

Man dies of electrocution in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur

A 23-year-old youth died after being electrocuted in an elephant trap in the hill town of Nakugaon in the Nalitabari upazila of Sherpur early yesterday.

The deceased was Usman Ali, 23, of the Nakugaon Village Ashrayan Project.

Monirul Alam Bhuiya, officer-in-charge of Nalitabari Police Station, confirmed the matter.

According to police and locals, a group of wild elephants came down from the Nakugaon hills to the surrounding area on Friday at midnight in search of food.

Meanwhile, the local farmers went to chase the wild elephants to save their crops. When the group of wild elephants chased them back, Usman and others tried to run away.

During this time, he slipped, got caught in the electric wire of the generator, and lost consciousness. Later, he was taken to the Nalitabari Upazila Health Complex, where he was declared dead.

An unnatural death case has been filed in this regard, the OC said.

KCC councillor's men fill up waterbody on BR land

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

An eight feet deep waterbody on 66 decimal land owned by Bangladesh Railway in Khulna city has allegedly been filled up by followers of a city corporation councillor. Now plans are afoot to build a park and other structures there.

BR has lodged a general diary with Government Railway Police (GRP) station against one Joni Mia on November 30, 2022 in this connection. Joni had leased the land on west side of Khulna Polytechnic Institute in the city's Khalishpur area from BR. He was supposed to protect and maintain the water reservoir. But instead, he filled it up following instructions from Aminul Islam Munna, councillor of ward 15.

Visiting the spot recently, it was seen that the waterbody has been turned into a plain field. Some workers were leveling it.

Locals said a children's park, councillor's office, shops, and multi-storey market will be built on the land.

"Councillor Munna's men filled up the water body in broad daylight during his tenure as a KCC panel mayor," said Intiaz Sheikh, a local.

"No one, not even BR officials, dared to resist him. The councillor



claimed it is an abandoned land owned by KCC and they are planning to construct some establishments on it, including a park for children," he added.

Contacted, Mohshin Ali, field land officer of Jashore and Khulna, said, "Joni Mia, who had leased the land from railways, collaborated with the local councillor and other local influential people in November last year to fill up the waterbody without BR's permission."

"The then land officer, Md Monirul Islam, submitted a statement to the GRP police station on November 30 in this

connection." "When GRP personnel started investigating the matter, Munna and his men used their influence to stop it. Eventually, the entire waterbody on 66-decimal land of the railway was gradually filled up," he added.

Idris Ali Mridha, officer-in-charge of GRP Khulna, said, "The local councillor had claimed there was no place to dump soil accumulated during a drain renovation, so they filled up the waterbody with the soil upon orders of the KCC mayor."

Contacted, Aminul Islam Munna also claimed they filled

up the waterbody after informing the KCC mayor.

"The waterbody had turned into a mosquito breeding ground, causing nuisance to the locals. So I talked to the mayor about it and filled up the reservoir for the peoples' sake. A children's park will be built there in near future," he said.

Asked if it was right to fill up the waterbody on railway's land without its permission, he declined to comment.

Laskar Tajul Islam, chief executive officer of KCC, informed that the city corporation has no plan to set up a park there as of yet. He also said the mayor didn't have any prior knowledge of the encroachment.

Mahfuzur Rahman Mukul, divisional coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association in Khulna, said, "Authorities continue to turn a blind eye to public representatives and influential encroaching waterbodies by using their political power."

Md Nuruzzaman, divisional land property officer (Pakshi zone) of BR, said, "Legal action will be taken against those who filled up the reservoir. I have already ordered the land officer to put up fencing around the place."

DENGUE OUTBREAK 11 more hospitalised in 24 hours

UNB, Dhaka

No fresh death due to dengue was reported in Bangladesh in the 24 hours till yesterday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

However, 11 patients were hospitalised with viral fever during this period, according to the DGHS. Of them, nine were admitted in Dhaka hospitals, while the rest was outside the capital.

A total of 65 patients are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

So far, 1,684 dengue cases have been reported since January 1, 2024.

A pioneer of modern

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are misguided to the creation of "teen gangs," he added.

Prof Din M Sumon Rahman, a teacher at Media Studies and Journalism department at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, said it would not be wise to say Abul Mansur Ahmad's political vision was separate from his journalism or literature.

Hewasan "extraordinarily unique" personality who successfully made reference to literature as a politician and also used political references as an author in creative writings, Prof Sumon added.

Writer-researcher Kajal Rashid Shahin, who was

a jury member of the book review competition, said through his satirical writings, Ahmad wanted to reach the country and the countrymen to a position of equality.

"Our foundation will not be solid if we don't understand him," he added.

Kajal also said Ahmad's autobiography "Attokotha: Abul Mansur Ahmed" could easily be shortlisted as one of the five finest literary works of this land.

Poet and essayist Sohail Hasan Galib, among others, spoke at the discussion.

Born in 1898 at Dhanikhola village in Trishal, Mymensingh, Abul Mansur Ahmad died on March 18 in 1979.

Mango buds bloom in abundance

MD QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Mango buds on trees are in abundance in Thakurgaon due to a favourable weather, showing a bright prospect for a good yield of the juicy summer fruit.

Visiting mango orchards in different areas of the district, this correspondent observed yellowish mango buds are adorning the branches, while the fragrance fills up the air in and around the orchards.

Mango is being cultivated in orchards on 7,950 acres of land in the district this year, including 1,465.9 acres in Sadar upazila, 2,981.8 acres in Pirganj, 1,078.94 acres in Baliadangi, 1,767 acres in Ranishankoil and 662.39 acres in Hariपुर upazila, according to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE).

