

SNAPS

**22-day RU vacation**

**A RU CORRESPONDENT**  
Rajshahi University (RU) goes on a 22-day vacation from November 14 onward, official sources said.  
The classes of the university will remain suspended from November 15 to December 5, 2003 on the occasion of Jumatul Bida and Eid-ul-Fitr.  
Besides, the administration building and offices of the university will remain closed from November 15 to December 4, 2003.  
Some of departmental examinations, however, will continue till November 22, said university administration sources.

**CU vacation from tomorrow**

**CU CORRESPONDENT**  
Chittagong University (CU) will go on a month long vacation on the occasion of holy Ramadan, Shab-e-Qadar, Eid-ul-Fitr and Martyred Intellectuals Day from tomorrow (November 16).  
All classes of the university will remain suspended upto December 16, says a CU press release. Shuttle trains will not run during the vacation. However, offices of the university will remain closed from November 22 to December 2.

**Ershad Shikder's cadre arrested**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**  
One of the cadres of Ershad Shikder's killing squad was arrested by Khulna police from Skid ghat in the early hours of Tuesday.  
The arrested was identified as Fancy Mona, 43, son of Belayet Hossain of Icegati union under Rupashapuzaila.  
He was wanted in seven murder cases. Besides, he is a convict of seven years RI in an arms case.

**Workshop on drama**

**CU CORRESPONDENT**  
A three-day workshop on production of drama began at the Theatre Therapy Centre here on Wednesday.  
The Theatre training unit of an NGO named Utsa arranged the workshop in a bid to turn drama as a tool for development of society. Utsa President professor Kazi Mostain Billah will inaugurate the workshop.

**Wonder fish caught**

**BSS, Barisal**  
Fishermen caught a 50-maund wonder fish while they were fishing in the sea near the Patuakhali coastline on Wednesday.  
Witnesses said, the gray coloured fish with a tail like 'pangash fish' and white spots throughout the body was 13 feet in length and nine feet in diameter.  
Local fisheries officials could not immediately identify the apparently rare fish, which was also not familiar to people in the area. The fish died as soon as it was hauled on board the fishing boat 'Banani' with a crew of 18 fishermen.  
The fish was later brought to Alipur fish market under Patuakhali where it drew a large crowd to have a glimpse of the fish.

Alleged bribing for bail in Nilphamari

## Bar calls off strike after 7 judge court employees suspended

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari**  
The Nilphamari District Bar Association called off its court boycott on Thursday after the District and Sessions Judge suspended seven court employees for alleged bribe-taking promising bail and involvement in a clash on the court compound.  
The file of another accused Court Administrative Officer Sultanuddin Ahamedhas been sent to the High Court for action, court sources said.  
The seven are Akbar Ali, Serestader, Md Roknuzzaman, Bench Clerk; Md

Shaheen, Nazeer; Md Selim, copy section employee; and peons Md Saiful Islam, Md Samsul Islam, and Md Mofiz.  
Judge Rabiul Hasan took the departmental action following a probe report by a one-man body headed by Joint District Judge Khandaker Hassan Mohammad Feroj.  
The Bar started the indefinite court boycott on November 1 after a lawyer's assistant Tobarak Ali died earlier on the day from injuries in the clash that involved some lawyers, their assistants and court employees.  
The clash ensued from alleged bribe-taking by some employees of the judge court.  
Court sources claimed that three court employees Saiful, Samsul and Molizar had taken Tk 20,000 from one Emdadul, promising bail for his brother Mizajur Rahman, accused in a case under the Women and Children Repression Act.  
As Mizanur did not get bail, Emdadul, accompanied by some persons, came to the court compound and demanded return of the money.

It was alleged that some court employees took them to a room and beat, ensuing a clash involving a section of lawyers, their assistants and court employees.  
After the clash the Bar filed a case accusing eight persons including the court administrative officer.  
Sources said the Bar will continue boycotting the court of Additional Session's Judge Mokhesur Rahman. The Bar is demanding his transfer. He is now attending a training session in Dhaka.

