

Missing teacher held with arms

Wife claims police picked him up from home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Police said they arrested a teacher with arms yesterday. But the arrestee's wife claimed that plainclothes policemen picked up her husband from their rented house in Beparipara area of the district town on July 30, and he has been missing since then.

The arrestee is Minarul Islam, 34, son of late Younus Ali Khandakar of Khamarail village under Sadar upazila.

The victim's wife Meherun Nessa said at a press conference at Jhenidah Press Club on Wednesday that her husband is an assistant teacher at KG Lead International School, and is not involved in any politics.

Harendranath Sarkar, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadar Police Station, said a police team arrested Minarul when he was moving suspiciously in the bus terminal area in the early hours yesterday. They found a shutter gun in his bag.

According to locals, Minarul is involved in Jamaat-Shibir activities.

People of 3 Moulvibazar villages live in landslide fear

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

For three villages, Sahebtala, Shafinagar and Rajnagar, in Moulvibazar's Rajnagar upazila, there's a simple equation: rain equals risk. On any rainy day villagers wait nervously inside their hillside homes, aware that at any moment a landslide may be unleashed.

According to environmentalists, rain can loosen soil compaction, and if rain intensity is high the resulting mud can become too heavy for the hills to bear, resulting in a landslide. It's not good news for the low-income earners whose houses congregate on the lower slopes and at the foot of the hills.

"We're really afraid," says Jasim Uddin, 35, who lives on a hill slope in Sahebtala. "But we don't have anywhere else to go."

Sumona Begum of Shafinagar says despite their concerns no government official has been there to observe the situation.

It's a potential tragedy that is not entirely made by nature. According to Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary in Sylhet Division of the NGO Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, indiscriminate hill-cutting and unplanned house construction by influential groups, who then rent houses to low-income people, have helped to set the stage.

"It's easy to cut a hill," says Karim, "but difficult to rebuild one." It's a statement that rings true for



A hillside house at Rajnagar in Moulvibazar remains vulnerable to landslides during the rains.

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Rajnagar resident Joynal Uddin Ahmed. His neighbour cut a hill to increase the size of his landholdings and shortly thereafter the remaining hill started to slide, bringing with it risk to Ahmed's home.

"There has long been an awareness of the risks associated with hill destruction," says Karim, "but

hill-cutting has gone on unabated, increasing landslide risk. The local administration has not taken any step to stop it." He believes the proper implementation of laws can save the hills and mitigate landslide risk.

In the meantime hundreds of families are passing the monsoon

months in fear, with requests for the local administration to relocate them to safer terrain.

"I am also fearful of a landslide occurring in these areas at any moment this season," says Rajnagar upazila chairman Ashik Khan. "I have already raised the matter with our higher authorities."

SNIPPETS

2 Jamaat leaders arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Police in separate drives arrested two rokon members of Jamaat-e-Islami from Keshabpur upazila of Jessore on Wednesday. They are Rezaul Islam, 42, and Ayub Ali, 40, of Mirzanagar village in the upazila. Officer-in-Charge Shahidul Islam of Keshabpur Police Station said a team of the law enforcers, acting on a tip-off, conducted drives in different areas and arrested the two leaders from their houses on Wednesday night. The two were arrested on charge of planning subversive activities, the OC added.

10 fishermen jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A mobile court here yesterday sentenced 10 fishermen to six months' imprisonment each for fishing with illegal current nets in Naldanga upazila of the district. The convicts are Jamil Hossain, Ramzan Ali, Momin Hossain, Rezaul Karim, Liton Chandra, Prodip Chandra, Bishwajit Chandra, Biren Kumar, Subrata Chandra and Mamun Hossain. They hail from different villages in the upazila. Officer-in-Charge Mustafa Kamal of Naldanga Police Station said a mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Sharmin Akhter Jahan conducted a drive in Halti Beel area and detained them while they were fishing with Badai jal (locally assembled current nets). Later, the arrestees were produced before the court that handed down the verdict, the OC added.

