



A gang's attempt to forcibly occupy this piece of land belonging to a Hindu family at Ananda Bazar village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila was foiled, thanks to the initiative of the fellow villagers who arranged guarding there from midnight to morning yesterday.

# Villagers foil land grabbing bid in Lalmonirhat

The alleged grabbers assault the target family; also grabbed their another land two years ago

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Villagers foiled a local gang's attempt to grab 23 decimals of land of a family at Ananda Bazar village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila early hours yesterday.

Earlier on Friday morning, the alleged land grabbers assaulted six members including two women of the family when they were planting aman paddy on the land.

On February 28 in 2013, the same gang grabbed 15 decimals of lands owned by the family.

"Alam Miah, 42, son of late Abdul Mahmud, and

his 40 to 50 cohorts of the same village made several attempts to grab the 23-decimal land of an innocent family from early hours to dawn on Saturday, but the attempt failed as the villagers guarded the land," Delowar Hossain, 45, of the village said.

Dhaneshwar Chandra Robidas, 45, son of late Bachcha Ram Robidas, said he and his three brothers are legal owner of the 23-decimal land and they have been using it since their late father purchased it in 1977.

"We filed a case against land grabber Alam Miah

and his cohorts with the court as they grabbed our 15 decimals of lands and built a house on it on February 28 in 2013," said Dhaneshwar's elder brother Bahadur Chandra Robidas, 55.

"The case is under trial, but the alleged land grabbers again tried to occupy our more 23 decimals of land last night. We foiled the bid with the help of villagers," he said.

Contacted, the alleged land grabbers' leader Alam Miah said, "We took possession of the land and built house on it on February 28 in 2013 as we are its legal

owner as per the land survey report in 1962. We also tried to take possession of another piece of land early Saturday, but villagers prevented us."

He, however, did not reply why they tried to take possession of the land at dead of night.

A written complaint was lodged in this regard with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station and police visited the spot, said Mahfuzur Rahman, officer in charge of Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station.

Legal step will be taken after investigation, he said.

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## UP chairman, 6 others sent to jail for gambling

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police arrested a Union Parishad (UP) chairman and six others on charge of gambling at Kalihati upazila of the district on Friday night.

The arrestees are Nazrul Islam, chairman of Digholkandi UP in Ghatail upazila, Hitlu Miah, Jahangir Hossain, Idris Ali, Ful Mahmud, Arif Siddique and Abdur Rahim. They hail from different villages under Ghatail and Kalihati upazilas.

A police team arrested them from Hamidpur Bazar under Kalihati upazila around 9:00pm when they were gambling there, said Shahidul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kalihati Police Station.

The arrestees are professional gamblers and had been gambling at the bazar for long, police and locals said.

Police yesterday produce them before a Tangail court that sent them to jail.

## Schoolboy drowns in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A schoolboy drowned in a river in Dinajpur Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Durjoy Islam Niloy, 15, a Class X student of Dinajpur Chehelgazi Shikkha Niketan, and son of Toufique Islam of Ramnagar area in Dinajpur town.

Family sources said Niloy went missing while he along with his four friends was bathing in the Punnorbhaba river at around 3:00pm.

Hearing screams of his friends, local rushed there and tried to rescue Niloy, but failed.

Divers of Rangpur Fire Brigade recovered his body at around 5:50pm.

## BNP office vandalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Criminals vandalised Mathbaria upazila BNP office in the district on Friday night.

They damaged furniture and the portraits of Khaleda Zia and Ziaur Rahman.

Md Ruhul Amin Dulal, secretary of Mathbaria upazila unit of BNP, said a gang entered the office, breaking open the door around 10:00pm and carried out the vandalism.

He blamed the local ruling party men for the attack.

On information, Khandakar Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Mathbaria Police Station, visited the spot.

## Auto-rickshaw driver murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver was murdered in Dupchanchia upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdus Salam Pramanik, 35, son of late Jasim Uddin, alias Lalu Pramanik, of Kalakuri village under Adamdighi upazila of the district.

