

## Newlywed murdered for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Dinajpur

A newlywed housewife was killed allegedly by her husband for dowry at Sota Mulluk village in Manda upazila of Naogaon on Sunday.

The deceased was Golapi Rani Mondal, 19, daughter of Dinesh Chandra Mondal, of Dhowria village in Niamathpur upazila.

Golapi married Dulal Chandra Saha, 25, son of Nanigopal Saha of Sota Mulluk village, in March this year.

Family members said Dulal's parents demanded Tk 2 lakh, a motorcycle and gold ornaments before arranging the marriage. During the wedding, Golapi's parents gave them the amount and gold ornaments as dowry.

After their marriage, Dulal and his family members often tortured Golapi for the motorbike.

On Sunday afternoon, Dulal and his parents strangled Golapi following an altercation over the issue and fled the scene.

## Cattle trader gored to death by buffalo

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Thakurgaon

A cattle trader was killed and two others were injured after a buffalo gored them on Saturday night in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

The incident happened after an accident on Thakurgaon-Dinajpur highway at Atash Mile village while they were returning home by a human haulier with the buffalo.

The buffalo came out of the vehicle during the accident and started running. Cattle traders Abdul Baset Bishu, Ansarul Islam and Shajahan were gored by the buffalo as they tried to catch it.

The locals rushed them to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital from where Abdul Baset was referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated. He succumbed to his injuries on the way to hospital.

Meanwhile, aggrieved people besieged the upazila livestock office on Sunday as the buffalo died after pushing an injection there.

Upazila Livestock Officer Abdur Rahim said the cattle traders of Koshalbari village under Thakurgaon Sadar upazila bought the buffalo from a local bazaar in Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur on Saturday.

The buffalo started running when it was brought to the village and moved around in different villages, injuring several people. It was caught again at Jagannathpur village on Sunday.

A team of the livestock office, went to the spot and tranquillised it and took it to the livestock office.

Later, the buffalo died at the office.

## Tortured woman groans in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The woman, who was assaulted mercilessly allegedly by two union parishad (UP) members on Saturday, is still groaning in pain at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital, doctors said yesterday.

The victim is Tumpa Akhter, 22, wife of Sadequl Islam of Chilarang village under Chilarang Union Parishad in the upazila.

The housewife alleged that UP members Ashraful Islam, Nasirul Islam and former member Md Raza made an immoral proposal to her for having illicit relationships with them.

As she rejected their proposal, they planned to trap her, she said.

When Tumpa was returning home along with her husband and minor child, Ashraful intercepted their rickshaw near their house and forced her to go with him. As her husband tried to stop him, Ashraful beat him up and took Tumpa to his house, where the trio beat her mercilessly.

Later, locals sent her to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital, where she is undergoing treatment.

Dr Zillur Rahman, consultant of orthopaedic department of the hospital, said inju-

## Farewell to a philanthropist

Father Eugene Homrich set to return home, after 57 years

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

After working for the welfare of local Mandi (Garo) and other ethnic minority people for 57 years in Madhupur upazila of Tangail, Father Eugene Homrich is returning to his home country USA.

