

SNAPS

Schoolgirl killed in road mishap

UNB, Jhalakati A minor schoolgirl was killed in a road accident near her school in the town on Thursday. The deceased was identified as Rahima Begum, 7, a student of class I of Isanil Primary School and daughter of Mujibur Rahman of the town. The mishap took place at about 11am when a bus knocked her down killing on the spot while she was returning home from school.

Body recovered

UNB, Madaripur Body of an unidentified teenage girl was recovered from Mostafapur canal in Sadar upazila on Thursday. Police recovered the floating body of the victim in the morning. They suspected that the miscreants might have killed her after gangrape. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

Man electrocuted

UNB, Rajbari A Moazzin of Beradanga Jame Mosque in the town was electrocuted on Friday. Abdul Majid, 30, came in contact with a snapped electric wire lying inside the mosque while he was cleaning the prayer house before Jumma prayers. He was rushed to the Sadar hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

Notorious criminal nabbed

UNB, Comilla Police nabbed a notorious criminal along with firearms from Gobindapur Choumuhini area in the town on Thursday night. Arrested Kamrul Khan was wanted in connection with 13 criminal cases including killing, robbery, arms and attack on police. Police raided the area and nabbed Kamrul with a Pakistani revolver and 12 rounds of bullet.

Bus service to Baghaichhori soon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati Bus service will be introduced soon from Rangamati to Baghaichhori, a remote upazila. Deputy Commissioner Jafar Ahmed Khan informed a meeting on law and order, held at his office recently.



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Students of Music and Dramatics Department at Rajshahi University rendering Nazrul songs at a cultural function-- Madhuho Bashori Baje-- at Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium of the university to mark the national poet's 104th birth anniversary on May 24.

BDR foils another push-in attempt

BSS, Panchagarh Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and frontier villagers foiled yet another push-in attempt by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Giragaon border of Atoari upazila in the district early Friday. BSF troops tried to push 21 Bangla-speaking Indian citizens into Bangladesh territory through Giragaon borders, BDR sources here said. On Thursday, 42 Bangla-speaking Indian citizens including women and children were pushed back into India within 40 minutes of their expulsion by the BSF into Bangladesh territory through the Ramzanpara border, sources at the

Bus operators threatened for reducing fare

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi The Rajshahi Sarak Paribahan Owners' Group (RSPOG) has threatened bus operators on Rajshahi-Dhaka route to shut down their business for reducing fare. The threat came when a section of private transport owners were thinking of reducing bus fare on the route after opening of the 55-kilometre Bonpara-Hatikumrul link road to Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge that reduced the distance by over 85 kilometres. RSPOG directed the Rajshahi-Dhaka bus operators to charge at least Tk 200 for a ticket. "If less than Tk 200 is charged, a fine of Tk 500 will be realised for each ticket, and for non-payment, the bus counter will be kept shut for

seven days", said a RSPOG notice hung at the bus stand. The notice is signed by Nazrul Islam, Joint Secretary of RSPOG.

Two die in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal Two persons died in Barisal on Thursday. Housewife Minara Begum, 30, died from burn injuries at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital Friday night. She was injured in a fire at her husband's house at a village in Banaripara upazila. One Nanu, 30, of Taltali village in Barguna died at the hospital from fatal injuries as he fell from a tree on Thursday.

Rangamati police force inadequate, vital posts vacant

MONIRUL ALAM, Rangamati Inadequate police force is affecting maintenance of law and order in the hill district. Besides shortage of 567 policemen, some vital officer-level posts are vacant, sources said. There is no officer-in-charge (OC) at Kaptai and Chandraghona thanas for several months while Farua and Sazek thanas are virtually in an "abandoned state" due to shortage of policemen, they said. Incidents of crime like kidnaping, extortion, drug peddling and robbery goes unabated due to the shortage. Besides, clashes often take place between Parbattya

Chattagram Jana Sanghati Shamity (PCJSS) and United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF) over supremacy in the district. When contacted, Police Superintendent Humayun Kabir told this correspondent on Thursday, "There are 2987 policemen for 13 police stations in the district. This is 20 percent less than the requirement." "The post of Additional Police Super (special), five posts of Assistant Police Super (ASP), one post of District Investigation Officer (DIO-1) and the post of Borkol Upazila Circle ASP are vacant", he said. "The police force also lacks proper logistic support", he added.