Police said they recovered the body, which was abandoned by the roadside, on information given by locals. The body was identified by relatives of the deceased and later sent to Bogra Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Quoting relatives, police said Salam went out of his house on Friday morning and did not return. The criminals might have killed him to take away his auto-rickshaw.

## SNAPSHOTS OF NAT'L MOURNING DAY

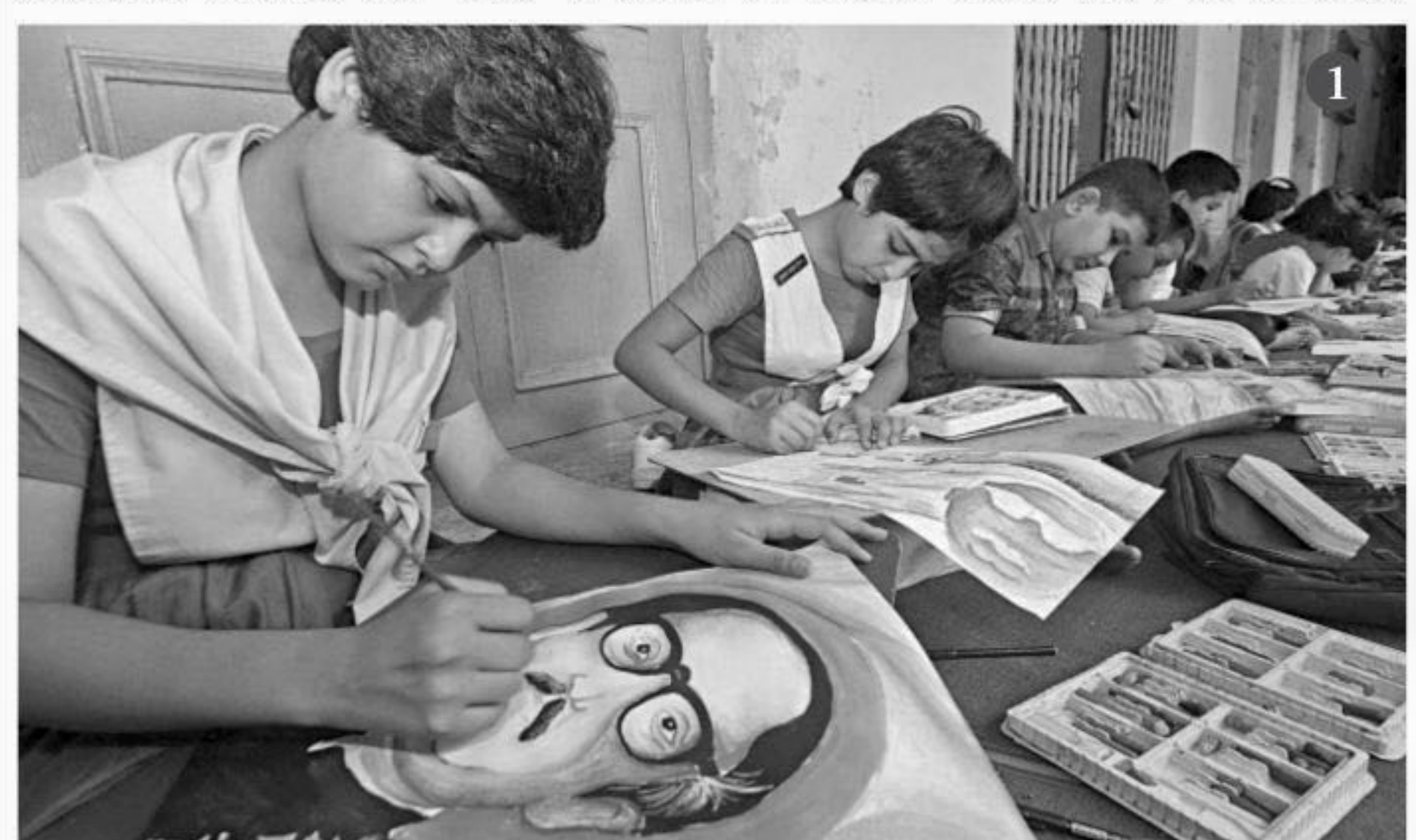


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1) Children take part in a painting competition organised by Shilpakala Academy at Bogra Zila Parishad auditorium, 2) people join a mourning procession organised by the district administration in Munshiganj town, 3) Awami League and its front organisations arrange a photo exhibition in Nilphamari town, 4) teachers and students of Maulana Bhasani Science and Technology University place wreath at the Shaheed Minar on the campus at Santosh in Tangail district, and 5) Hamdard Bangladesh arranges distribution of medicines free of cost among the needy people in Birampur upazila under Dinajpur district on the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman yesterday.

## Missing trader, housewife found dead in Mymensingh, Dinajpur

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Two people, who went missing from Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh and Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur districts on Friday, were found dead yesterday.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reported that police recovered the body of a missing trader from Charpara village in Ishwarganj upazila in the morning.

The deceased was identified as Rafiqul Islam, 50, a scrap trader at Sohagi Bazar in the upazila.

Family sources quoting other shop owners, said Rafiqul closed his shop around 11:00pm on Friday night and left for home but didn't return home.

Locals spotted Rafiqul's body beside and canal at the village and informed the police, said Borhan Uddin, officer-in-charge of Ishwarganj Police Station.

On information, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Meanwhile, police yesterday detained

Rafiqul's two neighbours--Mamun, 25, and Sujan, 27, for interrogation.

Away in Dinajpur, the body of a housewife was recovered from Karatoa River in Parbatipur upazila yesterday, 12 hours after she went missing.

The deceased is Rezina Begum, 50, wife of Abdul Jalil of Bagbar village in Badarganj upazila in Rangpur.

