

NEWS SNAPS

Unnatural death of teenage girl

UNB, Manikganj
Body of a teenage girl was recovered from a canal at village Ashapur in Gheor upazila on Saturday.

Police recovered body of the girl aged about 18 years from the village. Police suspect that miscreants killed the girl after rape. They tied up the body with a bamboo pole in water of the canal. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was also filed.

Bus helper mugged

UNB, Manikganj
Miscreants intercepted a passenger bus on Dhaka-Aricha highway and snatched Tk 7,000 from its helper Saturday.

Witnesses said three miscreants stopped the bus when it reached near Bathumuri Bazaar in Gheor upazila and snatched the money at gunpoint. The hoodlums also beat up helper and driver of the bus leaving them injured. A case was filed.

Four nabbed with spurious drug

UNB, Munshiganj
Four people, including two women, were arrested along with spurious drug from the local launch ghat, a terminal where launches are anchored, on Saturday night.

On information, officials of narcotics control department raided the area and held Hamida Begum, Manju Begum, Sohel and Mohammad Ali.

They also seized 80 bottles of phensidyl, three kilograms of hemp and six toxic injections from their possession.

Robbery bid foiled

UNB, Munshiganj
Police foiled a robbery attempt of a gang of bandits who attacked the judge court building on Saturday midnight.

The robbers numbering 8-10 swooped on the court building, tied up its night guards and tried to loot valuables. They fled the scene as on-duty police at the nearby deputy commissioner (DC) office chased them hearing hue and cry of the night guards. The robbers injured one of the night guards, Monir. A case was filed.

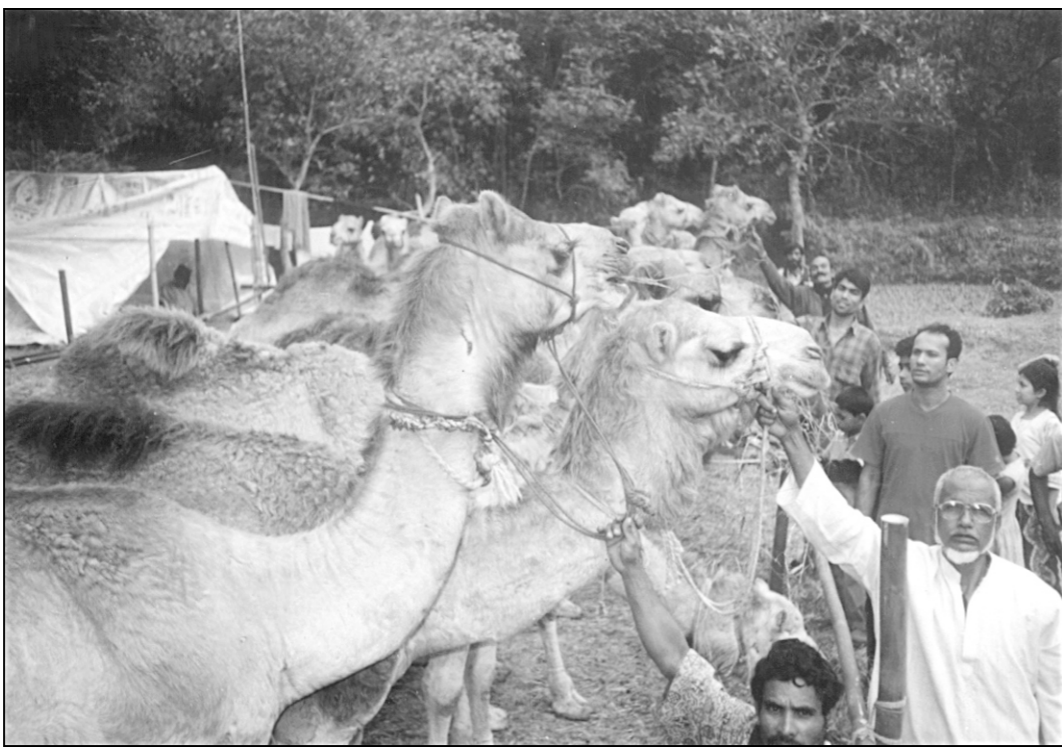


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Curious people look at some camels at a house of a cattle trader in Sylhet city. Two traders brought 24 camels from India through Sona Masjid Land Custom Station in Chapainawabganj recently. They desire to sell the animals at Amin Bazar cattle market on February 5. As Eid-ul-Azha knocks at the door sacrificial animals are coming in large number in all the cattle markets here.

