

5 'JMB men' arrested in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested five alleged members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in Habiganj Sadar upazila on Sunday.

The five JMB men were held from Dighalbag area on Sunday night, Md Moniruzzaman, additional superintendent of police of Rab-9, said yesterday morning.

The arrestees are Haji Md Abdul Kuddus, 52, Md Ruhul Amin, 26, Md Nazrul Islam, 40, Md Abdun Nur, 38, and Abul Kalam, 50, all hailing from Sadar upazila.

The Rab team also recovered some books on jihad and anti-state leaflets from their possession, the official said.

During primary interrogation, the arrestees revealed their plans to deteriorate law and order and create anarchy targeting the Victory Day celebrations, he added.

The arrestees were later handed over to Habiganj Police Station.

Untimely rain turns bane for Aman, Rabi crops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Off-season rain influenced by the depression in the Bay during the last three days caused extensive damage to Aman paddy and Rabi crops in all eight upazilas under the district.

Local Met office recorded 170 mm rainfall during the last three days.

Aman paddy was cultivated on 1.01 lakh hectares of land in the district this season and its harvest would start one or two weeks later but most of the Aman fields went under water due to last three days' rain, said sources at the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

DAE sources said the inundation would cause damage to 10 percent of Aman paddy while local farmers claimed that the amount of damage would be much more.

"I cultivated Aman paddy on five acres of land but it is now under rainwater. Khesari dal on my one acre of land is also under water," said Abdul Halim, a farmer of Khalishakhali village under Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

Abdul Mannan, another farmer of the village, said his Aman paddy on two and a half acres of land went under water although he expected to harvest it one or two weeks later.

Khesari dal was cultivated on 27,490 hectares of land in the district but 88 percent of the crop has gone under water, DAE sources said.

Besides, 70 percent of potato, 40 percent of wheat, 80 percent of watermelon and 30 percent of vegetable fields have been flooded.

"The off-season rain caused damage to Aman paddy and Rabi crops. Hopefully, the percent of damage would not be high as the weather condition is likely to improve soon," said Hridayeshwar, deputy director of DAE.

Sundarbans tourism in disarray

Foreign visitors staying away, substantial revenue lost



The number of domestic and foreign visitors to the Sundarbans has fallen significantly due to lack of infrastructural facilities. The photo was taken from Karamjol tourist spot in the mangrove forest recently.

PARTHA CHAKRABORTY with ANDREW EAGLE

Both domestic and international tourism have great potential as major income sources for Bangladesh. Tourism can be particularly vital in key regional areas. But in the high-profile Sundarbans, tourism revenue is sharply down. The number of international visitors has fallen significantly over the last several years, with the rise in domestic visitors unable to make up the revenue shortfall.

In the 2012-13 fiscal year, the total number of domestic and foreign visitors to the Sundarbans was over 1.16 lakh. The number of visitors declined to 75,742 the following year. Although in overall numbers there has since been an increase to more than 1.22 lakh visitors in the 2016-17 fiscal year, the rise is not reflected in revenue. That is because the number of international tourists, who have to pay more to visit the Sundarbans and thus bring greater economic benefit, has continued to fall.

Even with the rise in domestic visitors, total tourism sector revenue over the five-year period is about Tk 1 crore less than it would have been if 2012-13 results had been maintained. Indeed, even based on visitor numbers alone growth in the last five years is close to stagnant.

"There is a lack of infrastructure," says Azad Kabir, station officer at the Karamjol Wild Animal Breeding Centre of East Sundarbans. "The number of foreign tourists is decreasing day by day. They are losing interest in the Sundarbans and it has caused a huge revenue loss for the forest department." "There is no project to attract tourists," he continues, "or to provide security. Tourism revenue looks set to continue to decline alarmingly. It's not good news for the Sundarbans because after fish, wood and honey combined, tourism constitutes the second largest revenue source."

According to Satyajit Saha, from the Sundarbans East Forest Division's revenue department,

annual tourism earnings amounted to more than Tk 1.03 crore in the 2012-13 year, but only around Tk 82.6 lakh by 2016-17. Results from the intervening years are similarly low. Even from among the growing number of domestic tourists to the Sundarbans, many leave with a mixed impression of the tourism experience.

"After visiting the forest people need to wash their hands and feet and take rest somewhere," says one visitor, Rumman Sheikh from Nilphamari, "but there aren't adequate facilities for this and suitable accommodation is also a problem. Neither the picnic corner leased by the Mongla Port Authority nor the adjoining forest department accommodation is always available." "There are no permanent ghats from which to board the trawlers when travelling to Karamjol to Harbariya," says another tourist in Bagerhat's Jakariya, Jannatul Ferdous from Noakhali. "The owners and staff of the trawlers often harassed us, forcing us to get on and off their

boats in a hurry. The way they do it must cause mishaps now and then, particularly for children and senior citizens."

