

Unique fair

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A unique fair is arranged by local fishermen on the second day of Baishakh every year in Nasirnagar upazila of the district where barter system still exists.

Morad Mridha said the local people buy dried fish in the fair at Kulikunda village in exchange for rice, potato, onion, garlic, mango and other agricultural produce. This barter system, however, is changing now and dried fish is also sold for money.

Locals said the fair has been continuing for over 100 years without any management committee.

Upazila Fishermen's Association General Secretary Shishir Das said they have been enjoying the fair since their childhood.

This correspondent saw over 200 traders selling their dried fish of various kinds and eggs of hilsa and other fish.

Traders from Chittagong, Sylhet, Sunamganj and other parts of the country sell dried fish in the fair.

Brahmanbaria Government Annada High School teacher Chinmoy Bhattacharya said the tradition of the fair is age-old, adding that he visits the fair every year to buy dried fish of native species.

Nikhil Das, a trader of Brahmanbaria town, said though the number of customers is less, the sale is good this year.



People from Bangladesh and India wait beside the barbed wire fence at Omarkhana border in Panchagarh Sadar to meet their near and dear ones on Bangla New Year Pahela Baishakh.

Long wait for a glimpse

Every year thousands of people from Bangladesh and India gather at Panchagarh border on Pahela Baishakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

It's a glimpse of life for thousands of Bangladeshis and Indians who could meet their near and dear ones after a year-long wait on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh.

Every year the first day of Bangla New Year Pahela Baishakh brings thousands of Bangla speaking people to Bangladesh-India border at Omarkhana in Panchagarh Sadar to meet for some hours.

Like other years the desired moment finally came around 10:00am on Friday when the border guards allowed people of both sides to go near the barbed wire fence and unofficially announced they could stay there till 4:00pm.

The happiness of the people in the border area was much higher than other previous years as the border guards of India and Bangladesh were very much cordial to make scope to go near the fence without hesitation for meeting with their relatives and friends.

Thousands of people in both the countries, especially those who cannot afford to visit their relatives through regular travel, eagerly wait for this special day.

The day has become an annual event of congregation for Bangla speaking friends and relatives who no longer live in 'one Bengal'. People from different districts of the two countries were seen exchanging various things including biscuits, pens, clothes and towels.

Many of them cried out at the sight of their loved ones. But, some people were seen to be frustrated as they could not find their relatives.

Golapi Bewa, 65, of Moidandighi village in Boda upazila of Panchagarh said she came to meet his elder brother Mofiz Uddin, 75, of Berubari in Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal of India.

She was married in Bangladeshi side before the Liberation War but her relatives are still in India.

Replying to a query, she said she had no ability to go to India.

Deputy Commissioner Amal Krishna Mandal said such meetings would help to strengthen relationship between the two neighbouring countries.

Greedy son's brutality on mother

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

When a festive mood prevailed in the area on the morning of Bangla New Year Pahela Baishakh, an elderly woman was seen crying beside a bamboo cluster as her son beat her mercilessly and drove her out of home at Kodalkhata village in Lalmonirhat Sadar.

The ill-fated mother, Ayesha Begum, 58, wife of Amir Ali of Kodalkhata, is undergoing treatment at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital after her rescue by relatives and locals.

She faced the wrath of her elder son Ashraf Islam, 38, as the latter failed to get a piece of land owned by her.

Ayesha Begum lives with son Ashraf at the village home while her husband Amir Ali took a second wife and started living at a neighbouring village 18 years ago.

Ashraf is a carpenter while Ayesha's another son Rashedul Islam, 32, works at a garment factory in Dhaka. Her three daughters were married off earlier.

"Ayesha works as a housemaid for survival as her sons do not provide her

food. Lastly her elder son Ashraf physically tortured her on Friday," said Ayesha's elder brother Ahad Ali, 65.

"I handed over 21 decimals of our 30-decimals land to my two sons and kept the rest nine decimals under my possession. My elder son pressed me to give him the land," the ill-fated mother said.

"I live in the same home but my elder son Ashraf never takes care of me. And my younger son Rashedul does not give me anything except clothes," she said.

"Ashraf beat me and threw me out of the house but I will not go to police station for lodging a case. Allah will do justice," said a tearful Ayesha at the hospital bed.