Cold wave will help boost mango production in Chapainawabganj

UNB, Chapainawabganj

A bumper production of mango is expected in Chapainawabganj district due to favourable climate and 'on-year' of mango production this year.

The biting cold wave with dense fog will also help boost mango output.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said mango buds appeared in almost all trees adequately.

DAE Deputy Director Robindra Kumar Majumder said the cold wave favours increased mango production. The humidity during the period caused no change in the growth of mango trees, rather helped in budding properly, he added.

Besides, experts said experiencing last year as 'off year' for mango

production, they expect this year as 'on year' for the production.

Chief Scientific Officer of Regional Horticulture Research Centre Dr Golam Murtaza said the production, however, will depend on the care taken of buds during next two months.

He said proportionate spraying of insecticide to combat diseases during its maturity is essential for survival of mango. Spraying water also controls drop of buds before maturity in case of no-rain condition.

According to DAE, there are about 10 lakh mango trees on 15 hectares land in Chapainawabganj. From here 70,000 tons of mango was produced last year which was considered 'off year'.

Besides, DAE imparts training to mango farmers and insecticide

producers aiming to increase production every year. This year, the department trained up 500 people.

Teenage girl raped

UNB, Narsingdi

A teenage girl was gang raped at village Tulshipur in Sadar upazila Tuesday.

The 15-year-old victim, a worker of Pakiza Spinning Mill was raped while she was on way to her work place. Her medical test was performed at the sadar hospital on Saturday. A case was filed, but none was arrested.

Transport strike in Rajbari

UNB, Rajbari

District transport workers union observed a daylong strike on Sunday withdrawing their vehicles from the streets in protest against the killing of a leader.

They also held a rally in front of the union office in the town and brought out a procession demanding punishment to the killers.

The union representatives later submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner and Police Super separately.

Union leader Azim was hacked to death in Rajbari on January 27 by a gang of miscreants. One person was arrested. Elder brother of Azim filed the case against 15 people.

Robbery at BRAC office in Tangail

UNB, Tangail

Bandits swooped on a regional office of Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), a major non-governmental organisation, at Bashail and looted cash and valuables worth about nine lakh taka early Sunday.

Police said the robbers entered into the office cutting off its window grill at about 2am and looted Tk 40,000 in cash and valuables including motorcycle, refrigerator, television and computer.

Assistant accountant of the office Abdul Malek and employee Shamorendu Roy were injured as the robbers severely beat them up. A case was filed with the police.

Tk 10 lakh property gutted in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Property worth about Tk 10 lakh was gutted when a fire broke out at village Thanapara in Gopalganj town on Saturday noon.

Witnesses said the fire originated from a kitchen. It gutted one printing press, a chamber of an advocate and one medicine shop.

Seven arrested for giving proxy exam

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Seven youths were arrested from local police line Sunday for giving proxy in the written test for recruitment of police constables.

Police Super Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad arrested the youths when they appeared at the examination changing photographs of the original candidates.

Six of the arrested youths were identified as Akhter Hossain, 23, M Solaiman, 19, M Nazmul Karim Bhuiyan, 18, Joyanal Abedin, 20, M Iqbal, 20, and Mosharaf Hossain, 18. A case was filed with the police.

Tk 13 lakh loan for jobless in C'nawabganj

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Employment Bank disbursed Tk 13 lakh as loan among 41 unemployed people of Chapainawabganj district in first six months of the current fiscal year.

Bank sources said the loan was disbursed for cow fattening, dairy farming, pisciculture, poultry firming, apiculture, nursery, small trading, weaving, embroidery and for buying rickshaw van.

Obscene dance in name of cultural show 20 injured as police, people clash at a village in Cox's Bazar

UNB, Cox's Bazaar

At least 20 people including two police constables were injured in a gunfight between police and unruly villagers at village Korobonia in Ukhia upazila on Friday night.

Police said a group of unruly people arranged a cultural programme at the village and sold tickets. Following start of the programme some local elite submitted written complaint to the police saying that obscene dances were being performed there in the name of cultural programme.

Later police came to the spot and wanted to see the written permission of the district administration for holding the so-called cultural programme.

At one stage of altercation the organisers with the help of some unruly villagers equipped with arms attacked police. Police returned fire that left 20 people including two cops - Abdul Kuddus and Sirajul Islam - injured.

Police arrested 16 people including two performers - Rubi Akhter and Moyna Akhter from the spot. Police filed a case against 400

people. Tension was prevailing in the area.

