



After losing all their crops to the floods, many villagers of Mohanpur upazila in Rajshahi have turned to fishing to make ends meet. The photo was taken yesterday at the Shib river levee near Ghasigram village.

PHOTO: ANWAR ALI

UNSTOPPABLE

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL, Barisal
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Dhaka and started to work as an assistant of a motor mechanic in Fatrabari. Soon, he earned fame as a mechanic in the area.
 But misfortune followed him after his employer's death in 2007. He went back to Barisal where his family lives.
 In 2008, he married Lutfia Begum and the couple have a six-year-old daughter now. His parents and college-going sister also stay with him in his Kazipara residence.
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A legacy worth remembering

HASAN JAHD TUSHER, from Cg
 Until yesterday, Mohammed Sumon was worried about how to move forward after losing six of his family members, including parents on June 13 landslides in Rangamati.
 The landslides destroyed their house in Notun Para of Rangamati town and displaced him and his brother, who sustained injuries but survived the disaster.
 His father Nabi Hossain, a driver by profession, saved most of his community members by alerting them about the landslides that claimed 120 lives in Rangamati.
 Unfortunately, he could not save his family members and finally succumbed to injuries that he sustained in the landslides.
 Yesterday, Mutual Trust Bank recognised his father's heroic acts and awarded Sumon and his brother with crests and a CNG-run three-wheeler.
 Anis A Khan, managing director and CEO of the bank, said, "For the last four to five years, we have been giving such awards in recognition of someone's act of bravery."

"Through this initiative, we try to inspire others to come forward... and stand by people," he told The Daily Star after handing over the three-wheeler to Sumon and his brother at a programme at Chittagong Club. Senior officials of the bank were also present at the event.
 Anis said The Daily Star report on Nabi Hossain published on June 19 under the title, "Tale of a hero who didn't just sit back" drove them to do something for the family.
 He said the three-wheeler, costing about Tk 4 lakh, would be a source of income for them.
 Sumon and his brother Mohammed Rubel expressed their gratitude to the bank and The Daily Star for standing beside them.
 "I'm happy today. My father had a dream of having a three-wheeler of his own that I got for his bravery," said Sumon.
 He said though his father was not alive, they will cherish his memory forever and the sacrifice he made for saving so many lives.
 "We will try to live up the lives following in our father's footsteps," said his proud son.



Mohammed Rubel and Mohammed Sumon, sons of Nabi Hossain, who saved many people by alerting them about the June 13 landslides in Rangamati, received awards from Anis A Khan, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank, at Chittagong Club yesterday. During the landslides Nabi got injured and eventually died. The bank recognised his heroic acts and awarded his two sons with crests and a CNG-run three-wheeler.

PHOTO: STAR

Dhaka College student was 'killed' for ransom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Dhaka College student Al Amin Mahmud Bijoy was killed for ransom, alleged his father yesterday.
 Al Amin, 23, an honours third-year student of the college, was found dead, with his hands and legs tied up, at a house in Barobagh area of the capital's Mirpur on Tuesday.
 Anwar Hossain, Al Amin's father, alleged that he was responsible for his son's death.
 Nazmul Islam, officer-in-charge of Mirpur Police Station, said they had identified the suspected killer and were trying to arrest him.
 Jashim Uddin, who lived with Al Amin at an apartment in the capital's Malibagh area, said Ripon had visited the apartment with Al Amin around 11:00am on Monday.
 Al Amin then introduced Ripon as a relative having come from his neighbouring village in Habiganj, said Jashim, adding that seven people, including two from Al Amin's village, had lived in the apartment.
 After lunch, Ripon asked Al Amin to take him to a nearby bus stop around 4:00pm as he would have to see a sick relative admitted to a Mirpur hospital. Al Amin left the apartment with Ripon and did not come back, he said.

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2 Bangladeshi students killed in US road crash

UNB, Dhaka

Two Bangladeshi PhD students were killed in a road accident in Wilkinson County area near Georgia of the USA on Monday.
 M Intiaz Ikram and Pracheta Dutta Tumpa were doing PhD at the University of North



Pracheta Intiaz Carolina at Charlotte. Both of them had worked as part-time teachers at the Aeronautical Engineering Department of the capital's Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) after graduating from the department, said an ISPR release yesterday.

