

## Father kills physically challenged son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man allegedly slit the throat of his five-year-old physically challenged son and attempted to kill himself in Phulbaria upazila on Friday.

The victim was Mohammad Riad, son of Habibur Rahman of Baruka village.

Police said Habibur, 35, son of Joynal Abedin, married for the second time one year ago while he was working in Jamalpur.

His first wife divorced him three months ago and started staying at her parents' house, keeping the boy with his father, police said. Habibur took the boy to Batta Taltola on Friday where he slit the boy's throat with a knife, police said, adding that he also tried to cut his own throat.

Locals found the boy dead and Habibur in a critical state and informed police.

Habibur is now under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, police said.



A Bailey bridge over the Senua river on Thakurgaon-Raniganj road in Sadar upazila collapsed on Friday when an overloaded truck crossed it despite cautionary notice forbidding movement of overloaded vehicles on the bridge.

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## Bailey bridge collapses

Thousands suffer in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A Bailey bridge over the Senua river on Thakurgaon-Raniganj road collapsed in Sadar upazila on Friday, causing immense sufferings to thousands of people.

Road communication between five unions in the upazila and the district headquarters remains snapped due to collapse of the bridge.

The unions are Salondar, Akcha, Rajagaon, Baragaon and Debipur.

The 76-metre-long Bailey bridge at Barunagaon village broke when a coal-laden truck was crossing it around 6:30pm on Friday. A pedestrian, Ainul Haque, 65, was injured during the incident, said locals.

All modes of transport on Thakurgaon-Raniganj road have stopped operation since the collapse.

A large number of people, who used the bridge, were seen crossing the point using a makeshift bridge made of wood and bamboo yesterday morning, undergoing immense sufferings.

Mosharul Islam, chairman of Rajagaon Union Parishad, said over 80,000 people of five unions in Sadar upazila use the road regularly as it is the main link road with the district headquarters.

Vegetable farmers are the worst sufferers as they are facing problems to send their produces to different parts of the country during the peak season, said the villagers.

Thakurgaon LGED Executive Engineer Kanteshwar Barman said they wrote to the higher authorities about a year ago for building a concrete bridge there.

"We will set up a 35-metre long and 3-metre wide wooden bridge there within the next two days to ease people's sufferings," he said.

## One killed as villagers clash in Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A man was killed in a clash between two groups of villagers allegedly over establishing supremacy in Moheshkhali upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim, Kawsar Alam, 37, son of Jonab Ali of Purbo Kalagazipara village under Hoanok union in the upazila, was an accused in at least six cases, including for murder and abduction.

The law enforcers also recovered two locally made guns and four bullets from the spot.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Moheshkhali Police Station Pradip Kumar Das said there has been a longstanding rivalry between one Jonab Ali and Jalal at Purbo Kalagazipara village over establishing supremacy in the locality.

As a sequel to the enmity, supporters of Jonab Ali and Jalal, equipped with firearms and sharp weapons, locked in a clash early yesterday, he said, adding that on information, a police team went to the spot.

Meanwhile, sensing the presence of police, supporters of the two groups fled the scene.

Police chased the clashing groups and at one stage they caught Kawsar, who sustained bullet injuries on his left eye, and took him to Moheshkhali Upazila Health Complex, the OC said.

Following deterioration of his condition, Kawsar was later shifted to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries around 2:00pm.

Police were trying to arrest the culprits involved in the incident, the OC said.

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## Charge sheet against 228 today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Police will today submit charge sheet in the case for the attack on Goura Mandir, a Hindu temple in Nasirnagar upazila headquarters under the district, on October 30 last year.

The charge sheet that included 228 people was prepared based on the case filed by Nirmal Chowdhury, general secretary of Goura Mandir committee, in connection with the attack on the temple, Abu Zafar, officer-in-charge (OC) of Nasirnagar Police Station, said yesterday.

The accused include Nasirnagar Sadar Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Abul Hashem, suspended chairman of Haripur UP Dewan Atiqur Rahman Ankhi, president of Haripur union Awami League (recommended to be

expelled from party) Faruk Mia, president of Chapartala union Awami League (recommended to be expelled from party) Suruj Ali, general secretary of the upazila BNP Abdul Hannan, joint general secretary Amirul Hossain Chakdar, Haripur union BNP president Jamal Mia, the OC said.

On October 30 last year, around 200 religious bigots attacked at least 15 temples in Nasirnagar upazila headquarters and vandalised seven to eight idols. They also vandalised and looted about 100 Hindu homes in several localities of Nasirnagar over a Facebook post purportedly from the account of one Rasraj Das, 27. The attackers also beat up over 100 people of the minority community.

