



Huge quantities of wood are piled up at a brick field at Amua in Kathalia upazila under Jhalakathi district, bearing testimony to widespread use of firewood for brick making, although there is a ban on the harmful practice.

SNIPPETS

Robbers hurt two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Two people were injured in an attack by robbers in Niribili area under Chaugachha upazila town of Jessore district on Monday. The victims are Akhtarul Islam Lentu, 40, and Jahurul Islam, 25, of the town. Seriously injured Jahurul was rushed to Jessore Medical College Hospital. The robbers introducing themselves as policemen entered the house of Akhtarul early in the morning. The robbers swooped on the house owner and his neighbour Jahurul when they tried to catch them (robbers), said police.

Drug smuggler jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mobile court sentenced a drug smuggler to two years' imprisonment at Mogholhat village in Sadar upazila of the district on Sunday. The convict is Nazmul Miah, 18, son of Jaynal Abedin of the village. At night, Department of Narcotics Control in a drive detained Nazmul when he was crossing the River Dharla with two kilograms of hemp, said court sources. He was later produced before the court, led by Executive Magistrate SM Kashem, which pronounced the verdict.

Indian goods recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized a truck laden with Indian goods from Murarikati area in Kolaroa upazila of the district early Monday. Lt Col Arman Hossain, commanding officer of BGB-38 Battalion, said a patrol team of the border guards, led by Habildar Abdul Barez, chased the truck in the area early morning. At one stage, the trucker fled the scene, leaving the vehicle. Later, the BGB members recovered Indian goods, including three pieces, sarees and limestone, from the truck. The value of seized goods is around Tk 2.50 crore.

Six shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

At least six shops were gutted at Ikri Bazar in Bhandaria upazila of the district early Monday. Locals said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop around 1:30am. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after one hour of frantic efforts. The affected shop owners claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 50 lakh.

Youth held with hemp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Detective Branch of police arrested an alleged drug peddler with two kilograms of hemp in Thakurgaon railway station area of the district town on Monday. The arrestee is Anwarul Islam alias Kalu, 25, son of Rafiqul Islam of Sadar upazila. On secret information, the law enforcers raided the area and arrested Kalu with the hemp, said Sub-Inspector of Thakurgaon DB police Zahangir Alam.

Filling station sealed off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Local administration sealed off Badhan filling station for allegedly using contaminated oil in the name of Jamuna Oil Company in Gobindaganj municipal area of the district on Monday. Upazila administration said Badhan filling station has been conducting brisk business supplying contaminated fuel oil in the name of Jamuna Oil Company, cheating innocent consumers for a long time.

80 maunds of jatka seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A team of fisheries directorate seized 80 maunds of jatka (hilsa fry less than 10 inches or 26 centimetres in length) from the River Meghna in the district yesterday. Bimal Chandra Das, fisheries officer, said a mobile court, led by Magistrate Kalyan Chowdhury, searched fishing boats on the river and seized the jatka. The seized jatka was later distributed among the orphanages and madrasas in the area.

4 stabbed over land disputes in Barisal, Jessore

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Four people, including a woman, were stabbed over land disputes in Barisal and Jessore districts on Monday.

Three youths were injured in an attack allegedly by rivals over a piece of disputed land at Char Pattani village in Barisal Sadar upazila, reports our correspondent.

The victims are Bappi, 20, Jumman, 18, and Badal, 33, of the village.

Seriously injured Bappi was rushed to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College

Hospital. Locals said there was a longstanding conflict between one Afzal and Bacchu over the land at the village.

As a sequel to the conflict, Afzal group attacked Jumman and Badal group with sharp weapons on Monday night, leaving the three youths injured, said Mahbul Alam, officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station.

In Jessore, a woman was stabbed allegedly by her son over land dispute at Arabpur

Bukbhora Chandutia village in Sadar upazila of the district the same day.

The injured, Rokeya Begum, wife of Abul Khayer Sarder of the village, was rushed to Jessore General Hospital, reports UNB.

Family sources said Rokeya's son Jahangir Hossain put pressure on his mother to make will of a piece of land in his name in the afternoon.

As she did not comply with his demand, Jahangir stabbed his mother, leaving her seriously injured.

Clash over control of deed writers' office, 6 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

At least six people were injured in a clash between two groups of local Awami League (AL) over taking control of the deed writers' samity office in Sonatola upazila of the district yesterday.

Identities of the injured, who were taking treatment privately to avoid further trouble, could not be known.

Locals said there had

been a longstanding feud between Nabin Anwar alias Comrade, organising secretary of Sonatola upazila unit of AL, and Moshir Rahman Rana, general secretary of the unit, over taking control of the office of Sonatola Upazila Deed Writers' Samity.

The two leaders had an altercation over the issue in front of the office around 11:30am. At one stage, supporters of the two, equipped

with bamboo and sticks, locked in a clash that left six people from both sides injured.

On information, police went to the spot, fired 15 rubber bullets and dispersed the clashing groups, said Officer-in-Charge Moteleb Hossain of Sonatola Police Station.

No case was filed in connection with the incident as of 6:30pm yesterday, the OC said.

Abducted schoolgirl traceless for 7 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A schoolgirl, abducted from Gafargaon Municipality area on January 12, still remains traceless.

The girl, a Class VIII student of Rustom Ali Golandaj High School in the municipality and daughter of a day labourer, was abducted allegedly by Md Sagar, a resident of Sholohashia in the municipality, and his gang when she was on her way to school.

The victim's family members informed the police the same day, but the girl is yet to be rescued, locals said.

Sagar, 26, a microbus driver, had been stalking the girl on her way to

school for the last six months. He also used to threaten her saying that he would abduct her if she did not respond to his advances, alleged the victim's family members.

Following the threat, the victim's father filed a general diary (GD) with Gafargaon Police Station on November 22 last year, but police did not take any step against Sagar and his family, sources said.

On January 12 morning, a gang of three led by Sagar intercepted the girl while she was going to school. They picked her up in a microbus and fled the scene.

The victim's father lodged a case with the local police station against five

people, including Sagar and his parents -- Akbar Hossain and Jyotsna Begum.

Police detained Akbar Hossain around 9:00 pm on Monday from the municipality, but he was released yesterday morning as two councillors put 'pressure' on the law enforcers, victim's family alleged.

The gang members are allegedly threatening the victim's family to withdraw the case or face dire consequences, it was also alleged.

Md Abdul Kader, headmaster of the school, also demanded immediate rescue of the girl and arrest of the culprits.

Contacted, Sohrab Hossain, commissioner of Ward No-4 said, "I along with others tried to resolve the matter but now I want immediate rescue of the girl and punishment to those involved in the abduction."

Md Tofazzel Hossain, officer-in-charge of Gafargaon Police Station, said Akbar was released as two ward commissioners assured police that they would help in arresting the culprits and rescuing the girl.

Since the incident, the alleged abductors went into hiding. Police drives are on to rescue the girl soon, the OC added.

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Transport workers block Panchagarh-Dhaka highway in old bus stand area of Thakurgaon town from 3:00pm yesterday protesting eviction of a transport worker from his house at Basiadebi village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila. Police claimed that the transport worker was living on an illegally occupied land.

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