



Without any hope in his eyes, this fisher sits on a fishing trawler anchored at Badura fishing dock in Pirojpur Sadar upazila. A recent increase in piracy has left many trawlers in coastal districts to refrain from going fishing at the Bay of Bengal. The photo was taken recently.

Pirates prowling the Bay again

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur:

Panic has gripped fishers in Pirojpur and Barguna after incidents of piracy rose sharply along the coast of the two districts in the past several weeks. After killing a fisher, who was from Pathorghata in Barguna, pirates abducted seven fishers on November 20. Jahangir Hossain, from Telekhali village in Pirojpur's Bhandaria upazila, was one of the abductees. The pirates demanded Tk 3 lakh as ransom for the release of each of the abductees, said Jahangir's relatives and fellow crew members. The pirates released the seven fishers on November 25 after relatives of the victims paid ransom as demanded by the pirates. All the

abductees said the pirates subjected them to extreme physical torture before releasing them. "We had been catching fish in the Bay of Bengal without any fear over the last four to five years.

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But now we are living in anxiety, as we don't have anyone to get us released in case we are kidnapped by the pirates," said Mizanur Rahman Sardar, from Bagerhat's Sharankhola upazila, who was

selling fish at Badura fishing dock in Pirojpur Sadar upazila. All fishers in the region are now passing days in fear of getting killed or abducted by pirates while at sea, he added. Another fisher, Abdul Hye, from Mahipur in Patuakhali, said the poor fishers cannot afford to pay Tk 2 to 3 lakh ransom to the pirates. "But if kidnapped or killed by the pirates, a fisher hardly gets any support from the owner of his fishing boat." Hearing about the rise in piracy at the Bay, many fishers are no longer willing to go on fishing voyages to the sea, said fisher Farid Mridha, from Balipara village in Pirojpur's Indurkani upazila. A kidnapped fisher usually ends up getting killed by the pirates,

unless his family members are able to pay the ransom, he added. The rise in piracy came at a time when the fishers in the country had been grappling with poor catches over the past couple of years, thanks to back-to-back fishing bans in the Bay, said Nazrul Islam, from Barguna's Taltali upazila. "Now I am not certain whether I should ever return to the sea." Unless the pirates in the Bay are brought to book immediately, there will be an increased threat on lives of the fishers, said Kamal Das, president of Pirojpur district unit of fishing trawler owners' association. Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent was unable to reach any official concerned at Bangladesh Coast Guard.

Third gender UP chairman candidate causes a stir

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A third gender UP chairman candidate has drawn the attraction of voters and has caused a stir in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah. Nazrul Islam Ritu of Dadpur village under Kaliganj upazila in Jhenidah is vying for the post of chairman of No 6 Trilochunpur Union Parishad under the upazila. His symbol is pineapple. Ritu, who prefers wearing feminine dress and styling, belongs to a well-off family and has gained popularity among the voters because of his contribution to society. He has built two mosques in the area with his hard-earned money and also extends financial support to temples and the needy. Ritu who lives in Demra area of Dhaka has a good rapport with the people of his locality. He also financially supports the needy people having difficulty marrying their daughters off. He left the village at the age of five. But due to having profound bondage with his family and the villagers, he could not

stay in Dhaka for long and his academic progress was hampered, he said. "I don't understand elections but it is the people's love and support that have compelled me to contest the elections," he said. Shakil Hossain and Sagar Hossain of Baliadanga village said that Ritu is a liberal and honest person. He has become a favourite to all for his contributions and works for the locality, they added. Kaliganj Upazila Election officer Alamgir Hossain said that three candidates are running in the elections for the post of chairman including Ritu. There is no bar for a third gender person to take part in the elections, he added. AL-backed candidate Nazrul Islam Sana and independent runner Mahbubur Rahman are also vying for the post of chairman in the UP elections to be held today (November 28). Earlier, Pinki Khatun, another third gender person, was elected vice-chairman from Kotchandpur upazila in Jhenidah becoming the first public representative from the community.



Nazrul Islam Ritu of Dadpur village under Kaliganj upazila in Jhenidah is seen electioneering in his own locality.

PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN



SHEER NEGLIGENCE

Local people place a bamboo pole inside a gaping hole in the middle of this iron-structured bridge over Boudubi Canal, on the border of Pirojpur Sadar and Indurkani upazilas, to warn vehicle drivers of the danger as Roads and Highways Departments (RHD) are yet to repair it.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Farmer stabbed dead in Jhenidah

Wife among 2 held for killing man in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Criminals stabbed a man to death at Digharpara village in Kaliganj upazila on Friday night. The victim, Rezaul Islam, 34, a farmer, was son of Abul Kashem of the village. Quoting neighbours and family members, police said Rezaul returned home and then went to bed after having his meal around 9:00pm on Friday night. Later, hearing his screams, neighbours and family members rushed to his room around 3:00am and found him lying injured in a pool of blood. Critically injured Rezaul, with his throat-slit, was rushed Jashore Sadar Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. Deceased's wife Selina Khatun said she was sleeping with her two children in another room. Hearing Rezaul's cry for help, she rushed to the room and found him critically injured, Selina said, adding that she also found the door to the roof open. Victim's brother Anwar Hossain said miscreants might have enter the house, using the door of the roof, and stabbed

killed his brother by slitting his throat. Officer in Charge of Kaliganj Police Station Mahfuzur Rahman said the reason behind the death will be clear after autopsy. Away in Pirojpur, a youth was killed allegedly over his wife's extramarital relationship in Pirojpur Sadar upazila on Friday night. Deceased Enamul Sheikh, 27, a tea vendor, was son of late Motaleb Sheikh of Shikarpur area in Pirojpur municipality. Enamul used to live at a rented house at Bhaijhora village with his wife Reshma Begum, 25, and two children. Meanwhile, police detained Enamul's wife Reshma and younger brother Rakib Sheikh, 24, after Maonir, Enamul's another brother, filed a murder case with Pirojpur Sadar Police Station the same night. During primary interrogation the duo confessed their involvement in the murder, police said. The law enforcers produced the arrestees before a court yesterday that sent them to jail, rejecting their bail prayer.

Missing NGO worker still traceless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A female NGO worker, who went missing from Tangail's Bhuapur upazila over a week ago, still remains traceless. Victim Mira Khatun, 32, wife of Razib Miah of Salenga area in Kalihati upazila, has been serving as a senior field organizer at Falda branch of Society for Social Service, a non-governmental organization (NGO). Bonya Akter, manager of the NGO's Falda branch, said Mira has been working at the branch office for the last one and a half years. She went out of the office for field works at Jhanjhania and Maizbari villages in Bhuapur upazila on November 20 and remained missing since then. A general diary (GD) was filed with Bhuapur Police Station in this regard, she said. OC of Bhuapur PS Abdul Wahab said they were investigation the matter and also trying to trace the whereabouts of the missing woman.

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