### Man hacked to death, 2 bodies found

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A man was hacked to death in Pabna Sadar upazila while bodies of a woman and a five-year-old boy were recovered from Basail in Tangail and Phulbari in Dinajpur on Monday.

Our Pabna correspondent reports: Locals found the body of Md Shajahan Khan, 45, of

Charsadirajpur village, at a brick field and informed police, said Sadar Police Station OC Md Obaidul Haque.

The victim, a sand trader and a local Awami League activist, was hacked to death, the OC said.

Police recovered the body of Anul Begum, 48, wife of Jillur Khan of Patghaguri village in Habla union of Basail upazila, our Tangail correspondent reports.

Thursday. Informed by locals, police recovered her decomposed body from a water body on Monday. She was possibly mur-

Anul went missing on

dered, said Basail Police Station OC Anisur Rahman Body of Miraj Kazim, 5, son of Mahbub Kazi of Paschim Khazapur village

in Phulbari, was found on Monday, our Dinajpur correspondent reports. Miraj's parents said he went missing on Sunday.

Seeing the body in a pond, locals informed police. Assistant Superintendent of Police (Phulbari Circle) Rafiqul Islam said the boy was murdered and Md Momtaz Hossain, 50, of

Khazapur, was arrested as a

suspect.





Sand extracted from the Dhepa river in Biral upazila of Dinajpur is being used to repair the flood control embankment on its bank, and right, only a thin layer of earth is put on the embankment, leaving it too weak. The Water Development Board officials said they have made the arrangement to save wastage of soil while locals have expressed worry about possible erosion and collapse of the embankment even during an average flood. PHOTO: STAR

# Irregularities in repair of Dhepa river embankment

## WDB conducting the work in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Allegations of irregularities have been raised over renovation of the Dhepa river embankment using sand by Water Development Board (WDB) in Biral upazila of the district.

Locals alleged that WDB is repairing the flood control embankment that developed several cracks at different points along the river during the flood last year using sand and may collapse again if the water level increases further in the ongoing rainy season.

The most vulnerable points of the flood control embankment include Chawkchawka, Maljhar and Dumurtoli area in the upazila.

earthen flood control embankment, strengthening its stability. constructed about 29 years ago along Dhepa river, was washed away at different points due to increase of water level during the flood in August last year, eroding vast tracts of cropland and many

Cracks have developed in at least 60 points, damaging nearly 100 bridges and around 200 kilometre road in nine out of 13 upazilas of the district.

homesteads in those areas.

Earlier, Dinajpur WDB authorities floated a tender for the repair work of the damaged embankment in February this year.

bamboos are supposed to be use in the repair work and the embankment People living in the areas said the should be covered up with grass for

concerned is repairing the embankment using sand extracted from the river.

correspondent found labourers repairing

the damaged points of the embankment using sand collected from nearby Dhepa river and later covering the sand with thick earthen layer. "Use of sand is not enough to tackle the huge pressure of the river water," Nazrul Islam of Chawkchawka village

said, adding that they have informed the WDB officials several times about the According to the tender, earth and irregularities, but they did not pay heed to their complaint.

Dhepa river further increases the sand-

made embankment will surely be washed But locals alleged that the contractor away and their croplands nearby the embankment will be covered with sand.

Meanwhile, an engineer of WDB in During a recent visit to the area this Dinajpur, seeking anonymity, said it would have been good if the contractor concerned used sand bags rather than using it directly from the river, and it may be washed away again if the water level of the river increases.

Motiur Rahman, a sub-contractor of the embankment repair work, said it is a new method of repairing embankments as there is a shortage of earth in the locality.

Dinajpur WDB Executive Engineer Foyzur Rahman said they have special instruction to rebuild the dam-Many villagers said if the water level of aged embankment using sand to stop waste of soil.

## Two kids drown in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Two children drowned in a pond at Dakkhin Tapakhola in Sadar upazila

yesterday.

The victims were Tabassum Reshma, 7, daughter of Lokman Mridha and Safayet Mridha, 5, son of Jakir Mridha of the

Tabashun was a class one student of Komlapur Government Primary School.

Family members said "Tabassum and Safayet accidentally fell into the pond beside their house when they were playing on its bank. Later, locals rescued the kids and rushed them to Faridpur General Hospital where doctors declared them dead.

## Couple electrocuted in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A couple were electrocuted in Joypurhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased were Mozibar Rahman, 47, and his wife Karima Khatun, 38, of Rangta village.

Local union parishad member Fariduzzaman said the couple came in contact with live electric wire when they were working at their poultry farm.

They died on the spot.

## Who cares?

Overloaded trucks damage bridge approach roads OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The approach roads connecting the newly constructed Second Teesta Bridge in Kakina area under Kaliganj upazila is facing threat of damage due to random movement of over-

loaded vehicles. The newly constructed bridge on the Teesta river also turned risky as heavy vehicles, especially stone-laden trucks, started using it since it's open-

ing in April this year, locals said. Although overloaded vehicles are plying the bridge, no step has been taken by the authorities of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), police or local administration to stop movement of heavy vehicles due to unknown

reason, they alleged. Villagers said nearly 300 overloaded vehicles, including stones-

laden trucks from Burimari land port, move on the bridge approach roads, especially during the night, because it serves as the most convenient link from Lalmonirhat to other parts of the country.

