### Young divorcee 'commits'

### suicide UNB, Noakhall A young divorcee allegedly committed suicide at her sister's house at

Krishnarampur village in Sadar thana of the district on Thursday Hasna Akhter, 25, who went to her sister's house 20 days back, hanged

herself from a ceiling fan of the house for reasons unknown. Police recovered the body.

### Rice mill workers out of job

UNB, Kushtia

Over 300 rice mills in Khajanagar area of the district remained closed due to off-season, throwing 6,000 workers, including women, out of jobs.

The mill owners and workers urged the government to allow import of paddy instead of rice so that they could keep their rice mills operational throughout the year.

### Girl raped

UNB, Jhalakati

A group of youths picked up a girl and raped her at a desolate spot in Kathpotri area of the town on Wednesday. Miscreants picked up the girl and

dragged her into a microbus while she along with her sister was returning home from the chamber of Advocate Tanu. They took her to Kalijira bridge of the town and raped her there. She was

### left there in an unconscious state. Hemp recovered: Two arrested

UNB, Khagrachhari Army men seized some 45 kgs of hemp and arrested two people from the College Gate area in Panchhari upazila on Wednesday.

Khandara Tripura, 32, and Pandan Chakma, 17, were caught red-handed while they were carrying

### Loan for poor distributed

UNB, Jamalpui

Social Welfare Department distributed interest-free loan amounting to Tk 1.25 lakh among 25 poor people of Chanpur village in Sadar upazila on Sunday.

Deputy Director of District Social Service Department office Rebecca Sultana was the chief guest at the loan distribution function at Jawalla Gopalpur High School.

# 78 injured in B'baria, Kushtia

# Rival BNP groups clash in Kushtia

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At least 78 people were injured, 60 of them in Brahmanbaria and 18 in Kushtia, as rival villagers clashed after formation of Gram Sarkar on Wednesday and Thursday.

Those injured in Brahmanbaria included a former woman Union Parishad member. In Kushtia, the rivals belonged to ruling BNP.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent reported that at least five persons including former UP member Ayesha Begum were injured when her house came under attack by supporters of a defeated candidate following formation of Gram Sarkar at Kandi village in Bhalakul



union under Nasirnagar upazila. The former UP member and three others--Hena Begum, Maksud

Ali and Barek Mia -- were admitted to Nasirnagar Upazila Health Complex The attackers also ransacked the house and looted valuables and

money, police said quoting the No case was filed till filling the

Another 55 people were injured in clashes at Charchartola village under Ashugoni upazila.

The clashes began between supporters of two candidates -- Md Sadeque and Md Rafiqueat the polls venue -- Charchartola Government Primary School-- and then spread to the entire village. Rival groups clashed with lethal

On information, the Ashuganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer rushed to the

area with a police team and brought the situation under control.

Our Kushtia Correspondent reported that 18 people were injured in clashes between BNP supporters at Osmanpur and Gopogram villages in Khoksa upazila on Thursday.

In Osmanpur, 13 people were injured when a group led by defeated candidate Rashedul attacked their rivals led by Atiqur, who won the polls, police said. Both Rashedul and Atigur belongs to BNP, sources said

Of the injured, five were admitted to Khoksa Upazila Health Complex. They are Ali, Laltu, Ujjal, Farid and Sariful, police said.

Another five persons were injured when supporters of the winner and the defeated candidates clashed at Gopogram village. The two candidates-- Imran Ali Chand Aliwere BNP activists, local people said

## **Operation Spider Web** 7 hurt in Case against BDR Capt

# for 'torturing' NGO men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Khulna

Nijera Kari, an NGO, has filed a case with Paikgacha court against BDR Captain Lutful Karim for alleged torture of four of its men and taking their signature on a white paper during the just concluded Operation Spider Web. Capt. Karim was in charge of

Bigordana camp during the operation. Jalaluddin, divisional president of Nijera Kori, filed the case on

The court fixed September 29 for hearing of the case.

The complainant in his petition stated that Capt. Lutful Karim called four employees of the NGO to the camp at 10 am on August 12. He tortured them without any offence and forced them to put their signatures on a blank paper, he alleged.

The four injured NGO employees are its Divisional Organiser Ferdausi Hossain, Alam Biswas.

Shukumar Biswas and MA Rashid The injured are undergoing

treatment at Paikgacha Upazilla Health Complex, the complainant said in the petition.

On the same day, the BDR  $\,$ captain also called ten landless members of the NGO to the camp and beat them.

