

## Lightning kills 4

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Four people were killed and two others injured in three upazilas of the district after lightning struck them in separate incidents yesterday morning.

Mafiz Miah, 30, son of Islam Miah of Baruna village under Kalapur union in Sreemangal upazila, was struck by lightning while on a boat in Hail haor of the upazila. He died on the spot, said Polash Kumar Roy, resident medical officer of Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital.

Samad, 15, son of Fayed Uddin, was killed on the spot when lightning struck him while he was working in a paddy field near his house in Khalilpur under Sadar upazila, said Tofazzal Hosain, sub-inspector of Moulvibazar Police Station.

Bosu Boishnob, 32, son of Bireshor Boishnob, and Adhir Boishnob, 27, son of Nadu Boishnob of Telghoria village in Baniachong upazila of Habiganj died on the spot after being struck by lightning when they were returning home from Daulatpur Haor in the morning, said Baniachong upazila Nirbahi Officer Mamun Khondokar.

Two others were injured in the same incident.

## Mentally challenged girl raped, 'culprit' held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A mentally challenged girl was raped at Char Jorpuria village in Sujanagar upazila of the district on Sunday morning.

Father of the 15-year-old victim filed a case accusing Md Helal Uddin, 25, son of Abdul Gofur of the village, on Sunday night and police arrested Helal the same night, Sujanagar Police Station OC Md Shariful Alam said.

"I went to the field for cultivation on Sunday morning after locking the door of my daughter's room as the mentally challenged girl was alone in the house that time. Helal entered the house by breaking the lock and raped my daughter," father of the victim said in his case statement.

"During primary interrogation, Helal confessed to the rape and he was sent to jail through a court today [Monday]. The victim was sent to Pabna Medical College Hospital for medical examination, the OC said.



Continuous rain with gusty wind during the last couple of days flattened standing Boro crops on vast lands in Hakaluki Haor area, creating panic among the farmers who incurred huge losses due to recurrent natural disaster last year. The photo, taken from Kadipur in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday, shows farmers reaping nearly ripe paddy at an inundated field.

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## FRUSTRATION OVER RESULT

# 4 SSC examinees kill selves

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Three candidates of Rajbari, Gopalganj and Brahmanbaria allegedly committed suicide after failing in this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations on Sunday.

Meanwhile, an SSC examinee killed herself for not achieving expected result in Dinajpur yesterday.

Dakhil examinee Hasib Khan, 17, son of Edris Ali of Rajbari's Kalukhali upazila took his life by hanging himself, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

He appeared in the exam from a local madrasa, said Md Aminul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kalukhali Police Station.

When Hasib saw that he failed in one subject after the result of the examina-

tion was published on Sunday, he killed himself at his home, said the OC.

An unnatural death case was filed in this connection, he said.

Another SSC examinee committed suicide after failing in the examinations at Hajararkandi village in Kotalipara upazila of Gopalganj.

The deceased was Puja Baroi, 16, daughter of Subod Chandro Baroi of the village. She was a student of Probo Kotalipara Union High School.

OC Md Kamrul Faruk of Kotalipara Police Station said Puja took her life by hanging herself from the ceiling of her room around 4:00pm.

The body was sent to Gopalganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death case was filed with

the police station, he said.

In Brahmanbaria, Mahbuba Akter Meem, 15, sat in this year's SSC examination from Dhariarchar Haji Omar Ali High School in the district but failed.

She was the daughter of Md Selim of Mayrampur village in Bancharampur upazila, reports our correspondent.

Police and family members said Meem was in a depressed mood since the results were published. She killed herself by taking poison.

According to our Dinajpur correspondent, SSC candidate Bhumika Rani Roy, 16, daughter of Hemanta Chandra Roy of Birganj upazila, committed suicide yesterday as she did not achieve expected result.

She got GPA 3.61, said family members.

## 'GUNFIGHT' WITH DB 'Mugger' killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An alleged mugger was killed in a 'gunfight' with police in Daulatpur upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was Altab Hossain, 38, son of Golam Mostofa of Boalia in the upazila, said Sabbirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Detective Branch (DB) of Police in Kushtia.

Altab was an accused in 12 cases including seven for mugging and two for murder, said Shah Dara, OC of Daulatpur Police Station.

