

Auto-rickshaw driver stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Moulvibazar

A CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver was stabbed to death in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Shaheen Ali, 25, of the Joypasha area, police said.

Md Golam Apchar, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kulaura Police Station, said an unidentified person attacked Shaheen with a lethal weapon in the Dakshinbazar area around 11:00am, leaving him critically injured.

Locals rushed him to the Kulaura Upazila Health Complex in a critical condition, where doctors declared him dead.

However, the reason behind the murder could not be known immediately.

Witnesses said another CNG-run autorickshaw driver attacked Shaheen before fleeing the scene.

OC Golam said drives are underway to arrest the accused.



A CNG-run auto-rickshaw moves along this risky, broken road, irresponsibly braving potholes that could lead to serious accidents. This particular road is notorious for accidents caused by vehicles falling into potholes. The photo was taken on the Daulatpur–Shahpur road near Amvita Bazar in Khulna city yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Pollution, sluice gates choke Gorai

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The Gorai river, a tributary of the Padma that flows through the country's south-western region, has turned into a narrow canal across Kalikapur, Auliapur, and Madarbania unions in Patuakhali Sadar upazila due to lack of water flow and rampant pollution and encroachment.

Multiple sluice gates installed on both sides of the river have drastically hindered its natural flow. Additionally,



waste discharged from a rice mill in Sharikkhali area of Kalikapur union has turned the water unusable, said locals.

As a result, nearly 25,000 residents of the three unions are suffering.

"The river once used to be 300 feet wide. Now, due to encroachment and pollution, it now resembles a canal only around 25-30 feet wide," said Mostafa Khan, a resident of Bara Auliapur village.

"The pollution has turned the water dark and toxic, making it unsuitable for irrigating farmlands," he added.

Kazi Monir Hossain, director of Kohinoor Auto Rice Mill, claimed that due to lack of water flow in the river, the extent of pollution exacerbated recently.

"Following directives from the Department of Environment, we are planning to install a water treatment plant inside the mill very soon. Once it becomes operational, we will discharge only treated water into the canal, and these issues will no longer persist," he said.

Contacted, Md Asaduzzaman, assistant director of the DoE in Patuakhali, said, "We will soon launch an investigation into the rice mill. If the allegations are proven, we will take legal action."

Md Arif Hossain, executive engineer of the Bangladesh Water Development Board in Patuakhali, said necessary steps will be taken after an on-site inspection.

Paddle steamers set to return as heritage cruises

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

In a nostalgic nod to the past, the iconic paddle steamer is being prepared for reintroduction as a daytime "heritage cruise" in June, shortly after Eid-ul-Azha.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) currently has four paddle steamers in its fleet: PS Masud, PS Ostrich, PS Turn, and PS Lepcha. All four are around a century old and require extensive and costly refurbishment.

However, BIWTC plans to gradually restore the vessels for heritage cruise operations.

"The paddle steamer PS Masud, currently docked in Narayanganj, has been found in relatively good condition. With minor refurbishment, it will be sent for



survey approval by the director general (shipping). Once the survey is complete, the vessel is expected to resume operation on the Dhaka-Chandpur-Barishal route," said SM Ashikuzzaman, director (commerce) of BIWTC.

"However, the 98-year-old vessel is no longer viable for competitive daily operations. It may operate only once a week as a heritage cruise, subject to approval by the adviser to the ministry concerned,"

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Child drowns in septic tank in Gazipur

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Gazipur

A six-year-old boy drowned after falling into an open septic tank in Sreepur upazila of Gazipur yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Md Swayat Hasan, son of Ariful Hasan.

The incident occurred around 11:00am in Dakshin Bhangnahati village under Sreepur municipality, confirmed Mohammad Abdul Barik, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sreepur Police Station.

The OC said that Swayat was playing with another child when he fell into the septic tank of a newly-constructed tin house that was submerged in rainwater. He died on the spot.



Homesteads and farmlands being devoured by the river Brahmaputra at Shukherbati village in Kurigram. Many have begun relocating to safer places before the river reaches their doorsteps. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER

Erosion pushes village in Kurigram to the brink

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Shukherbati in Kurigram's Roumari upazila stands on the verge of extinction as the Brahmaputra continues to erode its banks with growing ferocity.

