bakul Miah and Kadar Ali -- dead

and 40 others injured.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and dispersed the clashing groups. The injured were admitted to Sadar Upazila Health Complex and Habiganj Sadar Hospital.

Police recovered the bodies and sent them to Habiganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. None was arrested in connection with the incident as of 6:00pm yesterday.

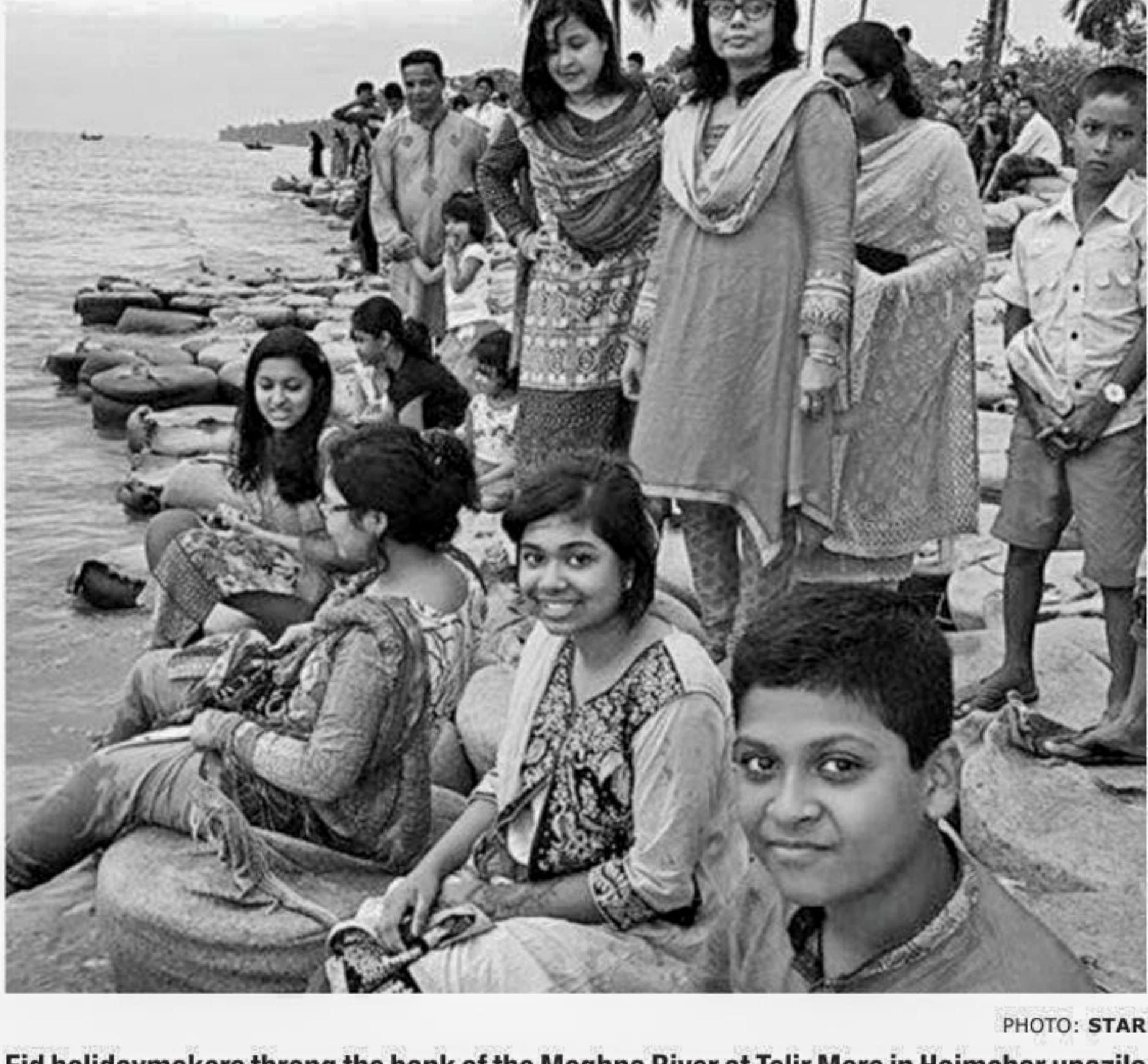


PHOTO: STAR

Eid holidaymakers throng the bank of the Meghna River at Telir More in Haimchar upazila under Chandpur district on Sunday.

NOAKHALI, GAIBANDHA

Jubo Dal activist, suspected JMB man shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Noakhali*

A Jubo Dal activist was shot dead by unknown criminals at Batagram under Amishpara union of Sonaimuri upazila in the district on Saturday evening.

The victim, Md Habib, 27, son of Md Suja Mia of the village, was an activist of Amishpara union unit of Jubo Dal.

Officer-in-Charge Md Haniful Islam of Sonaimuri Police Station quoted locals as saying that an unidentified gang sprayed bullets on Habib while he was going to

Abirpara Bazar in the area around 7:00pm.

Hearing screams, locals went to the spot and took Habib to a local clinic. Doctors of the clinic referred him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he died at night.

UNB adds: An alleged member of banned outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) was shot dead by an unidentified gang at Mamudpur village under Saghata upazila of Gaibandha on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Fazle Rabbi, son of Sadikas Ali of Basantapara in the upazila.

Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Islam of Saghata Police Station said criminals opened fire on Rabbi while he was returning home from Jumarbari Bazar at around 8:00pm.

Locals rushed Rabbi to Bogra Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital where he died soon after admission.

Police arrested a man named Enayet Ullah in connection with the killing. Rabbi might have been killed over internal conflict of JMB, the OC said.

Houses, temples torched over land dispute

40 sued, two arrested in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

locked in a clash that left at least 10 people from both sides injured.

As a sequel to Friday's incident, the supporters of Mojahar on Saturday night vandalised and torched seven houses and three temples -- Vishwakarma temple, Kali temple and Durga temple at the village.

Being informed, firefighters from Badarganj upazila headquarters of Rangpur rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire.

Seeking anonymity, an official of the local administration told this correspondent that the attack was pre-planned.

Mahmudul Alam, officer-

in-charge (OC) of Parbatipur Police Station, said Ashok Kumar Roy and Dalim Kumar Roy filed two cases with the police station on Sunday, accusing Mojahar and 40 others.

Police have so far arrested two people -- Mojahar Ali, 67, and Jakir Hossain -- of the village. They are raiding different areas to arrest the rest of the accused, the OC added.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Meer Khairul Alam and Police Superintendent Ruhul Amin visited the spot soon after the incident.

Police have been deployed at the village to avert any further incident.

The two rival groups then



PHOTO: STAR

An elderly Hindu woman gives a hapless look in front of her house torched by rivals at Raghunathpur village in Parbatipur upazila under Dinajpur district following a land dispute on Saturday night. Inset, the idols at a nearby temple at the village were also vandalised by the criminals the same night.

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