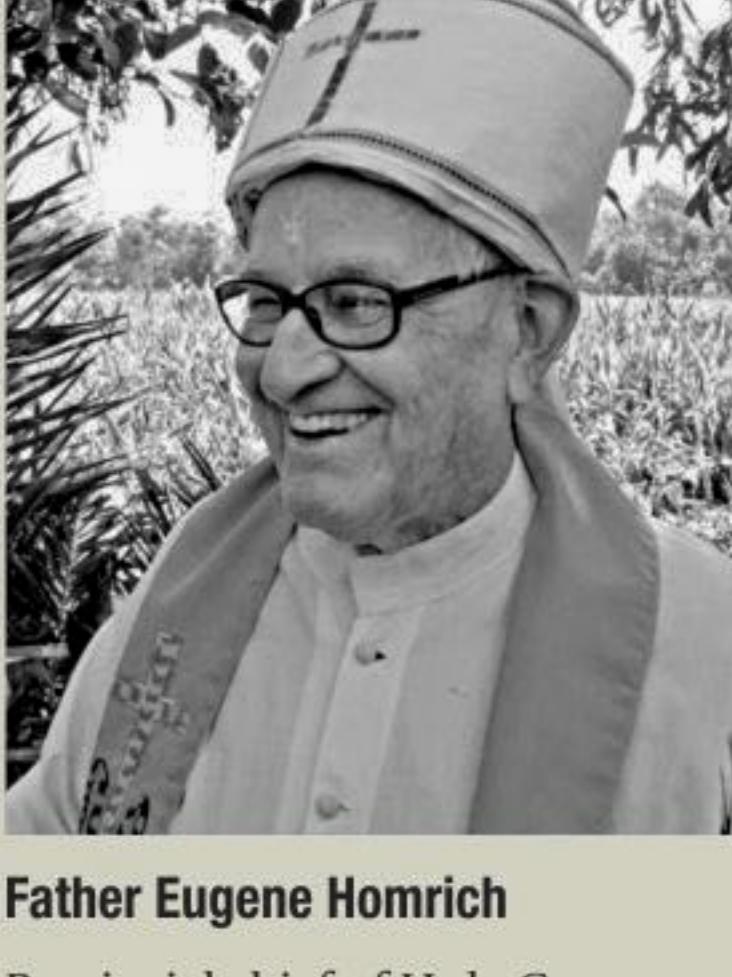
Homrich, the parish priest of Saint Pauls Darmopalli, a mission at Pirkachha in Madhupur upazila, left for Dhaka on Saturday morning and he is supposed to fly to the USA today.

Born in Michigan City in USA in 1928, Father Homrich came to Madhupur in 1959 and started preaching Christianity alongside arranging education and healthcare for the ethnic minority people in Madhupur Garh region after establishing Jalchhata Mission.

He gave shelter to many freedom loving people during the 1971 Liberation War and after the country's independence, he was given recognition as a freedom fighter.

A farewell function for Homrich was organised at Saint Pauls Darmopalli, about 20 kilometres from the Madhupur upazila headquarters on Friday.

The 88-year-old Father turned emotional while recalling his long working life in Madhupur.



Father Eugene Homrich

Provincial chief of Holy Cross community Father James Cruz, Father Eugene Anjus, new parish priest of Pirkachha mission, and Joinshahi Adivasi Unnayon Parishad president Eugene Nokrek attended the

function joined by the people of ethnic minorities of different villages in Madhupur Garh region.

On December 22 last year, Father Homrich got death threat through a mobile message sent in the name of JMB and he was provided security by policemen at the Pirkachha mission compound, said Olin Mrong, personal secretary of Homrich for the last 17 years.

Father Homrich went to USA in 2008 for treatment of different old-age complications including diabetes.

"He returned to Madhupur and wanted to pass his remaining years here but his condition was deteriorating and his sisters requested him repeatedly for returning to them in the USA."

"Lastly the Holy Cross Community provided him three months' leave for going to his country, mentioning that the leave would be extended if he wants," Olin said.

Local Mandi (Garo) leader Eugene Nokrek, president of Joinshahi Adivasi Unnayon Parishad, said, "The local adivasis wanted to keep the great hearted Father here as long as he lives but it could not be possible due to his health condition and the present situation of the country."

## 'Save school from river erosion'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Tangail

Local people demanded immediate steps to save a school from erosion by the River Jhainai in the district.

They blocked Tangail-Basai road in this regard yesterday, causing immense sufferings to hundreds of passengers.

With the floodwater receding, erosion by the river, a tributary of Jamuna, took a serious turn in the morning devouring a part of Nothkhola Government Primary School and its Shaheed Minar.

The agitating people then blocked the road for about two hours, disrupting vehicular movements.

Later, the agitators withdrew the blockade following an assurance by the executive engineer of Water Development Board (WDB) in Tangail of taking immediate steps to check the erosion.

Mentionable, erosion by the Jhainai River made over 250 families homeless at 12 villages in Basai upazila in the last one month.

## SNIPPETS

### 30 shops gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 30 shops were gutted in a fire at Chowmuhani Bazar in Begumganj upazila early yesterday. Local said the fire originated from an earthen oven of a sweetmeat shop and soon engulfed 29 adjacent shops at the bazaar around 3:00am. On information, fire fighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze after three hours of frantic efforts. Mohammad Salahuddin, president of Chowmuhani Bazar Traders' Association, claimed that the loss caused by the fire could go up to Tk 30 crore.

