



Litchi trees in different areas of northern region are in full bloom amid favourable weather this season. The photo was taken from Sonapatil village in Naldanga upazila under Natore district.

2 UP chairman aspirants' men clash in Bagerhat

BNP candidate's house attacked in Sitakunda

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A clash between the supporters of two union parishad (UP) chairman candidates left two people injured in Morrelganj upazila under Bagerhat district yesterday while miscreants attacked the house of a UP chairman aspirant in Sitakunda upazila in Chittagong Friday night.
Men of ruling Awami League backed candidate Ilias Hossain and independent candidate Rezaul Islam engaged in a clash at Gobindapur village in Hoglapasha union of Morrelganj upazila, leaving Alauddin Sheikh, a sup-

porter of Ilias, and Rafiqul Islam of the opponent group injured, reports our Bagerhat correspondent.
Rafiqul was admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital while Alauddin received treatment at a local clinic.
A motorcycle left by a supporter of Ilias was burnt during the incident.
Both the UP candidates blamed their opponents for the clash that occurred in front of the house of Rezaul.
Policemen have been deployed as a tense situation is prevailing in the area, said Md Rashedul Alam, officer in charge of Morrelganj Police Station.
Our Staff Correspondent

from Ctg adds: The residence of a BNP-backed UP chairman candidate at Dakkhin Fedainagar village in Sitakunda upazila under the district came under attack on Friday night.
"Some 30 to 40 people attacked our house at Dakkhin Fedainagar village at about 10:00pm on Friday," said Ohidul Islam Chowdhury Sharif, a member of Sitakunda upazila unit of BNP, and chairman candidate of Baroiar Dala UP.
"The miscreants hurled stones, bricks and cocktails and opened fired from outside the boundary wall of the house. They told our guard that our

family will fall into miseries if my nomination paper is not withdrawn," said Sharif.
They also beat up of earth cutting workers staying in our house and snatched money and mobile phones from them, he said.
Officer in Charge of Sitakunda Police Station Iftakhar Hasan said, "After receiving the information of trouble, a police team visited the spot. We have heard that some youths scuffled with the workers staying at the house."
"No incident of cocktail blast and gunshot was reported and we are yet to get any written complaint in this regard," he said.

Man rescued 6 hours into abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man was rescued six hours into abduction in Sadar upazila of Joypurhat district on Friday night.
Police arrested three people for their alleged involvement in the abduction.
The arrestees are Razibul Islam Roni, 32, son of Hazem Ali Mondol of Khaspahananda, Meer Shahid, 32, son of Abdul Kuddus of Uttar Joypur, and Md Real Babu, 22, son of Ferdous Mollah of Sakhinamora under Joypurhat Sadar upazila.
A gang of criminals abducted Md Ujjal Hossain, 28 from Tegharhazipara in Sadar upazila on Friday afternoon. The gang members later phoned the victim's family, demanding Tk 50,000 as ransom.
Ujjal's wife Habiba Parvin informed Joypurhat Sadar Police Station of the matter.
Acting on a tip-off, law enforcers raided Sakhinamora at around 11.00pm and rescued Ujjal from there. They also arrested people from the spot, suspecting their involvement in the abduction.
An abduction case was filed with Sadar Police Station yesterday, said officer-in-charge Farid Hossain.

PRIEST KILLING CASE
Another suspect sent to jail
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A Panchagarh court yesterday sent another arrestee, who was on remand, to jail in the priest killing case.
Shafiqul Islam, judge of Cognisance Court-2 and also senior judicial magistrate of Panchagarh, delivered the order when police produced Babul Hossain, 28, of Kalirdanga village in Debiganj upazila before the court around 1:30pm.
Till yesterday, police have sent four arrestees to jail out of the six who were on remand for different terms in the priest killing case.
Earlier, the court sent Alamgir Hossain, 35, of Kamatpara village in the upazila to jail on Tuesday afternoon as he gave a confessional statement under Section 164 before the court regarding his involvement in the priest killing.
The court also sent Khalilur Rahman, 55, of Bhaulaganj village to jail on Thursday, and Jahangir, 30, of Kamatpara village on Friday, when they were produced before the court after completion of interrogation.
Criminals slit the throat of Jogeswar Dasadhikari, 50, a priest of Shri Shri Sonto Gaurio Temple at Debiganj's Sonapota, on February 21. Two devotees were injured as the criminals fired shots and exploded homemade bombs while fleeing.

Khulna docs on 48-hr strike protesting attack on fellow

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Doctors at all public and private hospitals and private chambers in Khulna district began a 48-hour strike yesterday, protesting assault on a doctor, allegedly by an Awami League leader in Terokhada Upazila Health Complex six days ago.
They said local AL leader Wahiduzzaman and his men allegedly assaulted Dr Abdullah Al Mamun at Terokhada health complex.
Sheikh Baharul Alam, vice-president of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Khulna unit, announced the work abstention programme after holding a meeting of the unit on Friday night.
All government and private-run hospitals, clinics, and private chambers of physicians remained closed yesterday, forcing the patients to go back without receiving treatment.
The striking doctors demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the accused AL leader.