While beating the employees the BDR captain abused Khushi Kabir, chief of Nijera Kori, in filthy lan-

# 'Partial' scrapping of grading system assured

# CU students divided

**CU CORRESPONDENT** 

The agitating students of Chittagong University (CU) have become divided into two groups following the authorities' assurance that grading system in examinations might be cancelled only for 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 academic

Sources said the authorities want to retain the grading system for final examinations from 2001-2002. Now, the students of the three academic sessions (1998-99,992000 and 2000-2001) have postponed their movement. Students of 2001-2002 session have launched a fresh movement demanding total cancellation of the grading system.

students' boycott.

for taking a "partial decision" Students of the Institute of

They said they will boycott When contacted, a senior

sity authorities.

# BDR-police clash over smuggled sugar in Kushtia: 3 cops hurt

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia** 

Three policemen including a subinspector (SI) were injured in a clash with BDR personnel near the Chilmary Udoungar border, 40 kilometers from Kushtia on Wednesday night, police sources

The clash followed an altercation centring handover of 380 bags of seized smuggled sugar. A case has been filed against two

BDR personnel in this connection, the sources said They said a police a team lead by

SI Abu Bakar Siddique of Daulatpur police station seized 380 bags of smuggled sugar worth about Tk 8 lakh from Udounagar border point at about 10 PM. A BDR team led by Subedar

Mafizul Islam of Udounagar BOP went to the spot and asked police to hand over the goods to them, but the policemen declined, ensuing an At one stage, the BDR personnel

tried to take the bags forcibly, resulting in a clash. SI Abu Bakar Siddique and two

other constables were injured. SI Bakar filed a case with

Daulatour police station accusing Subedar Mafizul and Mustafa

### State minister assured purchase of 4 lakh maunds

# **BJMC** stops jute buying in Faridpur

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur** 

Five government centres in the district did not are not purchasing any jute since the state minister for jute inaugurated those late last

Lutfor Rahman Khan Azad ceremonially inaugurated jute purchase in three centres in Kanaipur in the Sadar upazila and two in Kamarchali in Modhukhali upazilas on July 25 by purchasing 50 kgs of jute at each of the centres.

The state minister had said that the government agency would purchase four lakh maunds of jute through these centres this year. Since then, none of the centres

purchased any jute. When contacted, sources in Bangladesh Jute masrketing

Corporation (BJMC) said jute can not be purchased due to lack of funds. He also said allotment of funds soon is a remote possibility. He also said that BJMC is facing a serious crisis of funds and even

can not pay jute traders for their last

year's supplies. Jute purchase by BJMC is also stopped in Rangpur, a traditional jute growing area.

Meanwhile growers in different markets told this correspondent that jute was selling a between Tk 200 and Tk 250 per maund, which is far below the production cost.

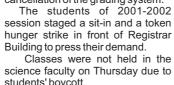
Taking the advantage of low price, a section of traders are buying jute with the intention to supply those to smugglers, sources said.

### Move to export gas protested

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,** 

Nilphamari unit of Gas and Oil Protection Committee recently protested the move to export gas

They brought out a procession in the town demanding postponement of the idea and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister through the deputy commissioner (DC), Nilphamari.

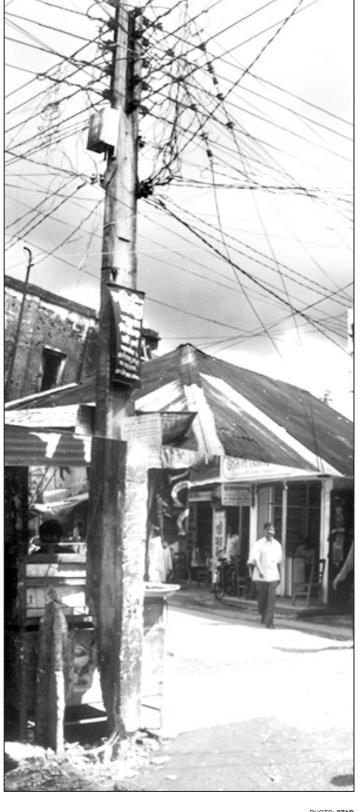


They also blamed the authorities

Forestry and Environmental Science (IFES) also boycotted examinations and submitted memorandums to the Vice Chancellor, Dean of Science Faculty and the IFES Director demanding cancella tion of the grading system for the three academic sessions.

classes until their demand is met.

teacher of Law Department said cancellation of the grading system may create problem for the univer-



An electric pole, damaged at the bottom by a heavy vehicle, is virtually hanging from a web of live wires in busy Swadeshi bazaar in Mymensingh town. A disaster may take place any moment but the authorities seem unconcerned.

