

NEWS SNAPS

Man arrested with pistol

BSS, Natore
Police arrested one person with a pistol and recovered a powerful bomb from his possession from village Rampara in Lalpur upazila on Wednesday.

The arrested person was identified as Abul Kalam, 38, of village Udhanpur in Lalpur upazila. Lalpur Thana Police raided village Rampara and arrested the man with a pistol. As per his confessional statement, police recovered a high power bomb from his house. A case was filed with Lalpur thana.

Diabetes awareness day observed

BSS, Comilla
A discussion was held at Comilla Diabetic Hospital Auditorium to observe the Diabetes Awareness Day recently.

Organised by Comilla Diabetic Samity, the meeting was presided over by Vice President of the Samity Advocate Abdul Motalib. Civil Surgeon Dr Abdul Kader Mia, Dr Zobaida Hannan, Advocate Abdus Sattar, BMA Comilla district President Dr Iqbal Anwar, Dr Ataur Rahman and Anwar Hossain spoke.

Tension in Rajshahi over construction of govt instt on disputed land

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police deployed a heavy contingent of police in Ferozabad area in the city on Friday following tension over construction of a government institute on a disputed land.

Police were guarding the project site for three days and security was tightened as Women and Children's Affairs Minister Begum Khurshid Jahan Haque was supposed to lay the foundation stone of the project on Saturday. Boalia thana officer-in-charge (OC) Aslam Iqbal told The Daily Star.

Thirty two persons who claimed to be owners of the land protested a

proposal to construct a handloom industry and an agricultural training centre for women on 3.75 acres of disputed land at a cost of Tk 7 crore.

Local authorities demolished several houses and under police protection started construction of the foundation stone of the training centre on March 26.

Ten representatives of the landowners at a press conference here on March 25 claimed that they owned about 2.39 acres out of total 3.75 acres of the land.

They claimed that they got decree and permanent injunction in their favour from a lower court.

They alleged that the government had acquired the land on the basis of false deed and fake-ownership. The district women's affairs officer Momtaz Begum told local journalists that the land was acquired according to official records in 1978.

When the journalists asked her to comment on a lower court ruling giving ownership of the land to 32 persons, Momtaz replied to them that they had appealed to the High Court which already stayed the order of the lower court.

However, Rajshahi DC Aziz Hasan told The Daily Star that the foundation stone should not be erected on the disputed land.

'Candidate' kills one for not backing him

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A young man was killed at village Laukanthi near Patuakhali town on Sunday night allegedly by a defeated Union Parishad (UP) member candidate for not supporting him in the just concluded election.

Police said Harun Gazi, 30, and his friend Faisal were returning home from the town at around 10:00 pm.

Defeated UP member candidate Kalam, and his accomplices intercepted and killed Harun Gazi. Faisal managed to escape.

Makbul Gazi, father of Harun, lodged a case with Sadar police, accusing 12 people including Kalam for the murder.

Police arrested eight people.

Sirajganj clash leaves one dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

One youth was murdered and 10 others injured in a clash among a group of village headmen and local villagers at Sholonga in Belkuchi upazila last week.

The victim was Jahidul Islam, 22, son of Buddhu Miah of the aforesaid village.

Police and witnesses said village headman Abdul Kader proposed the victim to marry his daughter which he rejected. Then Kader's supporters attacked Jahidul at about 9 pm on Saturday last.

As a result a fierce clash erupted injuring 10, five of them critically. The critically injured were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital and Belkuchi Health Complex.

Two arrested

BSS, Ctg

Police on Friday arrested two armed miscreants from the city's Mugaltuli area after a brief exchange of gunshots.

They are Mohammad Shah Alam alias Sajeeb, son of Mohammad Idrish Ali and Mohammad Sumon, son of Nurul Islam of West Madarbari in Doublemooring thana.

Saidpur-Nilphamari highway named after Shaheed Captain Bashar

Reception to martyr's mother, 90 freedom fighters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The Saidpur-Nilphamari highway has been named after Shaheed Captain RAM Khairul Bashar, a distinguished martyr of the Liberation War.

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hoque (Milan) announced this on Wednesday at a reception accorded to mother of Shaheed Captain Bashar and 90 freedom fighters on the 32nd National and Independence Day in Nilphamari. He was present as the chief guest.

Nilphamari district unit of Bangladesh Muktioddha Sangsad organised the programme which was presided over by its commander Shamsul Islam Jaba.

Amidst applause from the audience, the state minister who is also In-Charge of Nilphamari district further declared that zila board would erect "Shaheed Captain Bashar Gate" at the entrance point of Nilphamari town near Mashiur Rahman College.

The state minister recalled the contribution of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq, Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman for their historic role in independence movement. He paid rich tributes to all freedom fighters. He expressed that the joy of freedom is incomplete without participation of 'Shaheed' families. He instructed the district administration to give priority to poor families of freedom fighters in allocation of relief materials.

In her speech, Bashar's octogenarian mother Rizia Ahmed told the gathering "we achieved independence after supreme sacrifices of lakhs of martyrs. We should give due respect to all who laid down their lives for the cause of independence. This year's independence day bears a different mean-



PHOTO: STAR

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hoque wrapping a shawl around Shaheed Janoni Rizia Ahmed, mother of Captain RAM Khairul Bashar, a martyr of the Liberation War. Nilphamari district unit of Muktioddha Sangsad on Wednesday accorded a reception to her and 90 freedom fighters in Nilphamari on the 32nd National and Independence Day.

ing. I am overwhelmed," she told the audience.

Earlier, the state minister himself went to Sabuj Para house of the martyr's father late Asir Uddin Ahmed, a noted educationist. He said to Shaheed Janoni, "Mother, I have come to take you to the reception venue by a car clad with our national flag that we achieved at the cost of blood of your great and valiant son."

On arrival at the reception venue, Shaheed Janoni got a standing ovation from the audience and the programme organisers.

Among others, joint convenor of district BNP Anisul Arefin Chowdhury and former vice-president of the central command council Joynal Abedin spoke, while it was attended by BNP leader Alamgir Sarker, district president of Awami League (AL) Janab Ali and ex-general secretary of district AL

Kazi Aminul Islam.

Following the reception ceremony, officials of the district administration escorted Shaheed Janoni to her house by flag car of the state minister.

Seminar on TB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A scientific seminar on Tuberculosis (TB) and its Management was held at Bhatiari Golf Country Club in Chittagong on Thursday.

Aventis Limited, Chittagong organised the same at its annual get together.

DR Imam Uddin and Dr MA Rouf of the University of Science and Technology (USTC) and Abdus Salam, Senior Production Manager of Aventis Ltd presented papers at the seminar.



A child renders a song at Nido Mela, a nutritional fair in Moulvibazar, organised by Nestle Bangladesh Ltd in association with Unitend Ltd for children and their mothers at local government high school ground on March 14. Mokhles-ur-Rahman, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Moulvibazar opened the fair, while Communication and Consumer Services Manager of Nestle Bangladesh Ltd Ashraf-bin-Taj, Area Slaes Manager Aftab Uddin, Regional Sales Manager Alyub Khondokar, NIDO Brand Executive Ruhana Rahman and high officials of Nestle Bangladesh Ltd and Unitrend Ltd were present there.



A two-day refresher's course on Internal Control System organised by Janata Bank Training Institute concluded at the Janata Bank area office, Pabna on March 28. Syed Abdul Hamid, general manager (GM), Janata Bank, Rajshahi division inaugurated the course. Thirty managers and officers of the area took part. H K Farid, deputy general manager (DGM) was also present there.