"We had neither guards for security nor a guide for our visit to the Sundarbans," says Mahasin Molla from Rajshahi. "The forest department asked for a separate amount of money for guards and we couldn't afford it. So when we entered the forest we were afraid." "We all enjoyed the beauty of the Sundarbans but some people on the tour fainted," says visitor Mithun from Jhenidah. "There weren't enough places to rest. It wasn't a relaxed experience."

Khulna Range Forest Conservator Amir Hossain Chowdhury, however, refutes that forest department officials harass tourists. "It is true though, that we don't have sufficient tourist infrastructure," he says. "When we have an adequate budget certainly tourist areas may be better developed and modernised. We do try with heart and soul to serve the tourists."

For only Tk 20! Transport worker stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

For only Tk 20, a transport worker was stabbed to death allegedly by his co-worker in Mashkanda area of the town yesterday.

The deceased was Mohammad Shahabuddin, 26, son of late Abdul Jalil of Agrakanda area.

Quoting locals, Mahmudul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said Shahabuddin and some other youths of the area used to work in Mashkanda Bus Stand area. They manage trips for different minibuses and private cars bound for Dhaka.

The workers get Tk 20 to Tk 30 for every passenger, said the OC.

Shahabuddin and his co-worker Jewel locked in an altercation as the latter demanded Tk 20 from the victim as he was not present in the bus stand area yesterday morning.

At one stage, Jewel stabbed Shahabuddin, leaving him critically injured as Shahabuddin refused to pay the money.

Shahabuddin was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

Soon after the incident, agitated people of the locality attacked the house of Jewel and ransacked it.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Police arrested Jewel from the town around 3:00pm, said the OC.

INTRA-PARTY RIVALRY Jubo League man hacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Jubo league leader was hacked by intra-party rivals over establishing supremacy in Ambagan area under Ishwardi upazila on Sunday night.

Injured Md Alamgir Hossain, president of ward No 7 unit of Jubo League in the upazila, was admitted to the upazila health complex.

He is a supporter of Ishwardi municipality Mayor Abul Kalam Azad Mintu, also president of municipality unit of Awami League.

Police said supporters of President of Ishwardi upazila unit Jubo League Shirhan Sarif Tomal hacked Alamgir when he sat at a tea stall.

Gold worth Tk 1.20 crore seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Gold worth Tk 1.20 crore was seized in Rajshahi and Benapole yesterday.

Members of Department of Narcotics Control arrested a man and seized 15 gold bars worth Tk 70.50 lakh at Godagari upazila.

The arrestee, Md Liton Ali Sheikh, 30, of Sirajganj, was transporting the gold weighing over 1.7 kg to Chapainawabganj for smuggling to India, said narcotics official Mohammad Lutfar Rahman.

Liton said he collected the bars from Dhaka and went to Rajshahi the previous night.

Our Benapole correspondent reports: The BGB arrested a man with 10 gold bars worth Tk 50 lakh from Putkhal village under Benapole Port Police Station.

The arrestee is Md Ripon Hossain, 22, of the village.



This mass killing ground of Liberation War martyrs near Lalmonirhat Railway Station is now being used as rickshaw stand, bearing testimony to the authorities' callousness about preserving it. Inset, another killing ground in Doljor Dola Railway Bridge area. PHOTO: STAR

13 mass killing grounds lie neglected

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Thirteen mass killing grounds of the Pakistan occupation army during the Liberation War in 1971 here are lying neglected after over four decades of the country's independence.

Authorities concerned are yet to take any steps to protect the historical sites.

Moreover, the biggest of the 13 grounds situated beside Lalmonirhat Railway Station is now being used as rickshaw stands.

The Pakistan army and their local collaborator killed hundreds of people and buried them at Khedabag in Lalmonirhat Sadar, Doljor, Bhelabari, Polashi and Mohishkhocha villages in Aditmari, Bhotmari and Dolgram villages in Kaliganj and Gaddimari and Barakhata villages in Hatibandha upazilas.

On April 5, 1971, Pakistan army killed

nearly 600 people and buried all in a mass grave at Railway Wireless Colony.

Freedom Fighter (FF) Abu Bakkar Siddique said Pakistani army picked railway officers, employees, teachers, businessmen and cultural activists and killed them there.

Over 200 people, who were fleeing to India to save their lives, were killed when Pakistan army opened fire on them indiscriminately near Barobari Bazar in Sadar upazila on April 25, FF Entaz Ali said.

Besides, at least 52 people lost their lives during a dreadful fight with the Pakistan forces at Saitbari village in Aditmari upazila on June 8.

Mezbah Uddin, commander of Lalmonirhat district unit of Muktiyoddha Sangsad, said they urged the ministry concerned several times to protect the historical sites but to no effect.

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This is to inform all concerned that the following amendments are hereby made in IFT Notice and tender document for Supply of Spare Parts for Old Stack Monitors and Samplers (Package No. DoE-AF-G13) published through the Memo No. referred above.

Name of activity	Previous date & time	Revised time & date
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All other Terms and Conditions of the Tender Documents and Invitation for Tender (IFT) shall remain unchanged.

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