

NEWS SNAPS

Boy killed in road mishap

**UNB, Manikganj**  
A little boy was killed in a road accident at Falsatia bus stand on Dhaka-Aricha highway here Thursday.

Police said a coach hit Arzu, 7, son of Amjad Ali, from behind killing him on the spot. His body was sent to sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. Arzu's mother was run over by a bus at the same place two years back. A case was filed with Shibhalaya police.

Body recovered from pond

**UNB, Manikganj**  
Police recovered the body of a 40-year-old unidentified man from a pond at village Anullia in Shibhalaya upazila Thursday.

Police said locals found the body under water hyacinth while catching fish in the pond near the house of one person named Mojaher Ali. The body was sent to sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Tk 40 lakh property gutted

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**  
Property worth about Tk 40 lakh were gutted in a big fire at Purba bazaar at Fenchuganj upazila headquarters at about 11.15 pm on Wednesday.

As many as 12 business establishments were totally burnt while about 10 other business houses were saved by the people, who joined the fire brigade personnel in extinguishing the fire.

On information, fire brigade personnel from Sylhet and Moulvibazar district headquarters went to the spot and extinguished the fire. About 2000 people from the adjoining areas came to rescue the victims and extinguish fire.

Arms, ammunition looted

**A CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia**  
An organised gang of miscreants looted two firearms and ammunition from Kushtia Textile Mills at Bhalulia in Sadar upazila in Kushtia on Wednesday night.

Police said on Wednesday midnight the gang of criminals went to the officers' quarters of the mills by breaking open the door and entered into the security room. They looted two licensed rifles along with 10 rounds of bullet from there.

The security guards of the mills were absent at that time. Mirajul Haq, Assistant Administrative Officer of the mill filed a case accusing 10 guards. Police arrested seven persons including guards and employees. They are Security Inspectors of the mill Akram Hossain, Rajan Ali Moksed Ali, Mation Roy and employees Abul Kalam, Ibbar Ali and Selim Uddin.

Youth hurt by father-in-law

**UNB, Patuakhali**  
A young man was critically injured Tuesday when his father-in-law allegedly hit him with a sharp weapon following a brawl over the coming union parishad (UP) election in Sadar upazila.

Child killed

**UNB, Khagrachhari**  
A child was killed after rape in Logang area of Panchhari upazila here Sunday.

Police said Padma Devi Tripura, 7, daughter of Monpara Tripura did not return home after she went out of the house at noon to play with her playmates. Later her body was recovered from near her house at 10 pm. Unidentified miscreants killed the girl after rape, says post mortem report.

3 bandits nabbed

**UNB, Narsingdi**  
Police arrested three armed robbers and recovered some arms and ammunition from village Kumradi of Shibpur upazila Monday.

Police said they raided different areas and arrested Alamgir Hossain, 25, Mokter Hossain, 22 and Jauz Mia, 25.

They also recovered one locally made shot gun, one round of bullet, 12 swords, one 'chapati' and two other sharp weapons from the village on the basis of their confession.

The arrested bandits were accused in several cases, police said.

Death toll in cold related diseases 7 in Gopalganj

**ALIMUZZAMAN MIAH, Gopalganj**

Seven persons died of cold related diseases in Sadar and Tungipara upazilas in Gopalganj district in two weeks.

The victims are Kala Mia, 80, of Mia para in Gopalganj town and Shabetri Bain, 65, of village Totamandra in Gopalganj Sadar upazila and Kamol Shekari, 80, Umma Charan Biswas, 75, Fakir Sarder, 82, Rupaya Gharami, 67, and Gita Rani Biswas, 70, of villages Jorlea and Pathor gatha in Tungipara upazila.

Mercury fluctuates between 9 and 12 degrees Celsius in the entire district.

Cold related diseases like asthma, cough, bronchitis, diarrhoea, cold fever and chronic dysentery have broken out here due to cold spell. Hundreds of people with cold related ailments, have been

admitted to various health centres.

Eightly per cent people here are poor who lead a sub-human life.

Standing crops like potato, maize, mustard and IRRI-boro paddy have been affected by severe cold.

Because of price-hike of second hand warm clothes poor people cannot afford to buy those.

Middle class and people of fixed income group are crowding around second hand warm cloth shops on the footpaths.

Second hand sweaters and cardigans are being sold between Tk 80 to 120 each in place of Tk 50 to 60 each last year.

Poor people are suffering a lot, but there is no help from the district administration or any non-governmental organisation (NGO).

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take nec-

essary steps immediately to distribute warm clothes among poor people.

Netrakona Jubo Dal leader dead

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona**

Al-Amin Khan Pathan, president of Netrakona district Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, died of cardiac arrest on Wednesday night at the age of 38.

He is survived by his mother, two brothers and four sisters.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at 1.30 pm at Netrakona Jame Mosque.

