

One killed, 5 injured in mob beating

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A man was beaten to death and five others injured by a mob in Jashore Sadar upazila.

The deceased -- Masud Rana, 40 -- was a resident of the upazila's Gaidgachi village.

According to his neighbours and police, Masud became a victim of a conspiracy by his rivals in the village.

Villagers said someone announced on the village mosque's loudspeaker that a group of robbers were staying at the house of one Zulfikar Gazi.

After the announcement, some villagers stormed into the house and beat up six to seven people who were staying there. Masud Rana died on the spot and five others were severely injured in the incident.

The injured were admitted to Jashore General Hospital and Abhaynagar Upazila Health Complex.

Zulfikar's mother-in-law alleged that the attack was staged by Masud's rivals in the village.

On Wednesday, they attacked her house, where Masud was a tenant, making up the story of robbers, she said.

This correspondent tried to contact the local union parishad chairman, but failed to reach him.

Confirming the matter, Tajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Jashore Kotwali Model Police Station, said a group of youths were taking drugs in the house early in the morning. Another group of youths attacked them and beat them severely over their previous enmity.

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Demanding repatriation of Rohingyas, locals formed a human chain in front of the DC office in Cox's Bazar yesterday. While one million of the persecuted minority were given shelter by the government on humanitarian grounds, locals say their continued presence is destroying the region's economy and security.

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JUTE PRODUCTION IN RANGPUR REGION

Farmers unhappy with low price

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Maqbul Hossain, 65, a jute farmer of Gokunda village under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, cultivated Pratiman variety of jute on five bighas of land and produced 35 maunds of the golden fibre for a production cost of Tk 80,000.

Last year, he sold each maund (40 kg) of jute at Tk 3,200. This year, he was hoping for a price of Tk 3,500 per maund and making a good profit with his harvest. However, when he went to sell his produce, he found the price of each maund of jute has fallen by Tk 1,000 compared to last year's.

"This year, I incurred a loss of Tk 3,000. I could not even recover the cost of production," Maqbul lamented.

"Out of my 12 bighas of land, I grow jute in four-five bighas every year. But I will not cultivate jute from next year," he added.

Like Maqbul Hossain, about 75,000 jute

growers of Rangpur region are facing losses this year. With the disappointment, many farmers are saying that they will not cultivate jute in future.



According to officials of the Department of Agriculture Extension and Department of Jute Development, jute is cultivated by about 75,000 farmers on 52,300 hectares of land this year in five districts -- Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Rangpur and

Nilphamari -- of Rangpur region. Most jute is cultivated in Kurigram. The production in Rangpur region has been estimated at 1,25,000 tonnes this year.

Across the country, jute is cultivated on 7,64,000 hectares of land this year and the production is estimated at 18,30,000 tonnes, the officials said.

"I was happy with the price last year and expected a good price this year too. But it is disappointing to find that I won't be able to recover my production cost with the price of jute this year, let alone make a profit," said Mafizul Islam, 55, of Jatrapur village under Kurigram Sadar upazila.

Due to the increase in prices of seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and labourers' wages in recent times, the cost of jute production in each bigha of land rose to Tk 16,000-19,000 this year.

"We don't understand why the price of

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5 killed, 34 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

A mother and her daughter were among five people killed and at least 34 others were injured in separate road accidents in Cox's Bazar, Gaibandha, Pabna and Dinajpur districts on Wednesday night and yesterday.

In Cox's Bazar, Rokeya Begum, 40, and her daughter Jesmin Akhter were killed and three others were injured when their auto-rickshaw was hit by a lorry coming from the other direction on Chattogram-Cox's Bazar Highway in Baniarchhara area under Chakaria upazila yesterday afternoon.

Confirming the incident, Inspector Khokhon Kanti Rudra of Chiringa Highway Police Station said the accident left five passengers of the autorickshaw injured.

They were rushed to Chakaria Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared Rokeya and Jesmin dead, he also said.

Police have seized both vehicles, the police official added.

In Gaibandha, traffic police constable Biplab Pramanik, 50, died on the spot when a truck from Balasighat hit him from behind while he was riding his motorcycle on the way to work in the morning.

The incident took place in Boro Masjid intersection of Gaibandha town at 6:30am, said

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Khulna fuel traders warn of strike

UNB, Khulna

Fuel traders in Khulna threatened to go on an indefinite strike from September 3 if their three-point demand, including raising sales commission, is not met by August 31.

Abdul Gaffar Biswas, president of Khulna District Petrol Pump Owners Association made the announcement after a meeting with fuel traders in the New Market area of Khulna city on Wednesday night.

Besides raising sales commission, the other demands are setting the tank-lorry economic life to 50 years and issuing a gazette notification as per the pledges.

Abdul Gaffar said they have placed their three-point demand several times but the government did not pay heed. That's why the fuel traders decided to go for an indefinite strike from September 3.

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উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/২০২৩-২০২৪ইং অর্থ বছর

২০২৩-২০২৪ইং অর্থ বছরের জন্য ঢাকা মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল (বার্ষিক প্রাস্টিক সার্জারী ইউনিটসহ) ভর্তিকৃত রোগীসহ অন্যান্য রোগীদের চিকিৎসা সেবা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে এমএসআর প্রবাসী, পরিচালক পরিচালিত সামগ্রী, মূল্য ও বিধি, অসবাবহার মেরামত, কলিউটার মেরামত, কলিউটার ও আনুষঙ্গিক এবং লিনেন বৌতকরণ সজ্জাহের নিম্ন দরপত্র আহবান করা হলোঃ

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০৬	সজ্জাহের বিবরণ ও এমএসআর দরপত্র টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি মানির পরিমাণ	ঃ	১০০০.০০	১০/০৮/২০২৩
০৭	দরপত্র দলিলাদি বিরোধকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	ঃ	১০০০.০০	১০/০৮/২০২৩
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১০	প্রি-বিড সভার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	ঃ	১০০০.০০	১০/০৮/২০২৩
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