Kidnapped teacher yet to be rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet A retired schoolteacher, kidnaped for Tk 6 lakh ransom 10 days ago, is yet to be rescued. Police said they arrested three suspects but kidnapers of Sushil Ranjan Talukder alias Jhantu are yet to be nabbed. Police of Tahirpur and Madhyananagar thanas in Sunamganj district and of neighbouring Kalmakanda thana in Netrokona district searched several areas in the hills near the Indian state of Meghalaya in the last eight days. They were assisted by BDR during

the search, police officials said. Indian Border Security Force (BSF) has also been requested for assistance, a police official said. "We are facing problem in the search operation as the place is in bordering hill area. We sought co-operation from the Indian BSF because there are reports that the victim was kept in hills in the Indian territory", one official said. A gang of dacoits kidnaped the retired schoolteacher from his village home at Bhabanipur under Tahirpur upazila of Sunamganj on the night of 20 May.

Malaria claims three

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati Malaria claimed three lives including two children at Uganipara village under Gaindia union in Rajstholi upazila in last one week. The dead were identified as Ka Sui Pru Marma, 10, Sui Aung Marma, 5, and Mesa Aung Marma, 50, according to sources. But supply of medicine in the upazila health complex is too inadequate to the rush of patients, according to local Union Parishad member Ayub. "Even doctor is not available regularly and patients are often referred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital". The poor people can not afford to go to Chittagong,

he said. Many people leave the health complex without treatment, he alleged. The Rangamati civil surgeon could not be contacted over phone for comments despite repeated attempts. Certificates distributed RU CORRESPONDENT The Computer Science Department at Rajshahi University (RU) distributed certificates among 40 students at a function at Physics Department gallery on Thursday. RU Vice Chancellor distributed the certificates.

Father kills son in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga A young man was killed allegedly by his father and two brothers for marrying a girl without the consent of the family. The incident took place at Nabinagar village under Chuadanga Sadar upazila on May 28. Shohel Rana, 23, had married Shofia Khatun of the same village without the consent of his family. Being angry, his father and two brothers beat him at home, critically injuring him. He was taken to Chuadanga sadar hospital, from where he was being taken to Dhaka. He died on way. Autopsy of the body was done at Chuadanga Sadar Hospital morgue. A case has been filed but Chuadanga Sadar police are yet to arrest any one.

Wife killed for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband and mother-in-law for dowry at a village in Ullapara on Thursday. Nargis Khatun, 21, was married to Noor Mohamad of village Panchokushi two years back. Police said she was beaten severely for Tk 10,000 dowry. The mother-in-law, Maleka Kahtun, 50, has been arrested and a case filed with Ullapara thana.

DGPS machine set up at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT A Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) for collecting data on earth disaster has been installed at the Geology and Mining Department at Rajshahi University (RU). The machine will measure earthquakes and other earth disasters in Ganga-Bhrammaputra region and also provide accurate data on geographical position and height of any place from the sea level. Besides, the machine will also provide data on any possible tremor under the ground. A modern seismometer will be added to the DGPS machine to get accurate data on source of any earthquake. Similar DGPS machines were also set up in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Sylhet and Patuakhali.

Criminals, former outlaws get jobs in police, ansar!