State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar, MA Karim Abbasi MP, Nurul Amin Talukdar MP, Dr Mohammad Ali MP, and leaders and workers of BNP at tended his janaza.

Call it Peer-power

**UNB, Chandpur**

About 10,000 female voters of South Rupsha union and its neighbouring areas in Faridganj upazila are unlikely to cast their votes in the upcoming UP polls scheduled for February 4 and 6.

At the advice of a Peer (spiritual leader), who died a few years back, women voters of the area have been refraining from casting their votes in last 35 years, villag-

ers said.

Even they did not turn up in any polling centre during the last Jatiya Sangsad election despite massive motivation drive by the upazila administration, said upazila nirbahi officer (UNO).

Jashimuddin Badal, UNO of Faridganj upazila, said steps have been taken to motivate the female voters to cast their votes in the local body polls.



PHOTO: AMINUL ISLAM

Student of Sur Tirtha Sangeet Biddalaya perform at the annual cultural programme to mark the music school's sixth founding anniversary.

RU admission Feb 22-Mar 3

**RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Candidates selected for admission into the departments of Statistics, Fine Art, Mass Communication, Management, Finance and Banking, Library and Information Science, Music and Dramatics for the session of 2002 in Rajshahi University (RU) have been asked to get themselves admitted in their respective departments.

Admission will start from February 22 and will conclude on March 3, 2003. Successful candidates have also been asked to bring their respective admit cards, school and college certificates, mark sheets and three copies of passport size photographs during their admissions.

Results of admission tests for first year honours courses in the aforesaid departments have already been published which are available at the notice boards of the respective departments or at www.ru.ac.bd web site.

Results of other departments will be published very soon.

Teachers' assoc polls

Sweeping victory for pro-AL panel at SUST

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**

Pro-Awami League (AL) and left leaning panel on Wednesday bagged sweeping victory in the biennial election of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Teachers' Association (SUSTTA).

All the 11 executives and members of the committee were elected from the Akhtar-Hasan led panel.

The elected office-bearers are: President-Dr Akhtarul Islam, Vice-President-Dr Ilyas Uddin Biswas, General Secretary-Syed Hasanuzzaman, Treasurer-Md Nazmul Ashab and Joint Secretary-Md Masud Tareque, while the elected members are: Professor Gouranga Dev Roy, SN Hassan Jakirul Islam, Masum Khan, Md Abdul Munim Joarder, Md Abdullah Al-Mumin and Dr Nazia Chowdhury.

Three panels contested in the polls. Pro-BNP and Jamat backed panels did not field any candidate for the presidency.

Road accidents kill 5 in Bogra, Magura

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

At least five people were killed in separate road accidents in Bogra and Magura districts in two days.

Of them, three were killed in Bogra while the rest two in Magura.

In Bogra, a road accident on the Bogra-Dhaka Highway in Majhira upazila on Monday night left three people killed on the spot recently.

Two of the victims were identified as Zainal Abedin, 48, and Korban Ali, 47, identity of the other could not be known, police said.

Police said the accident took place when a Bogra-bound night coach hit a passenger tempo from behind at Ariabazaar at about 7-30 pm.

**O u r M a g u r a Correspondent reports:** Two people were killed in separate road accidents here recently.

Saki, 22, of village Nasua in Rajbari district, was killed on the spot when a tempo hit him from behind at Banalidaha Square on Ramnagar-Radhanagar road at around 11-

30 pm.

In another accident in the Bhaina area on Magura-Jessore road one person named Zamiruddin of village Aksi in Sadar upazila was crushed under the wheels of a truck at around 3-15 pm.

He was admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at 5 pm.

Police seized the vehicle, but its driver managed to escape.

Money laundering incident detected at Benapole port

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

Benepole Customs Surveillance team has detected an incident of money laundering committed by an importer.

The case in brief is that Messers Classic Bread and Biscuit Industries opened a Letter of Credit (LC) with the Motijheel branch of Sonali Bank on November 28 last year.

According to Benapole Customs Office, the LC of US 1,79,000 dollars was opened for importing

biscuit and flour making plant from India.

The consignment against the LC, however, reached Benapole Land Port on December 28, 2002. It was kept in the shed no 10 of the land port.

Acting on a secret information, the surveillance team of Customs went to the shed no 10 on January 12 and opened the consignment packed up in 110 packages.

It was found that 75 packages of

the consignment contain wool and 35 others are contain broken and rusty machinery spare part of inferior quality worth about Tk 5 lakh.

The clearing and forwarding (C&F) agent of the importer submitted Bill of Entry for releasing the consignment as learnt from sources of Benapole Customs.

However, till 12 noon on January 23 the consignment could not be released from the shed.



PHOTO: STAR

The Rotaract Club of Rajshahi University organised a programme to distribute warm clothes among the destitutes on the premises of the university central library on Tuesday. Prof K A M Shahadat Hossain Mondol, Pro-VC of the university handed over warm clothes to the cold affected poor in the area.