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Indian onion seized

UNB, Satkhira
Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) jawans seized 250 sacks of Indian onion from Bhomra land port area on Wednesday. Official sources said a firm named Al Amin Brothers of Bogra imported the onion illegally. A case was filed with local police station.

School academic buildings open

UNB, Tangail
Two academic buildings for Kalihati RSP High School and Noabari Primary School in Kalihati upazila have been constructed at a cost of Tk 28.5 lakh. Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj inaugurated the newly constructed academic buildings on Thursday. Later, the minister laid the foundation stone of Rajakoir High School. He also inaugurated a training programme for jute growers

Rice sanctioned for uplift schemes

BSS, Chuadanga
The government has sanctioned 370 tons of rice for implementing 36 schemes in all the four upazilas of Chuadanga. The implementation works of all the schemes have just been started and expected to be completed by June.

Stalemate at Barisal City Corporation

AKTER FARUK, Barisal
All the activities of Barisal City Corporation (BCC) came to a standstill after the election. Panic gripped the staffers of the corporation as 51 irregular employees were terminated this month. No reason was shown for their termination. It was believed that they were sacked on political ground. They were not paid their due wages of last month, according to sources in the city corporation. Staffers of the corporation were out to impress the new mayor by

according receptions. Defeated and acting mayor Ahsan Habib Kamal was barred from going to his office although he was yet to hand over charge to the new mayor. His name plate was also removed from his office. The acting mayor alleged that democratic environment was absent and he was not allowed to act as mayor during the interim period. As the government seized his power on March 18, he could not receive cheques and disburse money, he disclosed to journalists. This has resulted in non-

payment of bills of contractors and wages of employees, he further alleged. Kamal remained engaged in perusing case filed against Sarwar in the High Court. Another defeated candidate Ebaidul Huq went to India to receive heart treatment. Enayet Peer Khan, a candidate of Nagorik Parishad who secured second position and Abdul Mazid Munshi, a candidate of Jatiyo Party went back to their legal profession. Nobody knew when the stalemate would go as no date for new mayor's oath taking ceremony was fixed as yet.

Pirates swoop on trawler in Meghna, loot valuables

UNB, Noakhali
Pirates swooped on a trawler and looted valuables worth Tk 5 lakh injuring three boatmen in the Meghna River in Char Jabbar thana early Monday. The robbers, at gun point intercepted the goods laden Chittagong bound trawler, coming from Rangpur and took away 50 tons of rice, 30 sacks of pulses, several sacks of chilli, two mobile sets and other goods. They also beat up the sailor and two boatmen injuring them seriously. A case was filed with the police.

Gamblers-villagers clash leaves 12 hurt in Narsingdi

UNB, Narsingdi
At least 12 people were injured in a clash between gamblers and villagers at village Harupur in Raipura upazila on Saturday. Police said the clash ensued when villagers tried to stop indecent dance, gambling and drug trading which were going on with impunity in the name of 'Jatra'. On information, police rushed to the spot and arrested six persons. The injured were admitted to different health complexes of Brahmanbaria.



Artistes perform a traditional Manipuri dance at a function at Srimongal in Moulvibazar. The cultural function was arranged recently to mark 63rd Nupilan Day commemorating the historic Manipuri women's movement against the British regime in Indo-Bangla-Pak sub-continent.

Two murdered in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna
Two persons were murdered in Rupsha upazila on Wednesday night. Ujjal Kumar Das, 18, a student of Rupsha Degree College, was beaten to death by his playmates at Kismat Khulna under Rupsha thana at around 8pm. Son of Gouranga Das of Niklapur village, Ujjal was playing with his friends. Suddenly, two of his playmates - Shekhar and Mithun -- swooped on Ujjal and beat him. Victim's father filed a murder case with Rupsha police station yesterday accusing Shekhar and Mithun.

The accused are still at large, police said terming the murder as a sequel to quarrel over playing cricket. In another incident, grocer Abul Kalam Shaikh, 25, of Kismat Khulna village, was gunned down allegedly by the cadres of Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) at about 10pm on Wednesday near his shop at Naihati village. According to police super Mosharef Hossain, Kalam helped police chase five cadres of BCP on Wednesday noon when they were going away abducting Saeed, 24, an armed cadre of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP).

