

10 injured in Magura clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

At least 10 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Sabdalpur village in Sreepur upazila of Magura on Wednesday.

Of the injured, seven were admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital while the rest given first aid.

Police and locals said there was a longstanding conflict between village leader Sabbir Ahmed and former union parishad member Hafiz Uddin over establishing supremacy in the area.

Around 2:00pm on Wednesday, supporters of the two rivals locked in an altercation over a trivial matter at Kazoli bazar.

As a sequel to the conflict, the men of Hafiz attacked the supporters of Sabbir around 9:00pm, triggering a clash. At least 10 people from both sides were injured during the incident.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control, said Rezaul Islam, OC of Sreepur Police Station.

No case was filed as of filing of this report around 7:00pm yesterday, he said.



A badly damaged portion of Sonakata Eco-Park in Tengragiri reserve forest in Taltali upazila of Barguna, and right, a wooden bridge in the tourist spot lies in an awful condition for long.



PHOTO: STAR

Tourists lose interest in Sonakata Eco-park

Wooden bridges in Tengragiri reserve forest damaged following tidal surge, five deer still missing

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Five deer, out of 13, have been still missing from Sonakata Eco-park in Tengragiri reserve forest since they escaped on August 12 after a section of their cage collapsed due to continuous rain and tidal surge.

Md Zahid Pramanik, beat officer of Sakhina Forest, said there were 13 deer in the cage when around 20 feet of the boundary wall collapsed due to tidal surge from the Bay and heavy rain, adding that seven deer escaped through the damaged section and fled into the forest. Two deer were recaptured the next day and they are trying

to catch the rest, he added. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Ajit Kumar Rudro said the damaged section of the deer cage has been temporarily repaired, and he requested the authorities concerned to repair it permanently.

Established in 1960, Tengragiri reserve forest covers around 13,634 acres of land on the beach at Sakhina Forest Beat in Taltali upazila under Barguna.

The ministry of environment and forests set up Sonakata Eco-park in the reserve forest in 2010-11 and 2011-12 fiscal years at a cost of Tk 2.64 crore.

Hundreds of tourists from home and abroad visit the forest as well as the Eco-

park every year. Many people also come to the forest as the authorities have set up two picnic spots there.

Recently, tourists are reluctant to visit the reserve forest as the facilities, including the wooden bridges, have become unfit for use due to lack of renovation.

Most sleepers of nine wooden bridges that have been set up in different points on the walkways in the forest have fallen off the bridges, much to the suffering of visitors.

Abdus Sakur, a tourist from Khulna, said the eco-park needs renovation as its facilities are badly damaged. If the authorities fail to renovate the structures immediately,

tourists will lose interest in visiting the park, he added.

The wooden bridges and the facilities are badly damaged as they have not been renovated since they were built, the DFO said. They have requested the higher authorities concerned to repair those, he added.

The soothing forest is losing its beauty as natural disasters -- super cyclone Sidr in 2007, Aila in 2009, Mahasen in 2013, Roanu in 2016 and Mora this year -- caused serious damage to it. Around 2,000 acres of the forest and over one lakh trees were washed away in the last 56 years by the cyclones and tidal surges.



A large number of flood affected people from haor areas of Moulvibazar are staying at makeshift houses set up on roads. The photo was taken from Uttar Baghmara in Rajnagar upazila of the district.

PHOTO: STAR

Flood victims' abode on road

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Flood victims of haor areas in the district are erecting houses on roads as most of their homesteads have been destroyed by floodwater.

Widow Monwara Begum of Kawadighi Haor in Uttar Baghmara area under Rajnagar upazila of the district said her house has been submerged for four months, so she has to live on the road with her family.

"I repeatedly appealed to the chairman and members of the union parishad (UP) for shelter, but they did not listen to me, so I made a house on the road," Monwara said.

Her neighbours Sirajun Begum, Swapna Begum, Joyful Begum, Sunara Begum and Arafat Mia also said the same.

Another victim, Banacha Begum, told this correspondent that villagers of Fotepur,

Sabaijpur, Betaganj, Mukambazar, Guainpur and Verigaon have also made houses on the roads.

Suab Ali said living on the streets is risky and they could meet with accidents at any time. He said he made a house on the road as he had no other alternative.

Rokeya Begum said she made a house on the road as her homestead was damaged by flood.

Widow Urrun Begum, 35, of Badherbazar village said she had no shelter as her house was destroyed by the flood.

Her neighbour Suhena Begum, 45, whose house was also damaged, now lives in Kamalpur Government Primary School flood centre. She said she can repair her house if the government helps her.

Surman Ali of Kamalpur village said every house in the village went under water this year, so most of the villagers went to the flood centre. They did not get any government relief, but some

people gave them chira and khoi, adding that he wants relief because he has been unemployed for four months and is facing a food crisis.

Sujanagar UP Chairman Nasib Ali told this correspondent that tin sheds and earthen houses were washed away during the flood. The affected people need tin sheets and money to rebuild their houses, he added.

Deputy Commissioner Tofail Islam said they distributed a large quantity of relief goods. They will distribute tin sheets and money after the water recedes, he added.

"The situation will improve if there is no rain in the next few days," he said.

Water Development Board's District Executive Engineer Bijoy Indra Shekhor Chakraborty said Kushira river was flowing under danger level at Sherpur point.

Teenager 'kills' himself in correction centre

Another found murdered in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A teenage boy of Jessore Juvenile Development Centre allegedly committed suicide while another was found murdered at Pulerhat on Wednesday.

The deceased were Masud Hossain, 14, inmate of Jessore Juvenile Development Centre and son of Rabiul Islam of Kanchanpur village in Jhenidah's Maheshpur upazila; and carpenter Anwarul Islam Anar, 15, son of Alamgir Gazi of Pulerhat area under the PS.

Mohammad Shahabuddin, assistant director of Jessore Juvenile Development Centre, said Masud took his life by hang-

ing himself from the ceiling fan of a room on the first floor of the centre around 7:45pm.

The boy was sent to the centre in a theft case on June 26 this year, he said.

An unnatural death case was filed with Jessore Kotwali Police Station, said Executive Magistrate Anisur Rahman.

Meanwhile, father of victim Anar said his son was abducted on Tuesday by some miscreants following a feud over a piece of land.

Sub-Inspector Sukumar Kundu of Jessore Kotwali Police Station said, informed by locals, police recovered the body from the river Mukteswari at night.

They arrested one Mizan in this connection, the SI said, adding that a case was filed in this regard.

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MURDER OF FIRST GRADER SINTHIYA Death to killers demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Speakers at a protest rally in Fulchhari upazila headquarters yesterday demanded capital punishment of the rapists and killers of first grader Sinthiya Akhter. Fulchhari Model Government Primary School authority organised the programme.

On August 31, seven-year-old Sinthiya, a student of the school, and daughter of mason Salim Mia of Baushi village, went out of home to go to nearby restaurant and since then she remained missing, said police.

The following day, the body was found floating in a pond in the area.

Informed by locals, police recovered the body from the spot and sent it to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Father of the victim sued three people in a case for killing his daughter after rape, said AHM Ashrafuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Fulchhari Police Station.

Police later arrested two people in this connection. The arrestees are Ahsan Habib, 22, and Majedul Islam, 28, of the same village, he said.

The speakers also gave ultimatum for greater movement unless the accused persons face trial under speedy trial court. "I want capital punishment of the accused persons, so that no father has to face such heinous incident in future," the victim's father said at the rally.