



Pedestrians ignore a blockade at a level crossing and cross the road in Rajshahi city despite an approaching train, putting themselves at risk of accident. The photo was taken in the Railgate area yesterday.

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## Couple found dead in Benapole

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Benapole

Police yesterday recovered the bodies of a man and his wife near their house in Raghunathpur village under Benapole Port Police Station in Jashore.

The deceased were identified as Moniruzzaman, 52, and his wife Rehena Khatun, 45.

According to police, Moniruzzaman's body was found hanging from a tree adjacent to their house around 9:30am, while Rehena's body was recovered from a nearby field.

Villagers claimed that unidentified assailants killed the couple after abducting them from their house in the dead of night.

Injury marks were found on the woman's face and neck. The man's hanging body had his feet touching the ground.

Contacted, Md Russel Mia, officer-in-charge of Benapole Port Police Station, said, "We've started an investigation to uncover the motive behind the deaths. The exact cause of death will be known after receiving the autopsy reports."

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# Scientists save endangered Gotali fish from extinction

BFRI researchers develop artificial breeding technique

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Once widely consumed and prized for its taste, Gotali fish – an indigenous species declared endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 2015 – is now on the path to revival.

Scientists at the Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI) freshwater substation in Saidpur, Nilphamari, have successfully developed a technique for its artificial breeding and fry production, offering new hope for its conservation.



The Gotali fish (*Crossocheilus latius*), a member of the Cyprinidae family, was once abundant in the Teesta basin, the hilly streams of Mymensingh, and the river systems of Sylhet.

However, its population has drastically declined due to water pollution, the use of destructive fishing techniques – such

as current nets and electric fishing – and the adverse effects of climate change.

According to BFRI, Bangladesh is home to 261 freshwater fish species, 64 of which are critically endangered.

BFRI Principal Scientific Officer Azhar Ali said efforts to conserve Gotali's gene pool began in 2023, with a five-member team conducting extensive research.

Scientists collected live specimens (5-6 grammes) from the Teesta and Buri Teesta rivers during April-May and preserved them in research ponds for domestication and adaptation before breeding.

"During the breeding season (July-August), mature male and female Gotali fish were transferred to hatchery tanks with gentle water flow and injected with synthetic hormones," said Senior Scientific Officer Sonia Sharmin.

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## Water levels rise at 17 river stations, fall at 95: FFWC

BSS, Dhaka

Water levels at 17 river stations monitored by the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) have risen, while 95 stations recorded a fall, according to an FFWC bulletin issued yesterday.

Out of the 116 monitored river stations, water levels at four stations have remained steady, while no stations are flowing above the danger level, said the bulletin.

All major rivers are flowing below their respective danger marks, it also said.

The water levels of the Brahmaputra-Jamuna rivers are on a declining trend, which is expected to continue over the next three days, remain steady for the following two days, and stay below danger levels throughout.

Similarly, water levels of the Ganges-Padma rivers are decreasing and are likely to continue doing so for the next five days, remaining below danger levels.

The Surma and Kusiyara rivers are also experiencing falling water levels, which are expected to continue for the next three days, with levels staying below danger marks, the bulletin said.

## Farmer dies in lightning strike in Manikganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A farmer was killed in a lightning strike in the Kumuria area of Khalshi union under Daulatpur upazila of Manikganj yesterday afternoon.

The victim is Robin Sheikh, 30, of the area.

Quoting locals, Daulatpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Al Mamun said Robin was working on a farmland near his house around 4:00pm when he was struck by lightning. He died on the spot.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the body and handed it over to the family without a post-mortem examination.

## Woman dies in police custody

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A woman died in the custody of Katiadi Police Station in Kishoreganj on Friday morning.

Firoza Begum, 50, wife of Swapna Mia, 55, was a resident of Darichariakona Mohalla of Katiadi Municipality.

In this connection, Firoza's daughter Soma Begum filed an unnatural death case with the police station.