The alleged abductors fled away, leaving Saeed at Jabusha village under Rupsha thana. But police could not also arrest Saeed as he managed to escape at the same time. Police said Saeed is also a professional killer belonging to PBCP and a suspect in several criminal cases including murder and bomb attacks on police van at Rupsha. Police arrested two cadres of outlawed BCP and recovered a gun from their possession. The arrestees are Kamrul, 30, and Masud, 28.

Bandit stabbed to death in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
An armed robber was stabbed to death mistakenly by his accomplices and a house owner was seriously injured in a clash at Imatpur Notunpara in Katakali area of Rajshahi city in the early hours of Tuesday. The house owner was locked in a clash with the bandits. Identity of the dead could not be known immediately, while injured Farhad-uz-Zaman was rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) in a critical condition. Farhad, the house owner also a

labourer of Rajshahi Textile Mills was locked in a clash with a gang of five bandits when they swooped on his house by breaking the clay made wall at around 1.30am, police and witnesses said. The dacoits stabbed Farhad indiscriminately. But a dacoit fatally stabbed the victim when Farhad used him (victim) as a shield. The bandits fled from the scene as the villagers, awakened by the hue and cry, came forward to save Farhad and his family members. A case was filed with Motihar thana.

Bid to grab land foiled: 2 caught by people

UNB, Gazipur
Villagers caught two people, including an air force official, from Sreepur upazila headquarters for trying to grab a plot of land. Police said the villagers caught Amiruddin, a local influential man and Flight Sergeant Asharaful Haq of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF), when they tried to capture the land of Ainuddin of village Nayapara on April 5 showing fake documents. Police later handed Asharaful over to BAF authorities and sent Amiruddin to court.



Members of Shishu Forum, Netrakona, a children's organisation, organised a human chain in the district town on April 5 in protest against invasion of Iraq by Anglo-US coalition force.

213 development projects underway in Pirojpur

UNB, Pirojpur
Some 213 development projects are being implemented in Pirojpur under Rural Infrastructure Maintenance Programme. District Relief and Rehabilitation Department has allocated 267 metric tons of rice to implement the projects. Of the total, 24 projects will be implemented in Sadar, while 14 in Zianagar, 39 each in Nazirpur and Bhandaria, 27 in Kaukhali, 31 in Mathbaria, 32 in Nesarabad, five in Pirojpur municipality and two in Matbaria municipality. The projects include reconstruction of roads and bridges, tree plantation and renovation of mosque, madrassah and temple. The works of the projects are expected to be completed by June, official sources said.

Pirojpur BKB's Tk 16.4 cr outstanding loan in 10 yrs

UNB, Pirojpur
The outstanding loan of Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) in Pirojpur stood at about Tk 16.4 crore in the last 10 years. Bank sources said although a total of 878 certificate cases were filed to realise Tk 1.27 lakh till last July but the rate of loan realisation was not satisfactory. Loan realisation is being hampered in this region due to staff shortage in different branches of the bank. A total of 55 posts have been lying vacant here for the last several years. Many farmers could not repay the loan due to damage of crops in the natural disasters.

Workshop on BAU research system

UNB, Mymensingh
A two-day workshop on research system of Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) concluded on Thursday. Deputy Minister for Education Abdus Salam Pintu inaugurated the workshop on Wednesday. Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Mustafizur Rahman addressed the inaugural programme.

Father hands over son with firearm to police in B'baria

UNB, Brahmanbaria
A father handed over his son to the police along with a firearm at Gorkonghat in Brahmanbaria municipality on Sunday. Police said Abdul Basir handed over his son Javed, 20, as he became fed up with his anti-social activities. Poura Commissioner Anisur Rahman and other distinguished persons of the locality were present at that time.



Two non-governmental organisations Action on Disability and Development Bangladesh (ADD) jointly organised a press conference at ADD office in Natore to condemn a rape incident of a disabled woman allegedly by the members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) recently at Kaliyer Char in Kurigram.