Probe into recruitment process in ten south-western districts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna Three government agencies have started investigation to find out how many former outlaws and persons having criminal background are serving in the police department in the 10 south-western districts. It is also being probed to identify the persons responsible for their recruitment through 'false verification report in exchange of bribe', said a highly placed source at Khulna DIG's office. Concrete evidences will be

The agencies will submit a report to the authorities concerned along with lists of policemen having criminal background, including outlaws who managed to get jobs through illegal means. The list will be checked and rechecked before submission, the source said. Presence of former outlaws and criminals in police department has now posed a serious threat to law and order in the south-western districts, the source said.

produced along with the investigation report for immediate action against the 'criminals wearing police uniform', the source said. Officers who helped the outlaws obtain 'false' verification reports will not be spared. A through investigation is also going on in the Ansar department, the source said, refusing to comment when asked whether the criminals were provided with jobs under political influence.

Tributes to Zia in districts

STAR NATIONAL DESK The 22nd death anniversary of late president Ziaur Rahman was observed in Rajshahi, Nilphamari and Sirajganj. BSS reports from Rajshahi: BNP and its front organisations; different social-cultural, professional and student bodies organised various programmes on the occasion. The programme began with hoisting of party flags at half-mast and black flags atop offices of BNP and its front organisations. The programmes included quran khwani, milad mahfil, feeding of destitutes, discussion meetings, photo exhibitions; and blood donation and cultural programmes. Post and Telecommunications Minister Aminul Haque and Mayor of Rajshahi Mizanur Rahman MP were the chief guest and special guest respectively at a discussion meeting held at the party office on Friday. Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

organised a free medical camp and blood donation programme. Jatiyatabadi Muktiyoddha Dal and the Shishu Academy organised milad mahfils and discussion meetings. Abokash Nattya Dal in collaboration with Sandhani at RMC organised a blood donation programme at Luxmipur crossing. RU Correspondent reports: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and its units at Rajshahi University and Rajshahi Merdical College jointly organised a day long free medical camp at Kajla gate in the university area on Friday. Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) Director Nurul Islam and RMC inaugurated the medical camp. Prof Dayem Uddin was also present. About 500 poor patients got free treatment and medicine there. The university unit of Zia Parishad arranged a discussion meeting at Jubery Bhabon. RU Vice Chancellor attended the meeting. A milad mahfil was held at the

central mosque after Jumma prayer. Our Nilphamari Correspondent reports: The district unit of BNP organised a two-day programme to mark the day. The programmes included quran khwani, milad mahfil and feeding of destitutes on Friday. Saturday's programmes included blood donation and free medical treatment in collaboration with the Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB). A discussion on Zia's life and works was held at the local BNP office which was addressed by, among others, Anisul Arefin Chowdhury, Alamgir Sarker. Our Sirajganj Correspondent adds: Sirajganj district BNP chalked out two-day programmes to observe the day. The programmes included quran khwani, milad mahfil, discussion meetings and destitute feeding. A procession was brought out in the town. State Minister for Power Iqbal Hasan Mahmood led the procession.

Bombs hurled 'to snatch arms' from Khulna police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna The Launch Labour Association office at Khulna Skid Ghat came under bomb attack Thursday mid-night. According to police and eye witnesses, a gang exploded two hand bombs at the office when a meeting of launch owners and

workers was going on. None was hurt in the explosions that rocked the entire Skid Ghat area, creating panic among the people. Police later recovered a live hand bomb from near the office. A River Traffic Police outpost is beside the association office, where there were many armed policemen. Police officials said the bomb attack

could be an attempt by miscreants to snatch arms from police. But the attempt was failed as Sergeant Nausher Osman chased the miscreants. On Thursday, another bomb was hurled at a security guard of Agrani Bank at Clay Road to snatch his firearm. The guard was seriously injured.



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The Citizens Committee and the Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB), Mymensingh, organised a seminar on role of citizens in ensuring transparency and accountability at BNSB Eye Hospital auditorium on May 23.

Ex-Daily Star correspondent dead

UNB, Jessore Former correspondent of The Daily Star and an ex-upazila chairman, Md Atiur Rahman, died of old age ailments at Jessore General Hospital on Friday morning. He was 75. He left behind wife, five sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death. After the first Namaj-e-Janaza in the town his body was taken to the press club to pay last respect by his colleagues and admirers. Later he was buried at his family graveyard at village Garipur in Chowgachha upazila after another Namaj-e-Janaza.