

33 bodies recovered so far



Munshiganj: The death toll from Munshiganj launch capsized has risen to 33 with recovery of 11 more bodies on Thursday afternoon. Srinagar police station Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Kutubur Rahman said: "A total of 22 bodies were recovered from the rivers in Shariatpur, Chandpur, Barisal and Bhola districts till Wednesday midnight. Later, another 11 bodies were recovered Thursday from Bhola, Shariatpur, Madaripur, Lakshmipur and Barisal." "Among the bodies, 16 have been handed over to the family members so far", he added. BIWTA Director Mohammad Hossain said: "Kandari 2 joined the search for the capsized launch last night [Wednesday] but Pinak six has not been found even after four days of its capsized in Padma river." Captain Nazrul Islam, the navy officer coordinating rescue operations, said: "Kandari 2 is searching the river bed from 6 to 10 kilometers downstream using sonar." Rescuers from different government agencies failed to trace the sunken vessel until Thursday evening. It is assumed that many passengers were stuck inside it.