

SNAPS

Farmer allegedly commits suicide

UNB, Gazipur A farmer identified as Jashimuddin of Tongi upazila allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in his house recently. Police said family feud was the reason behind his suicide. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

3 with contraband arrested

UNB, Bogra Police arrested three people along with contraband medicine worth Tk 3 lakh from a market in the town on Sunday. The arrested are Mofazzal of Mazhira upazila, Abdul Alim of Kalai and Mokseder Rahman of Shibganj upazila. Local people caught the smugglers when they brought the medicine to the market for sale. Later they were handed over to the police. A case was filed.

Rod-laden truck hijacked

UNB, Comilla A rod-laden truck was hijacked from Fulpur in Sadar upazila on Dhaka-Chittagong highway on Thursday night.

The criminals hijacked the Bhairab-bound truck after making its helper, driver Alamgir and one Bacha Miah unconscious by feeding them toxic food. The hijackers left them on the road tying their hands and mouths.

Girl raped

UNB, Chandpur A minor girl was gang raped at Moishadi village in Sadar upazila on Wednesday.

Sukkur, 21, and Muslim Gazi, 23, raped the girl of village Erpurchandi taking her at a sugarcane field when she was going to her uncle's house, locals said. Her relatives found her lying in a pool of blood and rushed her to Sadar hospital. A case was filed.

Two muggers arrested

UNB, Barisal Two muggers were arrested along with a shutter gun and one round of bullet from the campus of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital on Tuesday.



Students of Barisal Textile Institute brought out a procession in the city on Thursday demanding placing of the six textile institutes in the country under the disposal of the Technical Education Directorate.

28 murders in 45 days in Barisal division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Twenty-eight murders were committed in six districts of Barisal division in the last 45 days. Five of the murders were in the Sadar thana area.

But in most of the cases the killers are yet to be nabbed. Besides, incidents of dacoity and piracy are on the rise, police and other sources said.

The most sensational dacoity incident took place on May 4. About 25 armed dacoits swooped on a fair at Kaporkati village in Nabagum union in the evening, threatened all over hand mikes and looted 80 stalls. The helpless people simply stood as onlookers.

It is alleged that a police team deployed at the fair had left just before the incident.

Thirty-eight fishing trawlers were looted by pirates in the last fortnight. In one incident on May 7, 27 fishing boats were looted and 11 fishermen were thrown into the sea. Four of them swam ashore and the rest seven are still missing.

Wife beaten to death in Kushtia

A CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A housewife was beaten to death by her husband for dowry at Dasbosi village in Kumarkhali upazila on Thursday night. Critically injured Golapy Khatun, 22, died while being taken to hospital, police said.

Golapy's father lodged a case with Kumarkhali police accusing her husband Mizanur. The killer is absconding, police said.

Since their marriage three years ago, Mizanur, a rickshawpuller, used to beat Golapy often for Tk 3000, police said.

RU press club body formed

RU CORRESPONDENT

Journalists at Rajshahi University representing different national dailies formed a 13-member executive committee of RU Press Club on Thursday although the press club building is still occupied by a few pro-Jamaat-Shibir journalists.

Nazrul's birth anniversary programme at Darirampur

BSS, Mymensingh

A three-day national programme in celebration of the 104th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam begins today at Darirampur in Trishal here.

The programme includes Nazrul songs, discussion, cultural function, recitation, seminar, drama, rally and book fair.

Separate discussions and cultural functions will also be held simultaneously at Kazir Shimla, Daroga Bari and at the house of Bechutia Bepari at Namapara in Trishal where the great poet passed his child life.

Artistes from Mymensingh, Tangail, Dhaka, Kishoregonj, Netrakona and Trishal will take part in the cultural programme.

Thousand of Nazrul followers are expected to attend the programmes.

The ministry of cultural affairs is implementing a project at a cost of Tk one crore 82 thousand to build some establishments at Kazir Shimla and at the house of Biechutia Bepari

A three-storied building will be built on the premises of the Bapari Bari. It will have a conference room, museum and a library.

176 Rohingyas repatriated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A group of 176 Rohingya refugees belonging to 27 families returned to their homes in Myanmar on Wednesday from Nayapara and Kutupalong refugee camps here, official sources said.

Repatriation officials of Bangladesh government and UNHCR representative saw them off on the bank of Naaf river at Teknaf.

Myanmar immigration officials received them at Kaningchong reception centre.

With this, 2, 33, 903 Rohingya refugees have so far returned to Myanmar, the officials said.

More 21, 482 are waiting for repatriation at the two camps.

Another 160 refugees are expected to return on Monday. A total of 1150 refugees will return home this month, they said.

Over 2.5 lakh Rohingyas crossed the border and took refuge in Teknaf and Ukhia upazilas in 1991 to escape persecution by Myanmar's military regime.

Poor result in SSC, Dakhil exams

40 madrassahs, 20 schools in Gaibandha asked to show cause

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Notices have been served on 40 madrassahs and 20 secondary schools in the district for poor performance in the last Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Dakhil examinations.

The educational institutions have been asked to show cause why their Monthly Pay Order (MPO) would not be cancelled.

In most of the institutions, not a single examinee passed in the last examinations, official sources said.

In the last three years also, these institutions could not produce any satisfactory result in public examinations. Even, none of them achieved the target of ten per cent success in examinations.

The notices were issued by the Deputy Director of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate, Rangpur.