NEWS IN brief

Body of missing Cuet student found

CUI CORRESPONDENT
 The body of a Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) student, who went missing at Gournakhali beach in Chittagong on Tuesday, was found yesterday afternoon.
 The body of Nakib Mohammad Khobar, 24, was found around 2:15pm nearby the place where he drowned, said Cuet Student Adviser Prof Mostafiz Hosque.
 A fisherman who was assisting the rescuers of Fire Service and Civil Defense and Bangladesh Navy, found the body in his fishing net.
 Khobar - a 13th batch student of Civil Engineering of Cuet - drowned at Gournakhali beach in Sitakumra upazila while rescuing two women who fell into the water on Tuesday noon, said the professor.
 Nakib's body was handed over to his family, he added.

BCL activist stabbed by 'rivals'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg
 An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was stabbed allegedly by his rivals in Khulshi Rail Gate area of Chittagong city yesterday.
 The injured Md Alauddin, 20, a student of Omar Gani MES College in the city, is undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College, said police.
 Alauddin was stabbed by his "party rivals" around 1:00am over establishing supremacy in the area, said Bhabu Islam, in-charge of CMCH Police Camp.

Rohrer gets life term for murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg
 A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced a robber to life term imprisonment for killing a man during a robbery in Khandokia village under Hathazari upazila of Chittagong in 1996.
 The convict is Jewel alias Selim.
 According to the prosecution, on the evening 17 in 1996, a robber gang including Selim stormed into the house of one Moslem. During the incident, Selim shot Moslem's son Abdul Manan to death as the latter tried to resist him.
 Hearing the gunshot, locals rushed there and caught Selim while he was trying to flee with his gang members. After the incident, a case was filed.

32nd installation of Rotary held

CTY DESK
 Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan organised its 32nd installation ceremony at a Dhaka hotel on Monday, said a press release.
 Prof Dr Quazi Kamruzzaman, a physician and chairman of Dhaka Community Medical College Hospital, was present as the chief guest and spoke on the occasion.
 Rotary Governor FH Arif, former governor Ghulam Mustafa, Rotarian Rakib Sarder, Abul Khair Chowdhury, Abdu Salek, Syed Shakawat Alam, Saifur Rahman, and Club President Dr Munirul Islam also spoke at the event.

Obituary

CTY DESK
 Mohammed Nazmul Hosque, a retired DGM of Uttara Bank Ltd, died at Birlam Hospital in Dhaka on Tuesday. He was 73.
 He left behind his wife and two sons, said a press release.



9TH WAGE BOARD

Journos threaten to stage sit-in, block road for Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist leaders yesterday threatened to stage a sit-in programme and block the road for one hour, said Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) President Shaban Mahmood.
 He made the announcement at a demonstration in the city, traffic police officials said.
 Amid rain, journalists under the banner of DUJ held a rally there and later blocked one side of the road for around 10 minutes.
 Their demands include declaration of the ninth wage board and withdrawal of the finance minister's comment on the wage board, they said.
 Briefing reporters at DMP media centre, D M P Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia urged people to stop using hydraulic horns as its use leaves a detrimental effect on patients and children.
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PHOTO: RAUFUL ISLAM

DMP destroys 10,000 hydraulic horns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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commissioner said. He urged the authorities concerned to increase this punishment.

He also requested the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority not to renew fitness certificates of the vehicles still using hydraulic horns.
 The commissioner also said they would write to the authorities concerned to impose a ban on import, sale and marketing of such horns.
 Replying to a query that influential people such as ministers, police personnel, MPs and even journalists still sometimes take wrong lane, Asaduzzaman said, "Whoever they are, if anyone uses the wrong side they will be punished as per the law."

3 students arrested for 'beating' cop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police arrested three college students for allegedly beating a traffic constable at Band Road in Barisal city on Tuesday night.
 The arrestees - Amir Hossain, 17, Redowanul Islam, 17, and Makhil Islam Maruf, 18 - were sent to jail after they were produced before a court yesterday.
 Officer-in-Charge of Kowail Police Station Awlad Hossain said the traffic constable, Mattur Rahaman, was going to his workplace when his motorcycle bumped into the trio's motorcycle coming from the opposite direction.
 At this, three youths got angry and started beating Mattur claiming themselves as activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the OC said.
 Abdul Razzak, secretary of Barisal unit BCL, however, said the youths are not BCL activities.
 Mattur, who was sent to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital later, died in a CNG connection.