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Another Santal dies

Fear still grips community in Gobindaganj, demand for returning their land pours in



STAR REPORT

Police recovered the body of an elderly Santal man from a paddy field in Shahebganj sugarcane farm yesterday raising the death toll of Sunday's clash between police, labourers and Santal community people to two.

The Santal community of Madarpur Santal village in Gobindaganj of Gaibandha had identified the body as Mangol Majhdi, who had been missing since the clash.

Police took the body there yesterday afternoon after an autopsy.

Four-five people of the Santal community are still missing, claimed Soban Soren of Madarpur yesterday over telephone.

Wazir Rahman Rafel, former president of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Gaibandha district, who was

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

A student of Jagannath University urges a jaywalker to use the footbridge to cross the street at the capital's Malibagh Chowdhurypara yesterday, but his call went in vain. The students under Creative Education and Environment Project, with the help of police, are trying to raise awareness about traffic rules. *Inset*, police give tuberoses to people for using the footbridge.



NASIRNAGAR MAYHEM Ministers point finger at BNP-Jamaat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, from Brahmanbaria

Three ministers and the police chief at a rally in Nasirnagar yesterday apparently blamed BNP-Jamaat for the October 30 attack on the upazila's Hindu community.

Without making any hint of local Awami League men's involvement in the incident, they urged all to live side by side forgetting whatever happened.

The attack was an act of those who were involved in similar previous attacks, they told the "all-party" rally organised by Brahmanbaria police at Ashutosh Pilot High School playground.

Additional Inspector General (Special Branch) of police Mohammad Javed Patwary and Deputy Inspector General (Chittagong Range) of police Shafiqul Islam had a different view of the attack. They admitted police's failure in providing enough

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1971 MARTYRS PM to honour 2,000 Indian soldiers

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is going to confer honours on around 2,000 Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives in battles against the Pakistan occupation forces during the Liberation War in 1971.

A highly placed source at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday told The Daily Star that the premier would hand over gifts to the families of the Indian soldiers during her upcoming visit to India early next month.

The gift items are likely to include a crest, a citation, stuffs and some amount of money. The PMO source said the amount to be given to each of the families has yet to be finalised.

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MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES Women at risk, more than men

SAYS NEW STUDY

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women in Bangladesh are more prone to diseases like chikungunya, dengue and zika than men, suggests a new study conducted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the Institut Pasteur in Paris and icddr,b.

Mosquitoes that transmit such diseases remain in and around the household where, on average, Bangladeshi women spend 66 percent of their day time. On the other side, men, on average, spend 45 percent of their day time at home, the report adds.

To facilitate the study, researchers investigated a 2012 chikungunya outbreak in Palpara, a village under Gopalpur upazila in Tangail, according to a statement by the icddr,b issued yesterday.

Symptoms of chikungunya include rash or joint pain, fever, headache and backache. Chikungunya is transmitted by Aedes mosquito, which also spreads other diseases like dengue and zika.

Zika poses greater risks for pregnant women as the virus can cause severe birth defects, including microcephaly marked by small head and underdeveloped brains.

The World Health Organization says zika will keep spreading in Asia as Aedes mosquito is widely found in the region, which also sees high volume of travel.

The new findings, published on November 7 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, offer key insights into how health officials can combat other diseases, including zika, that spread in the same way.

The findings are important for Bangladesh where 5,000 dengue cases have so far been reported this year, the highest since 2003.

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BNP rejects DMP nod with 27 conditions

SEEKS TO HOLD RALLY ON NOV 13

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has deferred its yesterday's rally until November 13 after being granted last minute permission from the police to stage the rally on 27 conditions.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) on Monday gave permission to the BNP for holding the rally at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) although the party sought to use VIP Road in front of its Nayapaltan headquarters.

The party, however, rejected the last minute permission.

Speaking at a press conference at the party office, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday said the government "violated the constitution" by denying it permission to hold the rally to mark the "National Revolution and Solidarity Day".

"We again call upon the government to allow us to stage the rally at Suhrawardy Udyan on November 13," he said.

The BNP repeatedly changed the programme schedule and sought permission from police as it believes in democracy, added Fakhru.

The DMP in a letter said the BNP could

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Wave farm for producing power



MAIL ONLINE

Despite their benefits, offshore wind farms can be a blight on the landscape. But an alternative is on its way in Cornwall, with Britain's first wave farm set to start generating electricity with one device in 2018.

If the device proves successful, fourteen more are expected to follow in 2020. Together, they'll be able to provide enough electricity for 6,000 homes each year.

Carnegie Wave Energy, an Australian company, has been granted £9,551,962 from the European Regional Development Fund to support the first phase of its planned commercial project at Wave Hub in Cornwall.

The device is called 'Ceto 6', named after a sea goddess in Greek mythology. Ceto is different from other wave energy devices as it operates underwater.

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India puts NDTV ban on hold

THE HINDU

A day before the Supreme Court was to hear NDTV's challenge to the government order imposing a one-day ban on its Hindi channel Information and Broadcasting Minister Venkaiah Naidu on Monday put the order on hold, and gave the company a chance to present its case once more before an inter-ministerial committee.

NDTV had moved the

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

ATTACK ON KHADIZA Ex-BCL man charged with attempt to murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police yesterday submitted a charge sheet in a case filed in connection with attacking Khadiza Begum Nargis over a month ago in Sylhet, saying accused Badrul Alam had attacked her with intent to kill her.

Badrul, suspended student of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and a former Chhatra League leader of the university unit, is the lone accused in the case, said Harun-ar-Roshid, investigation officer of the case and sub-inspector of Shahparan Police Station.

In the charge sheet, it has been mentioned that Badrul hacked Khadiza to kill her and did this without anybody's help, he added.

He said police found all

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Workers take naps on gas cylinders loaded on a truck stuck in a traffic jam at Jatrabari intersection in the capital. The long hours they work often leaves them with little time to sleep.

IS abducts 295 near Mosul: UN

US-backed forces advance to Raqqa in Syria

AFP, Bashiqa

Islamic State fighters forced thousands of civilians to retreat with them from Hamam al-Alil as Iraqi police were recapturing the town, and moved them towards Mosul airport, the UN said yesterday.

Iraqi forces retook the key town from the jihadists on Monday, in a major win in its offensive to wrest back the nearby city of Mosul.

But the IS fighters did not leave the town alone: UN rights office spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani told reporters in Geneva the agency had received reports that the jihadists "forcibly moved about 1,500 families from Hamam al-Alil town to Mosul airport" on November 4.

The UN has for weeks warned that IS was forcing civilians living in districts around Mosul into Iraq's second city, hoping to use them as human shields in an upcoming battle.

Shamdasani also said the rights office had received information that the jihadists had "abducted at least 295 former Iraqi Security Forces personnel" from areas around Mosul.

"Between November 1-4, 195 former ISF personnel were reportedly abducted in several villages in Tel Afar, and at around midnight on November 3, at least 100 former ISF officers were abducted from Mawaly Village, about 20 kilometres west of Mosul," she said.

"The fate of all of these civilians is unknown for the moment," she said.

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