

## NEWS SNAPS

### Body recovered

**UNB, Keraniganj**  
The body of an unidentified young man was recovered from the Buriganga River Saturday. Police believe it is an unnatural death as the body of the young man, 25, bore some marks of injury. The body was found floating in the river. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy and a case was filed.

### Road accident claims one

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari**  
A road accident at Chaparin hat in Dimala upazila on Saturday has claimed the life of a little boy. Ten-year-old Bidhan Chandra was crossing the road when he was crushed under the wheels of a Dhaka-bound bus, police said.

### Fake army man arrested

**UNB, Nilphamari**  
A fake army man was arrested from Uttara Export Processing Zone area here Thursday. Police said Arifuzzaman Arif, 28, of Khulna district was living in the area identifying himself as an army officer for the last one week. He was also taking money from the local youths assuring them of giving job. On suspicion locals caught him and handed over him to police. A case was filed.

### Work on bridge completed

**UNB, Sirajganj**  
The work on Chandpur Bridge has been completed in Roynanj upazila here involving Tk 82 lakh. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has implemented the project. Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan inaugurated the bridge Sunday.

### 10 hurt in clash over land

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari**  
Ten people were injured in a clash over land in the Collegepara area in Nilphamari Municipality on Saturday. The clash ensued between the supporters of Mojibur Rahman and Fulmala Begum when the former tried to occupy a disputed land, witnesses said.

## Shamsur Rahman murder case Secret documents seized from Khulna 'Deshnetri Parishad' leader's house

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

The joint forces have recovered the docket of journalist Shamsur Rahman murder case from the Deben Babu Road residence of Kazi Khairuzzaman Shipon, senior vice-president of the central committee of 'Deshnetri Parishad'.

Several other documents of two ministries were also recovered during the swoop, third time since October 17, on his house.

The Deshnetri Parishad leader who is a close relative of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman is absconding since the Operation Clean Heart began.

According to police, Shipon harboured alleged criminals Asaduzzaman Litu and Mushfequr Rahman Hirok who are among the chargesheeted accused in Shamsur Rahman murder case.

The joint forces were surprised how the Deshnetri Parishad leader obtained the secret documents of such a sensational murder case, the chargesheet of which was submitted by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to court last year.

Several other secret documents relating to the ministries of education and forest, fisheries and livestock along with five

bearer bank cheques with signature of BNP leader and former member of parliament (MP) Syeda Nargis Ali and a lot of gate passes of the Secretariat complex in Dhaka were recovered on Thursday night.

Police said allegations are there that Shipon used to collect illegal toll from fishermen and forest officials in the Sundarbans in the name of Fisheries and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj. Besides, he also used to blackmail government officials and political leaders identifying himself as the 'most influential man' in the area and a close relative of Shajahan Siraj and the city mayor.



PHOTO: STAR

Some people warming themselves around an old burning tyre in front of the Zila Parishad (district council) auditorium in Sirajganj town. An unusually cold weather has left one person dead at Soyagobinda in the old rail line area of the town on Sunday. Fifty cold victims are now under treatment at the General Hospital and nine health complexes in the district, according to the Civil Surgeon office sources.

## Torture on newsmen 8 including Kalaroa Jubo Dal leaders chargesheeted

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira**

Eight people including the Kalaroa Upazila Jubo Dal President and its General Secretary were chargesheeted on January 1 in a case filed in the magistrate's court here for torturing some journalists at Kalaroa on August 30.

The accused included Ashraf Hossain, President, Kalaroa Upazila Jubo Dal, General Secretary Abdul Kadar Bachchu and Jubo Dal activists Ripon, Ranju, Raihan, Jahid, Lucky and Juhurul Islam.

Subhas Chowdhury, Satkhira correspondent of Bhorer Kagoj in his case filed with Kalaroa police station on August 30 said that a group of local journalists went to Kalaroa to cover the story of the Opposition Leader in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina who was on way to Jessore via Kalaroa after visiting the gangraped housewife Mahfuz at Satkhira hospital. At Kalaroa the accused attacked her and local journalists named Habib, Eyarab Hossain Tuhin and Kalidas who were injured in the attack.

The ruling party activists beat up

the journalists who took snaps of attacks and later police rescued them.

After investigation Sub-inspector (SI) of police Humayun submitted the chargesheet against the accused for torturing the journalists. All of them are linked with BNP.

Sources in the investigation department said, they are convinced that the accused persons attacked the journalists.

Police submitted the chargesheet at a magistrate's court after four months of investigation.

### Manikganj Jubo Dal leader, activist arrested

**UNB, Manikganj**

A local leader and an activist of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, BNP's youth organisation, were arrested by army-led joint forces from the town Friday.

The arrested were identified as district Jubo Dal general secretary Motaleb Hossain and his nephew Jubo Dal activist Saidur Rahman.



Amir Ahmed, Head, Corporate Communications, Aptech Worldwide Bangladesh Ltd speaks at an inaugural function of a new Aptech Computer Lab in the Sprout International School premises in Chandpur on January 1. Md Abdur Rob Howlader, Deputy Commissioner, Chandpur is also seen, among others.

### 3-day folkmusic festival in C'nawabganj

**UNB, Chapainawabganj**

A three-day folkmusic festival began at Shaheed Shatu Hall in the town Sunday.

Deputy Commissioner M Nurul Haque inaugurated the festival organised by local fine arts academy with the help of district administration.

Some 107 artistes from 30 organisations are taking part in the festival.

Competitions are being held on different folksongs including 'palligiti', 'gombhira', 'bhatiali', 'murshidi', 'baul', 'marfoli', 'lalongiti', 'jatra', 'jari', 'palakirtan', folk drama, regional dance and fine arts.

### A fair with a difference

An attractive fair for children named 'Nido Mela' was held in Rajshahi city on December 30, 2002, says a press release.

Nestle Bangladesh Limited in association with Unitrend Ltd organised the day long fair to make mothers aware about nutrition and healthy future of their wards. Memory of such fair with a difference will remain ever fresh in memory of children for a longer period.

Children aged between 4 to 10 years took part in the fair. Their mothers also accompanied them.

The children were enthralled by a specially composed 'Nido Song' and the entire area wore a festive look.

Abdul Mannan, Metropolitan Police Commissioner of Rajshahi, inaugurated the fair at 9.30 am on the day. Ashraf-Bin-Taj, Communication and Consumer Services Manager of Nestle (BD) Ltd, area, sales officials from Nestle and officials from Unitrend Ltd were present there.

In his speech, Abdul Mannan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Nestle for arranging the fair in Rajshahi. He mentioned that, "we have to make a jovial childhood for our siblings and also ensure nutrition for their prosperous and healthy future. Nido for that matter, is playing the role of pathfinder."

Ashraf-Bin-Taj informed that Nestle Bangladesh Ltd already organised several creative programmes for the betterment of future generation. Nido wants to invent future talents today, he said. He thanked to the people of Rajshahi for their enthusiastic participation.

Thousands of children and their mothers thronged the stalls of 'Nido Pusti' where they freely talked about nutrition required for babies' mental and physical growth.

### BCL's founding anniversary

**UNB, Manikganj**

A colourful procession was brought out in the town Saturday marking the 55th founding anniversary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of Awami League.

After the procession, BCL leaders and workers held a discussion meeting at the party office in the town.

Chaired by district BCL president Abu Bakar Siddiqui Tusar, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Advocate Golam Mohiuddin, Prof Selim, Laxmi Chatterji, Kamrul Huda Selim, Shudev Shah and Abdul Mazid.