Man found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was found dead at Bongram village in Nagarkanda upazila of the district on Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Pannu Munshi, 45, son of late Jahurul Haque Munshi of the village. Sub-Inspector Sukanto Dutta of Nagarkanda Police Station said locals spotted Pannu lying unconscious on Nagarkanda-Purapara road around 7:00pm. They later took him to Nagarkanda Upazila Health Complex where the doctors declared him dead, the SI said. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Faridpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

One gets life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

A court on Wednesday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for killing a local union parishad chairman in July 29, 2000. The convict is Ali Ahmed, son of Mosharraf Bishwas of Ganganandapur village in Jhikargachha upazila. Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Shamsul Haque also fined the convict Tk 10,000. In default, he is to suffer six months more in jail. Besides, the court acquitted 18 other accused in the case as the charges brought against them could not be proved. According to the prosecution, Ganganandapur UP chairman Abdul Jalil went missing on July 29 in 2000. The following day, his body was found in farmland at Hrisipara village. Deceased's son Shahidur Rahman filed a murder case with Jhikargachha Police Station.

Minor boy drowns in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A two-year-old boy drowned in a pond at Jhargharia village in Badalgachhi upazila of Naogaon on Wednesday. The victim was identified as Siam Hossain, son of Mofazzal Hossain of Hitmi village in Joypurhat Sadar upazila. Locals said the boy along with his mother went to visit his grandparents at Jhargharia village a few days ago. Siam slipped into a pond at the village while he was plying on its bank and drowned. Villagers rescued Siam and took him to Badalgachhi Upazila Health Complex



A Tanchangya woman plucks coriander from her garden at Wagga village under Kawkhali upazila in Rangamati. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

8 of 3 Rangpur Hindu families missing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Eight members of three Hindu families in Rangpur have been missing for 10 days.

They are Shankar Madak, 45, his younger brother Pori Madak, 38, sons of late Sahdar Madak of Fotehpur village under Rangpur Sadar upazila; Joleshwari, 38, wife of Shankar Madak, and her two sons Diplo, 15 and Dipu, 12, Sarswasti Madak, 28, wife of Pori Madak, and their 3-year-old son Apu Madak, and Sajal Chandra Barman, son of Dhiren Chandra Barman of the village.

Seven members of the two families

went missing on July 27, locals said, while a 14-year-old boy went missing on July 26.

During a visit, reporters found 70-year-old Jamuna Rani, mother of Shankar and Pori, at the home of the missing families. They left all their belongings, Jamuna Rani said, but she could not say when her sons with their families left home.

She said they could not have gone to India as they did not have any relatives there.

Criminals might have abducted her sons and their family members, she said.

On the day before (July 26), Sajal

Chandra Barman, 14, son of Dhiren Chandra Barman of the village, also went missing and has remained untraced. His father filed a General Diary (GD) with Rangpur Sadar Police Station the same day.

Sajal's parents said their son was abducted.

Azizul Islam, Inspector (Investigation) of Rangpur Sadar Police Station, said a GD was filed over Sajal's missing, but no complaint was filed regarding the seven members of the two families. Police are investigating both the incidents.

Sonatola municipality polls Aug 7

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A total of 17,145 voters of Sonatola municipality of Bogra are going to vote on August 7 for the first time to elect their mayor, 15 years after its formation.

There are three candidates for the mayoral post, 48 for nine posts of male councillor, and 12 for three female (reserved) posts.

The candidates for mayoral post are AL-nominated Shahidul Bari Khan Rabbani, BNP-nominated ATM Golam Rakib, and independent Jahangir Alam Nannu.

Akbar Ali of Kanupara said they will vote for someone who will stay beside them in danger, make the area free of drugs, guide the youth in the right direction, and establish justice for all in the municipality.

Jahangir Alam Nannu said at least five poll centres seem to him risky as BNP and AL-nominated candidates will try to manipulate the polls by force or influence.

BNP and AL-nominated mayoral candidates refuted the allegation of efforts to manipulate the polls.

Additional Superintendent of Police (West) of Bogra, Sayfuzzaman Faruki, said 12 police and 14 Ansar personnel will be deployed at each centre, and 2 platoons of BGB, three teams of Rab and mobile and striking teams of police will be stand-by in the municipality.

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