# clash over land in **Jhalakati**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal** 

Seven persons including a woman. five of them of a family, were injured in a clash between two groups in a land dispute at Joar Awrabunia village in Razapur upazila ir Jhalakati district on Wednesday.

The injured are Motalib, his wife Aklima Begum, sons Maniruzzaman, Wahiduzzaman, and Saifuzzaman.

Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in critical condi-

when they resisted an attempt by a group allegedly led by Abul, Yusuf, and Badsha of the same village to occupy a land owned by Motalib's famly as per a High Court verdict. No case was filed till filing of the

Earlier, the alleged attackers looted paddy from the land.

# 2 rapists given life term

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

life-term on Thursday for violating a domestic help in Brahmanbaria district last year

absentia. The domestic help was going to dump household waste at a dustbin near the stadium in Brahmanbaria town in the evening of June 30 last year. The two persons forcibly took her to a solitary place and violated her. The victim filed a case with Brahmanbaria police station under

charges against the two culprits. The case was later transferred to

The convicts hail from Shallakanda in Mymensingh, sources said.

## **Newly married** girl fighting for life

A newly married girl and her 11month nephew sustained severe burn injuries in Razapur when acid was thrown on them as she refused an illicit proposal by a vagabond

Bangla Medical College Hospital. The incident took place when

teacher at Razapur College. Hossain filed a case but the alleged culpritMizancould not be

Mizan often teased her. Parvin was married 13 months back.

# **OUR CORRESPONDENT, Siranjganj**

Sirajganj police rescued a ninetwo persons

kidnapped from Bonpara village in Natore on Thursday. The arrested persons are Abdur

Raishahi district. Police said the arrested persons

confessed to kidnapping the boy for

They have been admitted to

Sources said they were injured

Chittagong Two parsons were given

Judge M Hasan Imam of the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal here handed down the punishment to Abu Taher and Nizamuddin in

the Women and Childrer Repression Control Act. Sub Inspector Ismail Hossain investigated the matter and pressed

the Tribunal, which gave the verdict after 45 days of hearings, sources

### Acid attack

# OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal.

The victims -- Zahida Parvin, 26 and Hridi -- were taken to Razapui Upazila Complex wherefrom Parvin was shifted to Barisal Sher-e-

Parvin was on a visit to the house of her sister-in-law Sohrab Hossain, a

arrested, police said. It is alleged in the case that

# from traffickers

Boy rescued

year-old boy Milon-- from alleged traffickers in Belkuchi and arrested The boy, son of one Abdul, was

Rahim, 40 and Ashraful, 35 of Shilopur village in Charghat in

# Teasing Baby killed, 8 hurt as Shibir attack house in Barisal

**OUR CORRESPONDENT.** Barisal.

collapse any moment, snapping the road link.

A month-old baby was killed and eight others were injured when a house came under attack at Diashur village in Gounadi upazila on Tuesday night, allegedly by some Islami Chhatra Shibir activists.

trauma as the attackers exploded hand bombs, hacked some of the inmates and ransacked the house, witnesses and police said. All these followed teasing of teenaged school Munni by her neighbour Enayet Hossain, a

madrassah student and secretary of

Gournadi unit of Islami Chhatra

Shibir. Munni had complained to her

Ashru, a baby boy, died from

parents and neighbours against Enayet. Munni, daughter of Maotalib Howlader, is a student of class

seven at Gournadi Girls School.

The attack led by Enayet was made when an arbitration meeting was going on at the house of Munni's uncle Golam Moula. Enayet's father and some neighbours were also present at the The injured include Golam

This vital but dilapidated bridge is on the only road linking Patuakhali district town with Kalapara upazila. It may

Mowla, his two sons Russell and Razib, brother Shaid, nephew Asadul and Farid, an alleged attacker and friend of Enayet.

Ashru was the nephew of Mowla. Golam Mawla, Shahid and Farid were admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. Farid was arrested from the hospital. Police officials visited the spot after a murder case was filed with Gournadi thana accusing seven

It is alleged that Enayet is moving freely in the area and threatening Munni's family for filing case.

# 5 guns, gunpower recovered PCP leader among 3 held in Rangamati

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,** 

Army and BDR personnel recovered five home-made guns, some gunpowder and bullets and arrested three persons including a leader of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) in separate incidents in the district

The arrested persons are Shuvash Chakma, president of Kawkhali upazila unit PCP, students wing of Parbattya Chattagram Jono Sanghatee Shamity (PCJSS), Prosanto Kumar Chakma, and

recently

They were produced before court, which sent them to jail, police said on Friday The three were going to

Kutukchhori, a terror-torn area, in an

Tapan Chakma.

ered two home-made guns with 11 bullets and arrested them along with the driver, Robichandra Chakma. They were later handed over to Kawkhali police.

