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Three RMG waste traders shot dead

Bullet-hit bodies found in N'ganj; families claim they were 'picked up' earlier

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

The bullet-ridden bodies of three traders of garment factory leftovers were found in Rupganj yesterday, a day after they were allegedly picked up by men claiming to be detectives.

Police recovered the bodies around 8:00am from a culvert in Purbachal area after locals informed them, Maniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Rupganj Police Station, said.

Nur Hossain Babu, 30, his brother-in-law Shimul Azad, 25, and their associate Sohag Bhuiyan, 35, traded garment factories' leftover fabrics in Mugda area of the capital.

Family members said the three men were coming to their homes in Dhaka from Jhenidah by a bus of Purbasha Paribahan on Thursday when they last contacted them.

Staffers of the bus told the family members that around 15 to 20 men in vests emblazoned with the letters DB picked them up from the bus which was near Paturia Ferry Ghat of Manikganj at the time.

The men left in two minibuses, brothers of the three dead men told The Daily Star, quoting the staffers of the bus.

Officers of the detective branch of police during raids often wear vests resembling the ones worn by the men who picked the trio.

OC Maniruzzaman said officers who recovered the bodies found 65 yaba pills in Shimul's pocket.

There were multiple bullets in the head and chest of each of the bodies, he said.

Police contacted the family members who identified the bodies at Narayanganj General Hospital morgue.

Babu's brother Abdus Samad said Babu told his wife on Tuesday that the three of them were going to Shimul's village home in Jhenidah. They stayed there for a day and were supposed to return.

"But on early Thursday, a supervisor of a bus called his wife and said that around 15 to 20 men in DB jacket picked them up....," Samad told this correspondent.

Shimul's brother Shah Alam and Sohag's brother Shaon said they heard

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LGED staffers and labourers are dumping sand bags after the approach road to the Second Teesta Bridge in Lalmonirhat got washed away apparently due to heavy currents yesterday. The road communications between Kakina and Mahipur remained snapped and people crossed the river by boat. Residents of four upazilas use the route to go Rangpur city. The bridge was built in 2010-2011.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

BARAPUKURIA COAL POWER Plant resumes generation after 52 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The third unit of Barapukuria 525 MW coal-fired power plant restarted early yesterday after 52 days following resumption of coal production by Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited.

The plant was shut down due to coal crisis on July 22.

Three units of the plant operated by Bangladesh Power Development Board at Parbatipur upazila are capable of jointly generating 525 MW power. Of them, the third unit has the capacity to generate 275 MW.

Abdul Hakim Sarkar, chief engineer of the plant, told The Daily Star over phone that they restarted all pre-processing on Thursday to resume power generation from the third unit after getting coal from BCMCL.

"Power from Barapukuria was synchronised with the National Grid around 2:30am today [Friday]," he added.

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Case of error Same person named as accused twice, thrice in FIR filed by police

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

A leader of Pirojpur BNP has been named twice and a former district president of Islami Chhatra Shibir thrice as accused in a case filed with Pirojpur Police Station under the Anti-Terrorism Act on September 1.

Sheikh Riaz Uddin Rana, assistant organising secretary of the district unit of BNP, is mentioned as accused No 23 and 31 among 36 in the case.

According to the first information report (FIR), accused No 23 is Riaz Uddin Rana, son of Sheikh Abdul Jalil of Balaka Club Road. The accused No 31 is named as SK Rana, son of SK Jalil of Masimpur.

Rana is known as SK Rana in his locality, and Balaka Club Road is in Masimpur, said Sadullah Liton, councillor from ward-7 of Pirojpur municipality.

This correspondent obtained a copy of the FIR.

It mentions Abdur Razzak Sheikh, former district unit president of Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, as accused No 25, 28 and 36. All three bear same name and address.

Both Rana and Razzak claimed police implicated them in a false case just to harass them.

Complainant of the case, Sub-Inspector Nurul Amin Howlader of Pirojpur Police Station, said in the case statement that he and his team members raided the house of Syedul Islam Kismat in Horer Hawla area around 2:30am on September 1 after a tip-off that 36 identified and 15-20 unknown others gathered there.

In the name of observing a declared programme, they were holding a secret meeting to plan subversive activities like blasting petrol bombs, creating panic and damaging lives and property, he added.

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SpaceX to send tourist around the moon

AFP, Los Angeles

SpaceX on Thursday announced a new plan to launch a tourist around the Moon using its Big Falcon Rocket (BFR), a massive launch vehicle that is being designed to carry people into deep space.

"SpaceX has signed the world's first private passenger to fly around the Moon aboard our BFR launch vehicle -- an important step toward enabling access for everyday people who dream of travelling to space," the company said on Twitter.

SpaceX gave no further details, but said more information would follow on Monday.

This is not the first time the California-based company, headed by Internet

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Out of love for dead son



AFP, Mumbai

Dadarao Bilhore smoothes the road surface, rests his shovel, looks to the sky and prays for his son, one of thousands of Indians killed every year in accidents caused by potholes.

Prakash Bilhore, a promising student, was just 16 when he died in July 2015 in Mumbai, India's hectic financial and Bollywood capital of 20 million people.

To help deal with his grief, Prakash's devastated father Dadarao decided he would do something about Mumbai's roads, which like much of India's, are notoriously shoddy.

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Suspected drug peddler killed in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An alleged drug peddler was killed in a "gunfight" with Rab in Rangpur city early yesterday.

The victim is Shawkat Ali alias Chhugu, 33, of Dewdoba in the city. He stood accused in 13 robbery and narcotics cases, police said.

Shawkat along with four to six other associates was selling drugs in Radhakrishnapur area. On information, a team of Rab-13 of Rangpur raided the area around 3:00am, said Moktarul Alam, officer-in-charge (acting) of Rangpur Sadar Police Station.

Sensing presence of the law enforcers, the drug peddlers opened fire. The Rab members retaliated triggering the "gunfight".

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Volunteers from the Civilian Crisis Response Team help rescue three children from their flooded home in James City, United States yesterday. Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina as a Category 1 storm.

PHOTO: AFP

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Florence makes landfall

REUTERS, Wilmington, NC

Hurricane Florence crashed into the Carolinas yesterday, knocking down trees and swamping streets with torrential rains and a powerful storm surge, before slowing to a pace that meant it would plague the area with days of flooding.

The hurricane's storm surge -- the wall of water it pushed in from the Atlantic -- had "overwhelmed" New Bern, a town of about 30,000 people at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper said.

"The sun rose this morning on an extremely dangerous situation and it's going to get worse," he said at a news conference in Raleigh. "To those in the storm's path, if you can hear me, please stay sheltered in place."

Cooper said Florence would "continue its violent grind across the state for days."



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Memorial Meeting Today



Sampadak Parishad (Editors' Council) is going to organise a memorial meeting in honour of its

Founding President

GOLAM SARWAR

Former Editor of Samakal

and

Founding Member

A. H. M. MOAZZEM HOSSAIN

Former Editor of The Financial Express on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the National Press Club (VIP room)

Colleagues and admirers are requested to kindly join the memorial meeting.