"Ashraf has committed a heinous crime by torturing her mother. I am helping the poor woman to get treatment," said local union parishad member Abdur Rahim.

Resident Medical Officer in Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital Dr Azmol Haque said, "The elderly woman got injuries in her legs, hands, back and head. Hopefully, she is out of danger now."



Beaten and driven out of home by son, Ayesha Begum is undergoing treatment at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital.



Local lawmaker Bazlul Haque Haroon receives International Women of Courage Award winner Sharmin Akter with a bouquet at a ceremony at Rajapur Pilot High School field in Jhalakathi yesterday.

'No child marriage in Rajapur as long as I am alive'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

International Women of Courage Award winner Sharmin Akter yesterday said no girl of Rajapur upazila will be victim of child marriage as long as she is alive.

She said this at a reception at Rajapur Pilot High School field. On behalf of the local people, local lawmaker Bazlul Haque Haroon received Sharmin with flowers.

"The award is not mine, rather it is dedicated to all the girls in the country. I will continue the struggle for girls' rights and no girl will be married off at an early age in the upazila till my last days," said a determined Sharmin.

"I seek your support for the struggle and I will continue it throughout my life," she

added. The lawmaker assured Sharmin to give his support to carry on her struggle against child marriage and violence against women.

Sharmin's mother forced her to marry an aged man when she was a student of Class IX in 2015. Determined to continue her studies, she protested her child marriage and filed a case against her mother and the husband.

To recognise her bravery, the United States on March 29 honoured Sharmin with the Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award 2017 for her bold initiative to continue her study and fight against the menace of child marriage.

Mother kills son for playing cricket in sun

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A schoolboy was beaten to death allegedly by his mother in Baksiganj upazila of the district on Friday.

The deceased, Isha Sarkar, 13, son of Mashiur Rahman Maznu of Surjanagar Pashchimpara village, was a Class VII student of Surjanagar Government Primary School.

Police arrested Anjum Ara Begum soon after the incident around 5:00pm, said police.

Isha Sarkar, ignoring his mother's advice not to play cricket in the sun, played with mates all day long.

When he returned to the house in the afternoon, the angry mother, who is also a physical teacher of a local high school, snatched away the cricket bat and hit him on the head, leaving him badly injured, said Officer-in-Charge of Bakhshiganj Police Station Aslam Hossain.

Isha was rushed to Bakhshiganj upazila health complex where on-duty doctors declared him dead, the OC said.

Anjum was produced before a judicial magistrate's court yesterday that sent her to jail, said court inspector Abdul Kader Mia.

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 In this notification JSC ASE EC informs about open invitation to tender for the right to enter into agreement for Portland cement (bulk cement) delivery to Rooppur NPP site. The documentation is available at the official web site of Rosatom State Corporation at the link: <http://zakupki.rosatom.ru> procurement No. 170413/0536/638.

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Feud over land leaves one dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A youth was killed and seven others were injured in a clash over a land dispute between two groups of villagers in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila on Friday.

The deceased, Mintu, 25, son of Samir Uddin, was a resident of Uttar Bathina village in the upazila.

Quoting deceased's family members, police said one Liakat Ali and his brother Jahangir Alam of the village went to plough their 1.5 decimals of land around 2:00pm.

After a while, one Pabar Uddin Khan of Kaleswar village and his men equipped with sharp weapons appeared at the scene and asked the siblings to stop the work, claiming the ownership of the land.

At one stage, Pabar and his men attacked the two brothers and beat them mercilessly.

Hearing screams, Liakat's relatives, including Mintu, rushed there to save them but Pabar's men also attacked them with sharp weapons, leaving eight people injured.

Locals took the eight injured to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared Mintu dead.

HSC examinee kills self

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Themidaha

A Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinee allegedly committed suicide by taking poison in Harinakundo upazila of the district on Friday.

The deceased, Sagar Hossain, 18, was taking part in the ongoing HSC examination from Joradah College.

Quoting the deceased's family members, police said Sagar was expelled for adopting unfair means during his English second paper examination on April 8.

Out of shame, Sagar took poison on Friday night and died on the spot, said Officer-in-Charge Mahtab Uddin of Harinakundo PS.

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