Police released the driver after

searched the three-wheeler, recov-

Army men at Ghagra check post

hree before court. In another incident, some extortionists demanded toll from woodcutters in a forest in Longdu.

One of the woodcutters evaded

interrogation and produced the rest

nearby BDR camp. As BDR personnel came, they fled away leaving their arms. After a search in the area, BDFR found three home-made guns, 20

grams of gunpowder and 15 small

pots, used for making hand bombs.

their attention and rushed to the

Rape, murder of Faridpur college student

# Teachers, students protest, submit memo to DC

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur** 

Teachers, students and general employees of Rajendra 'Varsity College on Wednesday brought out a silent procession protesting alleged rape and killing of a college girl on August 10. Processionists paraded the main

roads of the town demanding arrest

and exemplary punishment to the

culprits involved in the rape and murder of Sheikh Munira, 24, a final year M Sc student of Botani Department of the college. Following the procession a meeting was held at Faridpur Press Club premises with Principal MA Jalil in the chair. Speakers apprehended that powerful quarters were trying to divert the culpable homicide to suicide case. After the meeting a memorandum was

Commissioner (DC) of Faridpur. Sheikh Munira, daughter of Abdur Rahim of village Ashapur under Modhukhali upazila now a resident of Kutibaria Kamalapur in the town went to Dhaka on August 7 to sit for the BCS Examination on August 8. She was allegedly murdered after gang rape near Savar while on way to her sister's house at

submitted to the Deputy

Savar on August 10. Her cousin Saiful Islam was accompanying her. A criminal investigation department (CID) case was lodged with Savar police station on the same day. Her body was brought to her village home at Ashapur where she was buried.

# One dies after taking rectified spirit

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari** One person died allegedly after

taking rectified spirit. Salimuddin of South Gayabari village, a former member of Gayabari Union Parishad under Dimla upazila, fell sick after drinking rectified spirit taking it to be alcohol at Shitibari bazaar recently. He was taken to Dimla Health

Complex. As his condition deterio-

rated, he was referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH). He died on way, police said. Rectified spirit is being sold in the market illegally by some medicine

traders, sources said.

# Two 'rapists' held in Rangamati

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,** 

Two indigenous young men were arrested by Rangunia police on Friday on charge of gangraping a woman at her residence in Bohorato

According to a case filed by the victim, Horilal Chakma, Chitoi Marma and their associates Murshed and Mohammed Gazi forcibly entered the house of the woman on he night of July 31 and gangraped her in absence of her husband.

20,000 and other valuables She filed a case with Rangunia police the following day, accusing the

They also looted a television set

gold ornaments worth about Tk

The accused were absconding since then. But villagers came to know about the matter. On Thursday, Horilal and Chitoi went to a bazaar at the Kawkhal

upazila headquarters. People caught and beaten them. An army patrol team rescued them from the mob and handed over

them to Rangunia police, sources army and police sources said. The two other accused are still

### 2 held for filing false rape case

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal.** Police arrested one Reshma Begum and her rickshawpuller husband Shah Alam Khalifa in

Reshma had filed a case on

Barisal for filing a false rape case

Monday that she was raped by one Humayun Kabir. Police arrested Kabir on Tuesday. Kabir denied the charge and told police that the case was conspiratorial. Police took Reshma and her husband into custody. During interrogation they told police that they were bribed by two persons--Anwai

and Amzad to file the false rape

case, according to investigation officer SI Anwar of Barisal Kotwal Reshma and her husband were

# Rajshahi lawyers' ultimatum for realisation of

demands

Members of Rajshahi Bar Association abstained from courts on Thursday to press for realisation of their five-point demands

A RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

October 1 if their demands are not fulfilled by September 30. At a rally they termed the amendment as black law. They pointed out that the amendment would stand on way of justice-seeking helpless tortured and poor people. This is

They threatened to go for an

indefinite court abstention from

against people's basic rights and our constitution, they added. Agitating lawyers observed a sit-in demonstration for three hours on the district and sessions judge court premises. Senior advocates Maiibur Rahman Talukdar, Zillur Rahman, Abdur Razzague and Hamidul Haque addressed the

### Renaming of college protested

A RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi The Rajshahi University (RU) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra Leaque (BCL)

Tuesday protested renaming Shaheed Quamruzzaman College into Housing State College in Raishahi. BCL demanded status quo

immediately. Convenor and joint convenor of the unit Chanchal and Rasidul Islam adressed a rally.