Miscreants strangle youth in Jhalakati

UNB, Jhalakati

A young man was strangled by miscreants at village Uttar Ranapasha in Nalchity upazila Tuesday night.

The victim was identified as Alamgir Hawlader, 32, of village Dakkhin Kathipara.

Alamgir was missing since he was called out of his house by some people of the neighbouring village.

He is believed to have been killed following a monetary dispute. Police arrested one person.

Most schools in Narail have no library

UNB, Narail

Most non-government schools and madrassahs in Narail district have no library and reading room for their students.

Although there is a provision of having a library at every educational institution with adequate books, there is no library in the schools and madrassahs.

Some of the schools have some books and those are kept in teachers' room. Usually, an assistant teacher issues the books to the students in addition to his normal duty.

Harvesting of cotton starts in Chuadanga

BSS, Chuadanga

Harvesting of cotton in the current season has just been started in the Chuadanga Zone of Bangladesh Cotton Development Board.

According to official sources, in this season, a total of 6,647 tons of cotton are expected to be produced in the zone. A total of 5,780 hectares were brought under cotton cultivation here as against the target at 9,000 hectares. Due to adverse weather, the cultivation target of cotton in the zone in this season was not achieved. Harvesting of cotton in the zone will be continued till March 15 next.

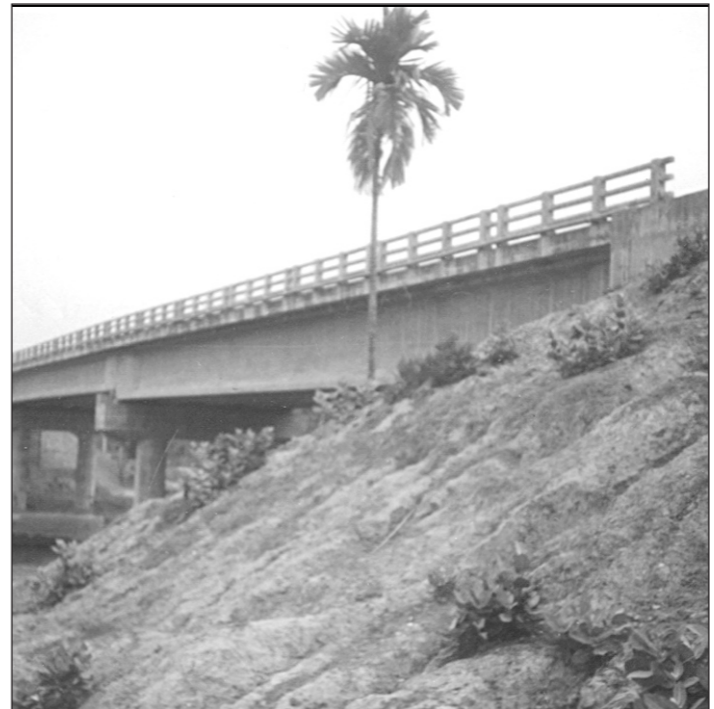


PHOTO: STAR

Here is a side view of Chitra Bridge in Narail. Its construction work was completed six years back. Still people cannot use the bridge because of incomplete approach roads on both sides of the bridge.

Armed robberies up in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Nineteen armed robberies were committed at Paikgachha in five days.

Of the incidents 12 robberies were committed on Friday midnight in different houses at village Mathbari of Paikgachha upazila in Khulna.

The bandits allegedly raped female inmates in three houses.

According to police, 15 masked dacoits raided the houses of Jahngir, Haripada Sarker, Babu

Sarker, Kalu Sarker and Babu Mandol. At arms point they looted cash, valuables, and gold from the houses.

The same gang of dacoits 'committed dacoities' in the houses of Sakhawat, Sahituddin, Sirajul, Aziz, Sohrab, in the early hours of Friday. Before leaving with the booty they raped girls and women in the houses of Sirajul and Aziz, local people said. They also abducted a young girl named Marjina, 24, from a house at the same village. She is yet to be rescued.



Amirunnessa Yakub, mother of Ferozur Rahman observes an award distribution ceremony after opening the newly-built building of Ferozur Rahman Residential Academy on Saturday at Radhika Sultanpur union in Sadar upazila of Brahmanbaria district. The academy was established on one-and-a-half acres of land under the educational project of F M Foundation. Four hundred students got admitted in the academy where they can study from Play Group to Class Eight.