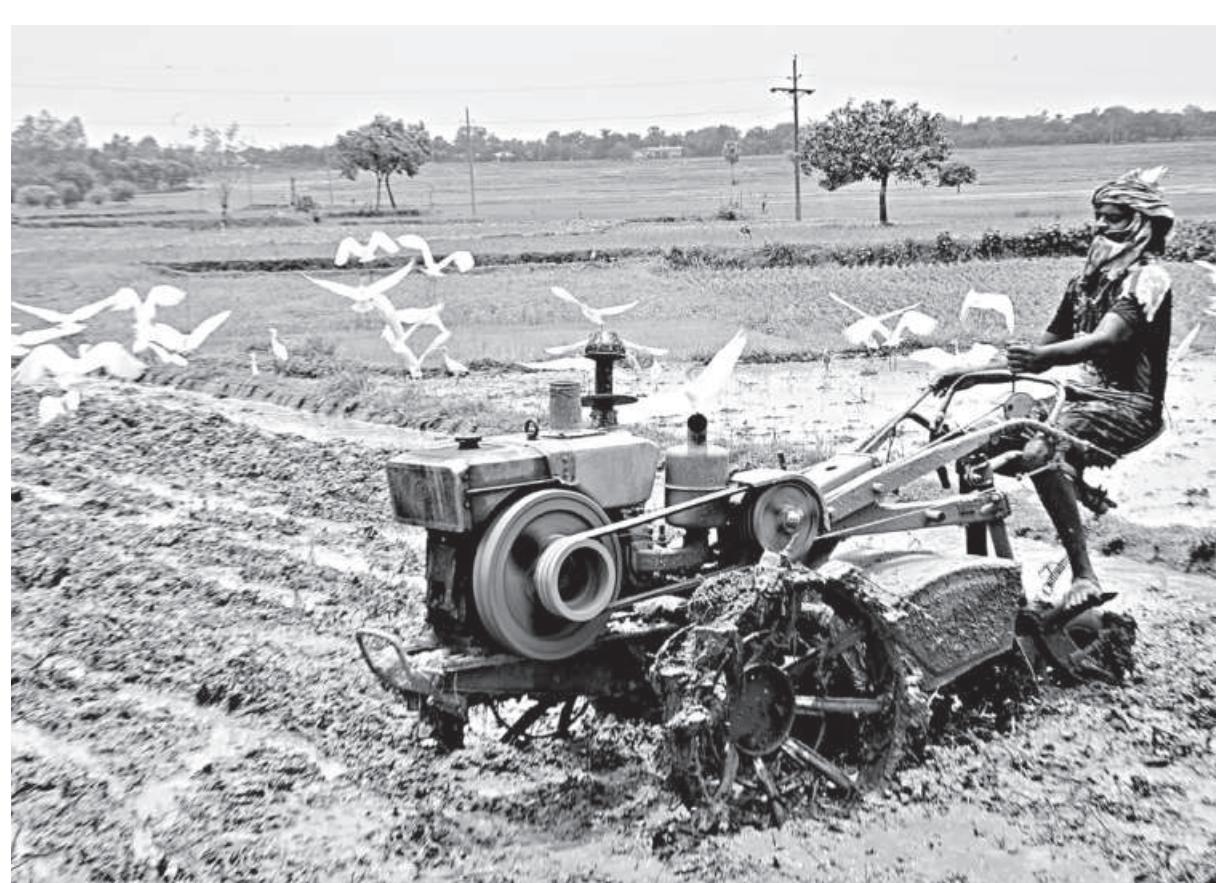
According to locals and police, Swapna and Firoza are known as drug dealers locally.

Police said joint forces conducted an anti-drug drive at the couple's house on Thursday night, and arrested Firoza with 11 yaba pills, 22 packets of marijuana, and Tk 32,664 in cash. Swapna managed to flee.

Firoza was taken to the police station around 3:30am on Friday, and was kept in the women and children cell. On Friday morning, when she did not wake up, she was taken to Katiadi Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared her dead.

Later, an autopsy was conducted at the hospital. The body was later handed over to family and buried yesterday.

A d d i t i o n a l Superintendent of Police Tofazzal Hossain said, "The cause of Firoza's death will be confirmed once the autopsy report is received."



A farmer tills his land in preparation for sowing paddy seeds, while a flock of herons pass through the field in search of insects in the freshly turned soil. The photo was taken from Kakonhat in the Barind region of Rajshahi yesterday.

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