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Farmers tend cabbage at a field of Purbo Rajapur village in Bogra Sadar upazila that sees large-scale cultivation of the early variety of the popular winter vegetable.

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY DURING LIBERATION WAR

Ex-JP MP, 8 others sued in Mymensingh, Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Five people, including a former lawmaker of Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad), have been sued for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in the district.

The accused are Anisur Rahman Manik, 71, former JP lawmaker from Trishal constituency (Mymensingh-7), his brothers Muklesur Rahman Mukul, 66, and Saidur Rahman Ratan, 63, of Dewpara; Shamsul Haque Fakir, 73, and his brother Sultan Ahmed Fakir, 66, of Riarta in Trishal upazila.

Md Hafiz Uddin, 60, the then Bangladesh Chhatra League activist, and son of late Nazur Uddin of Baroigaon in the upazila, filed the case with Cognizance Court No-3 yesterday noon.

According to JP sources, Manik was a member of parliament from Trishal in 1988.

The complainant alleged that the accused, all of

whom were Muslim League men, committed crimes against humanity including killings, lootings and setting houses on fire during the Liberation War in 1971.

The accused also formed Peace Committee and Razakar Bahini to help the Occupation Pak Army in the area and committed crimes including killings, it was also alleged.

The accused led by Manik seized the house of freedom fighter Abdul Hamid Hamon, also an AL leader of Baroigaon and took him to the their camp and tortured him severely on September 10, 1971. After severe physical torture, Manik himself shot Hamon in the chest at point-blank, killing him on the spot, it was also alleged in the case.

The complainant also alleged converting many Hindus including Kiron Pandit and Dinesh Sir of Kustia Prothom Khanda village forcibly during the Liberation War.

They also killed several

people including Narendra of the same village and buried them in a mass grave near the camp.

When freedom fighters launched severe attacks in the area in November, 1971, the anti-liberation forces fled to Trishal upazila headquarters.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Mitful Islam, the judge of the court, accepted the case and recorded the deposition of the complainant.

Advocate Pijush Kanti Sarker and advocate Moazzem Hossain Babul moved for the complainant. Contacted, Saidur Rahman Ratan, one of the accused, claimed that the allegations brought against them is totally baseless, motivated fabricated to tarnish our social and personal image.

Ratan, elected chairman of local Kanihari Union Parishad for two times, also president of union BNP, said it is the move of the vested quarters to keep him away

from the ensuing union parishad election.

Away in Habiganj, a case was filed against four people for their alleged involvement in war crimes in the district in 1971, reports our Moulvibazar correspondent.

Freedom fighter Md Elias Kamal filed the case with Habiganj Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon.

The accused are East Pakistan Nejame Islami Party leader Maolana Md Shafi Uddin, Md Jahid Mia, Md Tajul Islam alias Pokon Razakar, and Md Salek Mia. Judge Md Kawsar Alam ordered sending the case to the chief coordinator of International Crimes Tribunal's investigation branch for probe.

According to the case statement, Shafi Uddin and his associates conducted raids in Manpur and Muriak villages on October 30 and 31 and then killed the plaintiff's father and another freedom fighter.

Two AL men hacked to death

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Two Awami League men among four people have been hacked to death in Noakhali and Rangpur districts.

Criminals killed an activist of Jubo League at Chayani-Tagba in Chatkhil municipality of Noakhali yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The deceased is Tarek Hossain Swapan, 25, member of the municipality unit of Jubo League, and son of Siddique Ullah of Jamader Bari of the area.

Md Nasim Uddin, officer-in-charge of Chatkhil Police Station, said a gang of 4/5, allegedly led by one Robin, hacked Tarek when he was asleep at his room around 11:00am.

Critically injured Tarek was rushed to Chatkhil Upazila Health Complex where on-duty doctor declared him dead.

In Rangpur, Sadrul Islam, 45, a man of local AL, was killed in Damurchakla Bazar area under Itakumari union of Pirgachha upazila in the district on Friday, reports our correspondent.

Police said a gang of 4/5 equipped with sharp weapons attacked Sadrul of Damurchakla village, leaving him dead on the spot when he along with his associate riding a motorbike was returning home from Kaliganj Bazar in the area at night.

Locals and family sources said there was a longstanding conflict between Sadrul and one Asaduzzaman Raju of the village over ownership of MM Bricks in the area.

On September 8 last year, a gang killed Khairul Islam, 35, cousin of Raju, over the issue.

Sadrul was the prime accused in the murder case filed with Pirgachha Police Station.