Earlier on Thursday, the doctors observed a 12-hour strike on the same issue.
In Kushtia, Health Minister Mohammed Nasim has urged the physicians not to enforce any strike 'holding patients hostage.'
"We've made progress in the healthcare sector. Doctors must treat patients with patience on humanitarian ground," he said.
The minister came up with the remarks while addressing a conference on Kushtia Medical College campus on Friday night.
Pointing at the doctors, Nasim said there is no scope to send a patient home without treatment at any public hospital.
He, however, observed that patients' attendants should also not attack or harass doctors for their unintentional mistakes.
A law will be enacted to protect doctors from such attacks, he said.
Away in Dinajpur, a patient died at Joypurhat

Modern Hospital around 10:30pm on Friday due to alleged negligence of doctors.
The deceased was Rashida Bewa, wife of late Abdur Razzak of Bamanpur village under Joypurhat Sadar upazila.
Family members said they took Rashida to hospital around 12.30pm with severe chest pain. Family members thought she might have suffered cardiac arrest but Dr Firoz Hossain, the duty doctor, admitted her to the medicine ward instead of cardiology ward.
As her condition worsened in the evening, Dr Golam Rabbani, a cardiologist, suggested sending her to the cardiology department as she had suffered a heart attack, but she died at around 10.30pm, said family members.
Dr Mohammad Ali, superintendent of Modern Hospital, said they are investigating the allegation of negligence of doctors.



Local businesspeople form a human chain at Mission intersection in Lalmonirhat town yesterday demanding reopening of Mogholhat customs and immigration checkpoint to ease communication and trade with neighbouring India.



Keeping various food items in polythene bags is a common practice, although massive use of the item badly affects human health as well as environment and ecology. The photo was taken from Bazitpur in Tangail.

CLASH OVER TEASING GIRL 30 sued in Sylhet on charge of killing UP member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Thirty people have been sued on charge of killing a UP member during a clash over teasing a girl in Kanaighat upazila of Sylhet on Friday.
The case was filed with Kanaighat Police Station yesterday afternoon, said Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of the police station.
Victim Dudu Mia's younger brother Abul Kalam filed the case, accusing 18 identified and 12 unnamed people, the OC added.
A union parishad member was killed and at least 24 others were hurt as an altercation between two groups of villagers over punishing a man for teasing a girl turned

violent in Kanaighat upazila on Friday.
The deceased, Dudu Mia, 40, was a member of Lakhprasad Union Parishad.
The clash broke out after a mobile court led by Kanaighat Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tarek Mohammad Zakaria sentenced one Sabab Uddin to three months in prison for teasing a local schoolgirl in Kuar Gori village on Thursday, the OC said.
After Friday's Juma prayers, Rakib Hasan, elder brother of Sabab, met Dudu Mia near the local mosque. They had an altercation when Rakib claimed that his brother was innocent and was punished due to a con-

spiracy by Dudu Mia, said police, quoting witnesses.
At one stage of the altercation the supporters of the two swooped on each other with sticks and bamboos, leaving 25 villagers from both sides injured.
Dudu Mia, who was hit on the head, was rushed to Sylhet MAG Osman Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead, the OC said.
Twenty of the injured received treatment at Kanaighat Upazila Health Complex while the rest given first aid.
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KUSHTIA-CHUADANGA HIGHWAY Robbers loot 10 vehicles, stab 11 passengers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Armed robbers looted cash and valuables from passengers of 10 vehicles, including buses and trucks, on Kushtia-Chuadanga highway on Friday night.
The gang beat up and stabbed at least 11 people as they tried to resist. They are undergoing treatment at different clinics and hospitals.
Atiar Rahman, officer-in-charge of Alamdanga Police Station, said the robbers put logs on the road and stopped the vehicles in

Asannagar area of Alamdanga upazila in Chuadanga district at about 11:30pm. They took away gold ornaments, mobile phones and money from the passengers.
No one was arrested in connection with the incident as of filing of this report at 5:00pm yesterday.
Away in Jhenidah, police arrested a member of an inter-district robber's gang from Kaliganj-Chuadanga road at Patbila area under Kaliganj upazila of the district early yesterday, reports our correspondent.
The arrestee is Moktar

Hossain, 38, son of Liakot Sheikh of Mohishapara under Lohaganj upazila in Narail district.
Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kaliganj Police Station, said, on information that a gang was preparing to commit robberies on night coaches at Patbila area, police raided the spot and arrested Moktar, while the rest managed to flee.
Police recovered a pipe gun and one bullet from his possession. After interrogation, he was sent to a Jhenidah court, which sent him to jail.

Murdered FF's body exhumed after 40 yrs

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

A freedom fighter's body was exhumed in former Indian enclave Shalbari village in Boda upazila of Panchagarh yesterday, 40 years after his death.
Freedom fighter Azimul Haque of the village was beaten by a group of people over a land dispute and succumbed to his injuries the following day.
As the area was in the then Indian enclave, the victim's family members could not file any case in a Bangladeshi police station or court.
When Shalbari village became part of Bangladesh after implementation of the enclave exchange deal, Md Ariful Islam, younger brother of the victim,

filed a case with Panchagarh Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court on December 29, accusing 13 people.
The police station recorded the case on January 16, 2016 as an FIR.
Following a court order, a six-member team exhumed the body and collected samples in presence of Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abu Awal, Medical Officer of Panchagarh Sadar Hospital SIM Rajjul Karim, Officer-in-Charge of Boda Police Station Abul Kalam Azad and IO Din Mohammad.
Ariful Islam told this correspondent over cellphone that he filed a case with the Cognisance Court-3. "I want exemplary punishment of the killers of my brother," he added.



A devastating fire gutted eight shops at Dhalagaon Bazar in Munshiganj district yesterday.