Kaliganj LGED Upazila Engineer Parvez Newaz Khan said many potholes have already developed at many points of the four kilometre approach road in last one month.

Movement of overloaded vehicles is also posing serious threat to the newly constructed second Teesta Bridge, the engineer added.

Barakhata area in Hatibandha upazila, said they use Kakina-Mahipur route for carrying stones from Burimari to different places across the country as it saves about 50 kilometre distance and bridge toll as well.

"We use the new route especially at

night," the trucker said.

"LGED is the authority to check or stop movement of overloaded vehicles on the bridge and its approach roads," Officer-in-Charge of Kaliganj Police Station Maqbul Hossain said, adding that if the authorities concerned seek their help in this regard they will help them.

"We hung caution notices on both sides of the bridge, restricting movement of heavy vehicles," Engineer Parvez said, adding that police should take action against the truckers for violating the caution notices.

Truck driver Zahurul Islam, 38, of He said they will construct some three-barriers on the approach roads within a week to stop movement of loaded vehicles.

Md Maniruzzaman, traffic inspector in Kaliganj upazila, said they do not set any check post during night to check movement of heavy vehicles.



After an intra-party clash centring the purchase of an old school building, a section of Awami League activists block Tangail-Mymensingh highway in Kalihati upazila of Tangail for three hours from 11:00am yesterday, which led to kilometres-long tailback on both sides of the busy road and immense suffering to thousands of commuters.



The approach road connecting the Second Teesta Bridge at Kakina in Kaliganj upazila of Lalmonirhat gets badly damaged as heavily loaded trucks ply the area, ignoring instructions from the authorities concerned. PHOTO: STAR

## Sterilised mosquito to fight dengue

FROM PAGE 12 Researchers from Australia's national science body CSIRO bred millions of non-biting male Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in laboratory conditions at James Cook University (JCU) in a

project funded by Google parent company Alphabet. The insects were infected with the Wolbachia bacteria,

which renders them sterile. They were then released into the wild at trial sites around the Queensland town of Innisfail where over three months they

laid eggs that did not hatch, causing the population to plummet.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito is one of the world's most dangerous pests, capable of spreading devastating diseases like dengue, Zika and chikungunya.

It is responsible for infecting millions of people around the world each year and JCU's Kyran Staunton said the successful trial was a major step forward.

"We learnt a lot from collaborating on this first

tropical trial and we're

mated with females who excited to see how this

in other regions where Aedes aegypti poses a threat to life and health," he said.

The so-called sterile insect technique has been used making it work for mosquienough of them, identify males, remove biting females,

before but the challenge in toes was being able to rear and then release them in large enough numbers to suppress a population. To address the challenge,

Verily -- a life sciences com-

pany funded by Alphabet --

rearing, sex sorting and release toes."

Debug project. "We're very pleased to see

strong suppression of these dangerous biting female Aedes aegypti mosquitoes," Verily's Nigel Snoad said. "We came to Innisfail

with CSIRO and JCU to see how this approach worked in a tropical environment where these mosquitoes thrive, and to learn what it was like to operate our technology with research collaborators as we work together to find new ways to tackle has developed a mosquito these dangerous mosqui-

door of Amir locked from approach might be applied technology as part of its global

outside. They thought police also arrested Amir but they did not find him at Baliakandi Police Station on Monday morning. Later, his body was found at the jute field near the house.

Ankur Kumar Bhatracharya, sub-inspector of the police station, said they sent the body to Rajbari General Hospital morgue for autopsy. The body bore injury marks. Police arrested one Akbar Ali in connection

Engineer

found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

An engineer was found

Gongarampur village of

with the incident yesterday

morning and a murder case

was filed, said the SI.

dead at a jute field in

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Rajbari's Baliakandi upazila on Monday night.  The deceased, Amir Ali Mollik, 60, of the village, was a civil engineering graduate from Buet, and working at Madaripur Engineering Firm.  The victim's cousin Farid Mollik said Amir came home form Madaripur on Saturday. At night, he sat with his cousins to resolve a land dispute.  There is a case filed with a court over the land. So, police came to the house on Sunday midnight and arrested four people.  Later, they found the door of Amir locked from outside. They thought police also arrested Amir but they did not find him	the procurement of goods as follows:				
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	211555	PG 28	Procurement of Portion Combustion Analyzer for ME Department.	01-Aug-2018 10:00	
	211584	PG 29	Procurement of CFD software for ME Department.	01-Aug-2018 10:00	
	211668	PG 30	Procurement of Scanner Printer Projector IP Camera PA System and Accessories for CSE IICT URP ME MIE Arch and Math Departments.	01-Aug-2018 10:00	
	211356	PG 35	Procurement of Office Furniture for Dean Office Audit Office and P&D Office.	01-Aug-2018 10:00	

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