Locals foil bid to abduct schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Locals foiled a bid to abduct a schoolgirl and caught one of the three abductors at Maderipur village under Pirganj upazila of Rangpur On Saturday.

Police said Faruk, 30, of Saderpara village in Sadullapur upazila of Gaibandha and his two accomplices picked up the girl, a Class IX student of Hingerpara High School in the upazila, while she was taking her ailing mother to a local doctor at around 8:00pm.

The gang forced the girl into a CNG-run auto-rickshaw and went to Maderipur village in Pirganj upazila. Father of the victim filed a case with Sadullapur Police Station the same night accusing, Faruk Mia and two others.

As locals came to know about the incident, they caught Faruk Mia and rescued the girl. The rest two managed to flee the scene. The villagers later handed over Faruk and the victim to the police.

Police yesterday handed over the girl to her father and produced Faruk in a court that sent him to jail.

Man to die for killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife last year.

The convict is Shahidullah alias Shahidul Islam, son of Shamsul Islam of Kutubdia upazila in the district.

According to the case statement, Shahidul killed his wife Istafa Khatun, 19, following a family feud on August 25 last year.

The following day, the victim's father filed a case with Pekua Police Station, accusing Shahidul.

After examining witness and evidence, District and Sessions Judge Sadiqlul Islam Talukder pronounced the verdict.

5 trafficked Indian children rescued, couple arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Police rescued five Indian children from ward No 8 of Basurhat municipality under Companiganj upazila of the district around 11:00pm on Saturday night and arrested a couple in this connection.

The arrestees are Rehana Begum, 50, and her husband Bahar Ullah, 60, of Musapur union of Companiganj upazila.

Seeing Rehana moving suspiciously with five children, local resident Abul Hashem asked her about the kids but the woman spoke irrelevantly.

Informed by Hashem, Sajidur Rahman Sajid, officer-in-charge of Companiganj Police Station, instantly sent SI

Sumon Barua to the spot.

The SI arrested Rehana Begum and brought her to the police station along with the five children.

Afterwards, police arrested Rehana's husband Bahar too.

The rescued children are Shamim Choudhury, 12, son of Abul Basar of R K Pur Police Station under Udoypur Subdivision of Gumti district of Tripura State of India, and Shahin Choudhury 8, son of Emat Ullah, Takkin, 5, and his sister Nasrin Begum, 3, son and daughter of Obayed Ullah, and Md Nahid Hossain, son of Md Hossain of Gokulpur in the area.

As per information of Shamim, police contacted his father Abul Basar in Tripura.

Rehana Begum claimed

that the children are her grandchildren while Shamim said they did not know the woman.

"A case has been filed with the police station against Rehana on charge of human trafficking. As we contacted with Durkendu Roy, officer-in-charge of R K Pur Police Station, he informed us that a case had been filed there for abduction of five children," said Abdul Mojib, officer-in-charge (Inquiry) of Companiganj Police Station.

At noon, Rehana Begum Bahar Ullah, and the five children were produced before the court of Additional Senior Judicial Magistrate-1 Zebun Nahar.

The court ordered sending the arrested couple to jail and keeping the five rescued children in safe custody.



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Arrested Rehana Begum with five rescued Indian children.

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Criminals cut down bottle gourd, bean plants

Uproot saplings of cabbage, cauliflower

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Unknown criminals cut down thousands of bottle gourd and bean plants at a farm in Muktagachha upazila of the district early Friday.

The plants were cultivated on some 44 decimals of land of Bhai Bhai Nursery and Agro-farm at Dowhakhola, causing a loss of over Tk four lakh, sources said.

The miscreants also uprooted thousands of saplings of cabbage and cauliflower, police said.

Quoting Kabir Alam, the owner of the farm, Abu Mohammad Fazlul Karim, officer-in-charge of Muktagachha Police Station, said Alam had been running his nursery business and agro-farm for long in the area.

When Kabir went to his farm on Friday morning, he found thousands of bottle gourd and bean plants cut down, and thousands of cauliflower and cabbage plants uprooted.

Kabir told police that he established the farm on eight acres of land some 20 years ago and has been growing different

kinds of vegetables and crops. He demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

On information, police visited the spot yesterday.



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BRUTAL VENGEANCE OR JUST WICKED PLEASURE? Criminals cut down and uprooted thousands of bottle gourd, bean, cauliflower and cabbage plants at the field of Bhai Bhai Nursery and Agro Farm at Dowhakhola in Muktagachha upazila under Mymensingh district early Friday.