Meanwhile, Stare Minister for Education A N M Ehsanul Huq at a meeting at Mohasthanagarh in Bogra on May 19 said MPO of any institution will not be cancelled if cheating by students can be stopped fully.

Abdul Monayem Khan, Cox's Bazar

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Aus farming programme

UNB, Netrakona

Some 24,500 hectares of land have been brought under Aus cultivation in eight upazilas of the district with an output target of 43,000 metric tons in the current season.

Acid thrown on 4 of a family in Barisal

BSS, Barisal

The mother, daughter and two grand children of a family suffered serious burn injuries when acid was thrown on them at Panbari village in Mehendiganj on Wednesday midnight.

The victims - mother Azimun Khatoun, 60, daughter Noorjahan Begum, 20, and two minor grandsons -- were admitted to Mehendiganj thana health complex, police and hospital sources said. Acid was thrown when they were asleep at their house at night.

Two held with guns in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Detective Branch (DB) police on Monday night arrested two teenagers from Shirishnagar and recovered two SBL guns from their possession.

The arrested persons were identified as Masum Billah and Dalim, both aged about 15. They were hiding in the house of one Akbar Ali.

The guns were owned by some cadres of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP), police said.

Kala Azar claims 24 in Mymensingh

4,000 others infected in five upazila

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Killer disease Kala Azar is reappearing with full fury in the district.

It claimed at least 24 lives and infected over 4,000 people in Gafargaon, Bhaluka, Trishal, Phulbaria and Muktagacha upazilas from January last year till April this year. About 15,000 people were tested for the disease.

Of the deaths, eight were in Muktagacha, five in Phulbaria, six in Trishal, three each in Bhaluka and Gafargaon, according to sources at the civil surgeon's office. Three deaths in Trishal took place last month.

Phulbaria upazila topped the list with 2636 infected people in last

two years, 415 of them in the last four months. The number was 348 in Trishal.

Most of the patients are poor who can not go for proper treatment.

Doctors said deaths from the disease are increasing every year due to lack of proper preventive measures and treatment, they said. Kala Azar is a vector-borne disease, transmitted to humans through infected female sand fly.

They said it is not difficult to eradicate the disease as the treatment is easy and preventive measures are not costly. But the drug is beyond the reach of the poor. Stibatin injection, the only medicine for its treatment is sold at

between Tk 150 and Tk 200 against its actual price of Tk 110. Often, there is a crisis of the injection.

Dr Md Nasir Uddin Mahamud, Medical Officer of Disease Control and Surveillance at CS office said facilities for Direct Agglutination Test (DAT) to diagnose Kala Azar is not available in any hospital in Mymensingh. Aldehyde (AT) test, which is primary investigation, is done at health complexes.

Spread of the disease can be easily controlled by spraying DDT regularly, he said. But DDT was not sprayed in any area in the district in the last four months, sources claimed.



Minister for Land M Shamsul Islam speaking as chief guest at an orientation course for newly elected chairmen of Union Parishads in Munshiganj on Friday.

Housewife, daughter gangraped in Feni

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A housewife and her teenaged daughter were gangraped at gunpoint at Sultanpur village under Sonagazi upazila Tuesday night.

Police said miscreants Latu of Sultanpur; and Farque, Jahangir and Kashem of an adjoining village kidnapper the mother and her daughter from their house. They

took the two to nearby Nawabpur health complex and violated them.

Local people caught Jahangir on Wednesday and handed him over to Sonagazi police.

Feni Police Superintendent Md Obadullah visited the spot and assured villagers of proper action against the culprits.

A case was lodged with Sonagazi thana accusing the four.

Discussion on legal assistance to poor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A discussion meeting on extending legal assistance by the government's social welfare directorate to the poor was held at Gaibandha Zila Parishad auditorium recently.

District and Sessions Judge A M M Sayeed was the chief guest at the meeting presided over by deputy director of the district social welfare directorate Peer Boksh.

Among others, Joint Session Judge A F M Mahabubul Huq, District Bar Council President advocate Sekender Azam Anam, its secretary Faruk Ahmed Prince, Public Prosecutor Zahangir Alam Sarker took part in the discussion.

The speakers said the poor should be given legal assistance by the government as they can not afford to seek justice.

Govt keen to develop road links: Mannan

BSS, Barisal

Local Government, Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said here on Friday that the government was very keen to develop road communication network and undertook massive programmes for overall development in all regions.

He was addressing a rally at Rupatali in the city while inaugurating Barisal Inter-district Bus Terminal.

The function was presided over by Barisal City Corporation (BCC) Mayor Mujibur Rahman Sarwar.

'Fake' doctor handed over to police

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Villagers caught a fake doctor, beat him and handed him over to police here recently.

Abdul Malek, 45, tried to operate upon Abdur Rahim 55, of Mohis Khocha village in Aditmari upazila to remove a tumor.

As the patient died, angry villagers beat him and handed him over to police. The fake doctor was from Udayon Narayon village under Haragach union in Kawnia upazila in Rangpur district, police said.

Two electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Two young men were electrocuted Wednesday night while stealing electric wire from live electric line at Khonia Palong village in Ramu upazila.

The victims have been identified as Md Eklas, 27 and Habib Ullah, 23, of Paner Chhara village of the same upazila.

An organised gang is engaged in stealing electric wire at Ramu and Ukhia upazilas for long time, police said.

Phensidyl recovered

A CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Kushtia police recovered 667 bottles of Phensidyl from a house at Majampur in the town on Friday and arrested one person.