## Belal passes Dakhil, writing with leg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Belal Hossain has set a laudable example of defying congenital physical challenge as he passed the Dakhil (equivalent to SSC) examinations this year by writing with his leg.

Belal Hossain, who was born without arms, achieved a score of GPA 3.85. He appeared in the examinations from Umedpur Islamia Dakhil Madrasa at Nilganj union in Kalapara upazila under Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board.

He passed Primary School Certificate examinations in 2012 with GPA 3.75 and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) exam with GPA 5 from the same institution, said Belal's father Khalilur Rahman Akon.

Belal is the youngest son of mar-

ginal farmer Khalilur Rahman and Hosneara Begum.

"He showed eagerness for learning and we admitted him to nearby Umedpur Islamia Dakhil Madrasa," Khalilur said.

Other children often teased Belal, but now they treat him as a friend as he showed that he is meritorious, Hosneara said.

Madrasa Superintendent Maulana Habibullah said Belal is a meritorious student and does not miss classes even in bad weather.

"I am providing necessary support for Belal's education, but it is very difficult for me as I am a poor man," Khalilur said.

"I want to be a teacher or a government employee after completing study to remove the poverty of my family," Belal said.

## Father, daughter share success in SSC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Ashraf Paheli, organising secretary of Tangail district unit of BNP, passed the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations along with his daughter Asha Binte Ashraf this year.

Asha took part in the SSC examinations under Dhaka Board as a regular student of Sristy Academy in the town and got GPA 4.6.

Ashraf took part in the SSC (Vocational) examinations under Technical Education Board as a student of Haji Shamsher Ali School and BM College in Kalihati upazila and passed the examination.

Jahangir Hossain, principal of Haji Shamsher Ali School and BM College, confirmed that Ashraf Paheli passed in the

examination.

The family members are very happy over the results of father and daughter.

Ashraf said he is also very happy over the result of his only daughter as well as his own result and urged all to keep them in their prayers.

"I was a madrasa student previously but could not get the SSC certificate due to various reasons," he said.

"I have a regular reading habit from my boyhood and I believe there is no age bar for education," he added.

Mentionable, Ashraf Paheli was vice president of Tangail district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of BNP, and general secretary of district unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth wing of the party, previously.

## 4 jailed for throwing acid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A court here yesterday sentenced four people to different terms of imprisonment for throwing acid on a college girl at Gopalpur village in Sadar upazila in 2014.

The convicted are the main accused Rajib Ali, 22, son of Masud Ali, Ratan Ali, 20, son of Asharful Ali, Al Amin, 23, son of Ramjan Ali and Johurul Islam, 27, son of Amjad Mollah, all of the village.

Rajib was sentenced to imprisonment for 14 years, while the other three were awarded seven years each.

The court also fined Rajib Tk 50, 000, and the other three Tk 10, 000 each.

District and Session's Judge Arup Kumar Goswami delivered the verdict in presence of the accused.

According to the prosecution, Rajib and his three cohorts threw acid on Sonia Khatun, daughter of Ayub Mondol of the village, through a window while she was sleeping with her younger brother Titumir on the night of July 5 in 2014. Rajib had got angry as Sonia turned down his love proposal. The girl was an intermediate first year student at Kushtia Adarsha College at that time.

## ROW OVER BCL BODY Mathbaria AL office ransacked, 1 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Mathbaria municipality Awami League (AL) office was ransacked by criminals over a political conflict between two groups of the ruling party in the district on Sunday night.

They also attacked an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) during the incident.

The injured is Shakil Babu.

Altat Hossain Afzal, president of Mathbaria municipality unit AL, said a group of 10 youths equipped with sticks and iron rods swooped on their office and vandalised the furniture.

The attackers also beat BCL activist Babu inside the office. The attackers are followers of Mathbaria Upazila Parishad Chairman Ashrafur Rahman, former organising secretary of central unit BCL, said Afzal.