Six more houses of Hindus were set afire

in the upazila a few days later, followed by an attack on the houses of Nasirnagar Upazila Parishad Vice-Chairman Anjan Deb and a Hindu fisherman.

The attacks were made claiming that the post 'hurt the religious sentiment' of the Muslims.

Rasraj is from Haripur union, about 13km from the place of the attack.

Before his arrest and the systematic mayhem, Rasraj claimed he had nothing to do with the post.

Eight cases have been filed in connection with the attacks.

So far, 124 suspects, including prime suspect Dewan Atiqur Rahman Ankhi, have been arrested and produced before the court for trial.

Now all of them are free on bail.

## Man dies in clash over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man was killed in a clash over a land dispute in Khetlal upazila of Joypurhat yesterday.

The victim was Wadud Ali, 40, son of Ashraf Ali of Tanshan village in the upazila.

His uncle Abdul Hamid was critically hurt in the clash and is under treatment at Khetlal Upazila Health Complex.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Khetlal Police Station Abul Kalam Azad said there was a dispute over land between Yakub Ali and Wadud Ali.

When Yakub and his men went to the disputed land to plant mustard yesterday, Wadud and his relatives rushed there and tried to stop them. The two groups locked in an altercation. At one stage, Yakub allegedly hit Wadud on the head with a spade. He also hit Hamid when he came forward to rescue his nephew.

Locals rescued Wadud and Hamid and took them to the health complex. Later, doctors referred Wadud to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital as his condition was deteriorating. He succumbed to his injuries there an hour later.

Filing of a murder case was underway, the OC said.

## 3-day programme to observe Rokeya Day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A three-day programme began yesterday, marking the 137th birth and 85th death anniversary of Begum Rokeya, a pioneer of women rights in the subcontinent, at Pairaband village in Mithapukur upazila.

Rangpur Divisional Commissioner Kazi Hasan Ahmed inaugurated the three-day programme as the chief guest.

Marking the day, a three-day long fair also kicked-off at her birthplace.

Besides, some other social-cultural organisations like Begum Rokeya Forum, Begum Rokeya Smriti Sangsad, Begum Rokeya University and Rangpur Begum Rokeya College took different programmes that included cultural programme, discussion, painting competition and blood donation.

Abdullah Al Faruk, deputy director of Begum Rokeya Smriti Kendra, said during her life span Begum Rokeya could not see any educational institutions in her locality, but her ideology in enlightening males and females must be properly cultured in order to attain her vision.

Born on December 9, 1880, Begum Rokeya Shakhawat Hossain, a persistent advocate for female education in the country, also passed away the same day in 1932.

## Idols vandalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Criminals vandalised five statues of Hindu gods and goddesses in Nagarkanda municipality early yesterday.

"A gang broke into the Durga temple beside Gan Jogdia Sarbojanin Kali Mandap in the municipality between 2:00am and 4:00am and disfigured the statues of goddesses Durga, Lakshmi, and Saraswait, and gods Ganesh and Kartik," said Dulal Barman, a worshipper at Gan Jogdia Sarbojanin Kali Mandap.

He came to the temple in the morning and saw that the deities had been damaged badly, Dulal said.



Ishwardi upazila Corruption Prevention Committee yesterday forms a human chain at rail gate in Pabna amid rainy weather, marking the International Anti-Corruption Day.

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## Start Dhaka-Tangail train service

Townspeople demand at rally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Townspeople yesterday observed a token hunger strike, demanding start of Dhaka-Tangail direct train service immediately.

They also held a rally in the town in this regard. Tangail Babosayee Oikya Jote organised the programme.

The speakers at the rally said people in the district for the last one year have been continuing their agitation for direct train service with the capital as they face untold sufferings to travel only 100 kilometres due to inadequate bus service and regular traffic congestion on Dhaka-Tangail highway.

Hundreds of people of different professions travel to the capital for their purposes, including jobs and businesses, every day, they said.

A direct train service, which will start from Tangail for Dhaka at 6:30am, and from Dhaka for Tangail at 6:30pm, is needed urgently, said the speakers.

Local people sold their lands to the railway at half the market prices for construction of train tracks through the Bangabandhu Multipurpose Bridge, said Abul Kalam Mostofa Labu, president of Tangail Babosayee Oikya Jote.

Though 12 to 14 trains ply the route, only few of them stop for a few minutes at Tangail Rail Station with only 120 seats for several thousand passengers, he said.

On June 30 in 2012, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a public meeting in Tangail promised that Dhaka-Tangail commuter train service would be introduced, said committee convener and also a former joint secretary of the government Sayeed Mohammad Lutfullah.

Deputy Commissioner Khan Mohammad Nurul Amin said the district administration had sent several letters to the railway ministry over the demand of the district people and also talked to the minister when he visited Tangail recently.

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