One after another, homesteads and farmlands are being devoured by the river. Many have begun relocating to safer places before the river reaches their doorsteps.

The village is home to more than 200 farming families in Char Shoulmari union. Over the past week, the river has devoured dozens of homesteads, croplands, and vital infrastructure, leaving families displaced and destitute.

"I lost everything -- my two

bighas of farmland were swallowed by the river just last week, and my eight decimal homestead vanished on Tuesday afternoon," said Mahibur Rahman, 60, a marginal farmer who now shelters his six-member family along a government road.

Day labourer Mokhes Mia, 55, said, "I lost my home to the river and sheltered at a relative's house. For four days now, erosion has intensified. The river is taking away land faster than ever."

AKHM Saidur Rahman, chairman of Char Shoulmari Union Parishad, said at least 60 houses have already been lost to the Brahmaputra in four weeks, and the entire village is under threat.

"Although Water Development Board officials have visited the site, no measures have been taken to prevent further erosion," he alleged.

Officials from the Water Development Board confirmed that visits were made by engineers from the Rangpur Circle on April 8 and again by the Design Circle and Kurigram division on April 18.

However, Kurigram WDB Executive Engineer Rakibul Hasan said they could not take immediate action due to a lack of allocated funds. "We've informed the higher authorities. Once funds are sanctioned, we'll start the emergency protection work," he said.

SUNDARBANS

Three-month fishing, tourism ban from June 1

BSS, Khulna

Fishing in rivers and canals will be banned and tourist entry will also be prohibited in the Sundarbans for three months to boost the breeding of fish and wildlife.

The ban will remain in effect from June 1 to August 31.

This decision has been taken by the Sundarbans Forest Department, said forest officials of the Sundarbans.

Tanvir Hasan Imran, officer at the Sharankhola Forest Station, said from May

24, the issuance of entry permits (passes) for fishermen, honey collectors, and tourists to visit the forest has been suspended.

Talking to BSS, Md Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, divisional forest officer (DFO) of the East Sundarbans Division in Bagerhat, said the ban is a part of efforts to enhance the reproductive capacity of aquatic and wildlife resources.

He confirmed that no one will be allowed to enter the Sundarbans during this time.

The DFO also mentioned that a proposal has been submitted to the ministry to provide food assistance and incentives to fishermen who depend on the forest for their livelihood. The proposal is currently awaiting the ministry's decision.



Woman hacked to death, husband on the run

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A woman was hacked to death in Tangail's Mirzapur upazila on Thursday night.

The deceased has been identified as Kabita Begum, 28, of Nilphamari Sadar upazila.

Quoting locals, Muhammad Rashedul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mirzapur Police Station, said Kabita, a sewing operator at a garment factory, had a fight with her husband, Sujan Miah, on Thursday night.

At one point of the fight, Sujan allegedly hacked Kabita to death with a boti (a traditional cleaver used in the kitchen) and fled, according to the OC.

He has since been absconding.

On information, police recovered the body from their home and sent it to Tangail General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the OC. The victim's father filed a case in this regard, he added.

Two killed in road accidents

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Thakurgaon

Two people were killed in separate road accidents in Thakurgaon and Dinajpur during the last two days.

In Thakurgaon, a tractor helper died after being run over by the vehicle on the Thakurgaon-Panchagarh highway in Awliapur Board Office area of the district's Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Sayed Hossain, 23, son of the late Jamsher Ali from Purba Mallikpara village in Dinajpur's Kaharol upazila.

Quoting locals, Boda Highway Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Hafijur Rahman told this correspondent over the phone that as the tractor driver lost control of the steering, Sayed tried to jump into a roadside ditch.

He died on the spot after being run over by the tractor he jumped from, said the OC.

In Dinajpur, an elderly man suffered injuries after a speeding Thakurgaon-bound truck hit his bicycle in front of the Ansar Club at Chehelgazi around 5:00pm on Thursday.

He died on the way to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital, said Md Motiur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Dinajpur Kotwali Police Station. Two separate cases have been filed with the respective police stations in these connections.



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