### Youth murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A youth was killed at Mokarrampur village in Gomostapur upazila on Sunday. The deceased was Mohammad Faijuddin, 26, son of Anarul Islam of the village. Police and family sources said there had been a longstanding conflict between Faijuddin and his cousin Amir Hamja. As a sequel to the conflict, both the family members engaged in an altercation around 10:45pm. At one stage, Hamja stabbed Faijuddin, leaving him dead on the spot, Officer-in-Charge Shahin Kamal of Gomostapur Police Station said. A murder case was filed.

### BNP leader found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A local BNP leader was found dead in Bhaluka upazila of the district on Sunday. The deceased, Mehedi Hasan Pappu, 24, son of Ayub Ali Sarker, was president of Bharaduba union unit of BNP. Pappu, a resident of Bhaluka municipality area, went out of his house around 1:00am on Sunday and did not return home. Officer-in-Charge Mamun-or-Rashid of Bhaluka Police Station said locals spotted Pappu's body floating in a canal near Bhaluka Degree College in the morning and informed police. A case was filed in this connection.

### Cattle-laden truck looted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Armed robbers looted a cattle-laden truck near Chariarbeel area on Kushtia-Jhenidah road under Shaikupura upazila. The gang also stabbed the trucker Shariful Islam of Abalpur village in Kotchandpur upazila. Police said a gang of 8/10 waylaid a Dhaka-bound cattle-laden truck from Chuadanga around 12:30am. They stabbed its driver Shariful and later tied him along with the four cattle traders to a tree and took away 12 cattle. Officer-in-Charge Tarikul Islam of Shaikupura Police Station said locals rescued the five and admitted them to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

### Lightning kills one

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man was killed in lightning strike in Taraganj upazila of Rangpur on Sunday. The deceased was Nur Hossain, 22, son of Mozaharul Islam of Lalidighi village. Kumaresh Roy, chairman of Hariakuthi Union Parishad, said a thunderbolt struck Nur Hossain while he was working at a paddy field around 2:00pm. He died on the spot.

### UP chairman arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police arrested a newly elected union parishad (UP) chairman from Bogra town while he was going to take oath at the deputy commissioner's office on Sunday. The arrestee is Abdus Salam, 65, chairman of Majhiria UP in Shahjahanpur upazila. Salam, also ameer of the upazila unit of Jamaat, is an accused in two cases filed under the Explosive Substances Act.

### Jubo League man stabbed dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Unidentified criminals stabbed a local Jubo League leader to death in Laxmipur Sadar upazila on Saturday night. The deceased, Mohammad Faisal, 27, son of Fazlul Karim of Balashpur village in the upazila, was president of Ward No 3 union unit of Jubo League. Quoting locals, police said Faisal had been living at a rented house in the district town for the last couple of months fearing attack by a local infamous gang.

### Villager hurt in land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A man was injured over a disputed land at Terodrone village in Uzirpur upazila yesterday. Police said Hemayet, 37, was critically injured in an attack allegedly by his stepbrother Enayet, stepmother Parul Begum and stepfather Abdul Aziz following an altercation over the land. Hemayet was admitted to the upazila health complex.

## Kidnapped boy rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Dinajpur

Police rescued a 12-year-old boy yesterday 20 hours after his abduction from Parbatipur Railway Station on Sunday.

Police also arrested two alleged abductors-Liton Sardar, 28, of Dinajpur and Yahya Khan, 28, of Kurigram--from the spot.

Police said a gang picked Himesh, son of Abul Matin Sarkar of Sarkerpara village in the upazila, from the station area around 12:00noon.

They later phoned Himesh's father and demanded Tk 2 lakh as ransom for his son's release.

Officer-in-Charge Mahmudul Alam of Parbatipur Police Station said the law enforcers raided a house at Adarshpara village around 8:00am and rescued the boy.

Police also arrested two members of the kidnappers' gang from the house, the OC added.



ries found on different parts of the body of the housewife show that she was punched and beaten with sticks.

Tumpa's father Hamidul Islam said the UP members beat his daughter without any reason, adding that he wanted justice.

Mahila Parishad leader Suchorita Dev said the UP members have no right to beat a woman even after conducting an arbitration. She said they wanted stern action against the culprits.

Refuting the allegation, Ashraful said he just rebuked Tumpa for her illicit acts.

Police said a complaint was lodged yesterday in this regard.

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