Local people found the body under a bridge on the river at Fulerhat village in the upazila around 7:00am and informed the police.

Being informed, police recovered the body and sent it to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Rezina's family members said she left her parents' house at Atrai village in Parbatipur upazila around 5:00pm on Friday for Rangpur and went missing since then.

Mahmudul Alam, officer-in-charge of Parbatipur Police Station, said they are trying to unearth the clue behind the murder.

No case was filed in this connection as of 5:00pm yesterday, the OC added.



A scene during the bloody clash between two groups of pro-ruling party men that left one killed and 30 others injured in Kushtia town yesterday.

# AL infighting leaves one dead, 30 hurt in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A local activist of Jubo League was killed and 30 others were injured in a clash between two groups of pro-Awami League activists over paying tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the district town yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Aslam Uddin Sabuj, 25, an activist of Jubo League.

The incident took place on the National Mourning

Day - the day when the Father of the Nation was assassinated along with his family back in 1975.

The clash took place between the men of district unit of Jubo League and Swachhasebak League during paying respect to a mural of Bangabandhu at Mazampur gate in the town, said Additional Superintendent of Police Abu Bakar Siddiqui.

Suspended former general secretary of Kushtia town unit AL Mominur Rahman led Jubo League activists while Sazzad

Hossain Sabuj, general secretary of the district unit of Swachhasebak League, led his men.

The Kushtia Awami League and its front organisations are now divided into two factions.

An altercation ensued between the followers of Mominur and Sazzad when they went to pay tribute to Bangabandhu's mural around 12:40pm.

At one stage, the two groups locked in a gunfight, leaving at least 30 people injured. Six of them were shot during the clash.

At 1:15pm, Sabuj succumbed to his injuries at Kushtia General Hospital.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control around 2:00pm, said the ASP.

Contacted, Alhaj Sadar Uddin Khan, president of district unit of AL, blamed both the groups for the incident.

Kushtia municipality mayor Anwar Ali, who leads a faction, criticised the recent inclusion of 'evil forces' in district AL in the name of politics.

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