Buds started appearing in the trees in the middle of winter. Usually, budding begins in mid-January and continues till Mid-March.

Last year, about 42,680 tonnes of mangoes of over 20 varieties were produced in the district, DAE sources said.

The most prominent mango varieties cultivated in Thakurgaon are Surjapuri, Fazli, Amrapali, Misribhog, Haribhanga, Bandigori and Ashwina.

Abdur Rahim, 55, of Bara Palashbari village under Baliadangi upazila, has a 33-acre mango orchard.

"On an average, Tk 30,000 is needed to cultivate mango for per acre of land to get a yield of around 200-250 maunds," he said, adding that last year he earned a profit of Tk 1.7 lakh per acre.

"The trees are bearing more buds than last year," said Rahim.



Mango traders from different parts of the country including Dhaka are already signing up agreements with mango growers in the district and making handsome advance payments, he informed.

Sirajul Islam, deputy director of DAE in Thakurgaon said, "With the onset of spring, the temperature is rising favourably in the region, which is necessary for the buds to transform to fruits."

Footpaths under the clutch

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According to locals, Sohail collects these fees daily while also operating a makeshift eatery himself. There is also a guard, Ripon, who deals with the security issues.

Some of the rickshaw pullers and restaurant owners said local Awami League men facilitate this "special arrangement" and coordinate with Sohail and Ripon.

The Daily Star tried to communicate with Sohail, but he could not be reached for comment.

Mutakabbir Ahmed, zonal executive officer of Dhaka North City

Gas supply may

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"Recently, the FSRU of Summit Group came back from the maintenance programme. We hope it will resume operation from April 3," Engr. Md. Kamruzzaman Khan, Director (Operation & Mines) of Petrobangla, told UNB.

He also said resuming operation of the Summit's FSRU will increase the gas supply by 500 MMCFD to the national grid.

An army

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"Didar used to visit Emad's house wearing an Army dress. During the visit, he used to take Toposi with him," he said.

Harun said the duo first fosters relationships with different targets in the name of buying land.

"Didar used the army uniform as a weapon to gain people's trust," he said.

In Kishoreganj, they embezzled Tk 19 lakh from a policeman's family member, promising to give them a job. A case was filed with Kishoreganj Police Station in this connection.

"We are trying to get more details about their activities," he added.

MPs cannot

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bridges minister. "We want a free and fair election without any influence from anyone. From the very beginning, we have been monitoring the organisational process. If anyone makes any irresponsible comment, it has an impact on the entire party discipline," he said.

Organisational actions will be taken if anyone violates party discipline, he added.

Corporation, told this newspaper, "We take action regularly. But the footpaths get re-occupied again soon after the drives. It keeps going on in circles."

"We will take action again to clear the road and footpaths shortly," he said.

Regarding the involvement of AL men and police behind the occupancy, Mutakabbir said he does not have any idea about it, but DNCC officials are not involved.

Shamim Hassan, councillor of Ward-26, admitted that some AL men are behind this illegal occupation.

"But I will visit the spot

and try to take action within a few days to free the footpaths," Shamim told The Daily Star.

Mohammad Mohsin, officer-in-charge of Tejaon Police Station, however, said he is not aware and has no details of the status quo.

"We will look into the issue and take necessary steps," he added.

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Hamid also emphasised the establishment of a transmission line between Bangladesh and Nepal, which will require a tripartite agreement involving India.

"If the transmission line is established, it will be possible to both export and import electricity," he said, adding that the proposal has been sent to the respective countries in this regard.

"Bangladesh can help Nepal build solar power plants and solar home systems. Bangladesh Power Management Institute can provide training to the engineers of Nepal. Private investors are also interested to invest in Nepal's power sector," the state minister added.

Mr UNO, is my message

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the elected public representative of this constituency," he said. "It is my duty how to make the area safe for people as long as I am the lawmaker of this constituency," he added.

"There will be no dual rule here," he said.

"If anyone wants to create disorder [in my constituency], I know very well how to handle the situation," he said without mentioning anyone.

However, locals said the speech targeted the followers of State Minister for Finance Wasika Ayesha Khan, who also hails from the constituency.

Wasika was the chief guest in a rally held in Anwara upazila on March 23, said local sources. A good number of local AL leaders and activists were present at the rally.

Abul Kalam Chowdhury, vice president of Chattogram south district unit AL, was one of the leaders who was present at that rally.

Contacted, Kalam said Saifuzzaman has no right to decide who will get permission for rallies.

"Who is he [Saifuzzaman] to say who will be allowed to organise a rally and who

will not be," he said. "When Saifuzzaman organise a rally, to whom he seeks permission?" he asked.

"It is the administration who will decide," said Kalam.

Contacted, Ishtiaq Emon, UNO of Anwara upazila, said police authorities, not the local administration, decide on the applications of rallies.

"If it is in the city area, they have to seek permission to police commissioner and if it is outside the city, they have to seek permission from superintendent of district police."

"No permission is given from the upazila administration," he said.

Asked why the lawmaker instructed him not to allow anyone to organise rallies unless applied for permission a week before, the UNO said, "I don't know why MP sir told it."

"You better ask him [lawmaker]," said the UNO.

This correspondent tried to contact Saifuzzaman Chowdhury for his comment over phone but could not despite repeated attempts.

Wasika Ayesha Khan also did not receive calls despite repeated attempts.

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