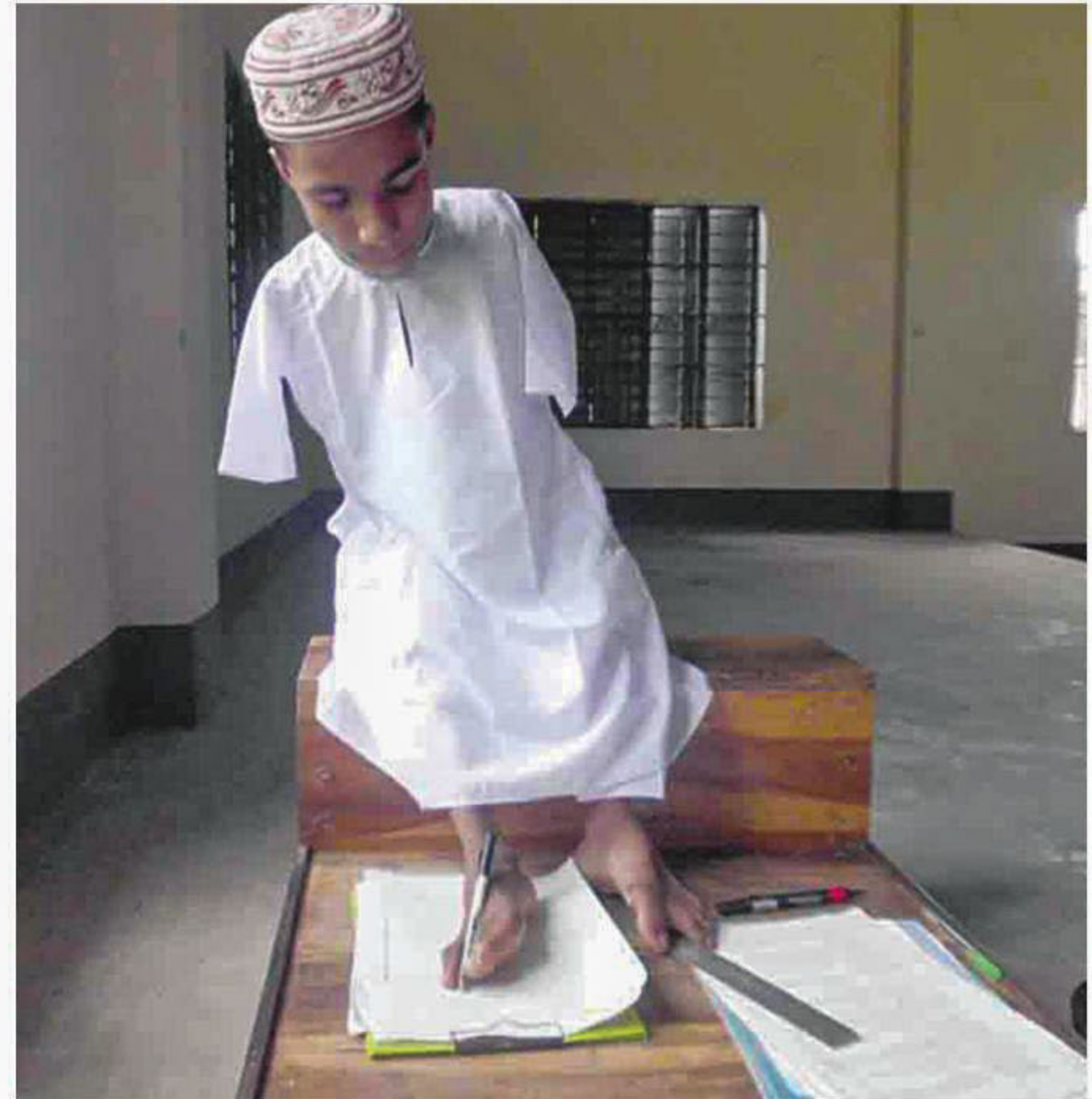
Ashraf has political conflict with Mathbaria upazila unit AL President and Mathbaria municipality Mayor Rafiuddin Ahmed Ferdous.

On Saturday, some BCL leaders of Mathbaria upazila held a press conference at Pirojpur Press Club where they demanded dissolution of recently declared Mathbaria upazila unit BCL committee, claiming that it was formed violating BCL rule.

The president and general secretary of newly formed committee are followers of Ashraf.

After the press conference, Babu shared some news in his Facebook page over the committee. After the incident, the leaders of newly formed BCL committee became angry with Babu, that led to the attack, said Afzal.

Despite repeated calls, this correspondent could not reach Ashraf for his comment as he did not receive the calls.



Belal, writing answer scripts with his leg, passed this year's Dakhil examinations from a madrasa in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali.

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Ashraf Paheli and his daughter Asha Binte Ashraf.

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