## 4 more die of diarrhoea in Mymensingh

### 3,000 admitted to hospitals till Nov 11

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh**  
Diarrhoea claimed four more lives in three upazilas in the district from November 2 to 7, raising the toll to 12.  
The dead are Razia Khatun, 3, daughter of Nukshed Ali of Radhakanal village; Umme Kulsum, 36, wife of Abdul Majid of Biddatganj village in Phulbaria upazila; Monwara Begum, 30, wife of Salim Miah of Aranya Pasha village in Naddail upazila and Rukshana, 7, daughter of Md. Ibrahim of Barerar

Par village in the Sadar upazila.  
According to sources at the Civil Surgeon's office, around 3000 diarrhoea patients were admitted to different hospitals in the 12 upazilas till November 11. They included 285 persons Haluaghat upazila health complex, 802 in Phulpur, 263 in Phulbaria, 269 in Muktagacha, 194 in Gouripur, 108 in Iswarganj, 197 in Trishal, 86 in Gafargoan, 80 the Sadar, 53 in Bhaluka.  
The sources said 4108 people were

## BNP activist held on rape charge

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**  
Khulna thana police on Thursday arrested BNP activist Kabir Hossain, 26, on charge of raping a minor daughter of a rickshawpuller.  
According to the FIR filed by the victim's father Jalil Shaikh, the BNP activist abducted his daughter from Mirzapur road at 9-30 PM on Wednesday and raped her on the roof of a five storied building at Dolakhola road.  
The girl was rescued by local people when she cried out for help.  
Kabir Hossain is the son of Sarwar Hossain of Pirojpur, driver of the official car of LGED Executive Engineer, Khulna.  
A case has been filed under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

## Top outlaw leader Biswajit arrested

### Police in Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira on high alert

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**  
Biswajit Karmakar, 38, the 'custodian' of arms and ammunition of outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP), was arrested on Tuesday from a Khulna-bound bus from Paikgacha.  
A contingent of police in civil dress stopped the bus at Kashimnagar in Kapilmuni union under Paikgacha thana and caught him.  
Tk 18,500 and a mobile phone were recovered from his possession.  
He has been taken on seven days' remand and is being interrogated by a special team of police officials led by Additional Police Superintendent Mofazzel Hossain, sources said.  
The team is trying to gather information about NBCP's illegal arms and ammunition and other outlaws including ringleader Mrinal who is one of the most wanted criminals in the south western region.

Son of Gopal Chandra Roy, Biswajit is the third-in-command of NBCP headed by Monoranjon Goshai alias Mrinal.  
According to OC of Paikgacha thana, Biswajit was wanted in 12 murder cases and some other criminal cases including rape, extortion and abduction for ransom.  
He is the 'custodian' of arms and ammunition of NBCP, according to a confession by Debprashad Debu, arrested from Khulna City in August.  
There are murder and criminal cases against Biswajit also with Dumuria and Tala police stations, said the Additional SP, who is staying at Paikgacha to interrogate him.  
All police stations and camps, particularly in Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat districts have been put on high alert following the arrest of Biswajit who threatened to blow up Dumuria thana after NBCP second-in-command Debu was arrested.

## Open gruel kitchens in monga-affected areas, AL demands

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari**  
An Awami League team led by its Organising Secretary Aktaruzzaman Babu on Wednesday visited the monga-affected areas of Dimla upazila and distributed relief among the poor.  
The team included central AL leaders Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhantoo, lawmaker from Domar-Dimla constituency Hamida Banu Shova and Awami Secchasebok League President Bahauddin Nasim.  
They visited the house of Shohor Ali of East Satnai village. They claimed that Ashohor ali did of starvation and gave

some relief goods and money to his father Fazar Ali.  
During the visit, a large number of people gathered there and complained to the AL leaders that the government relief was too inadequate to their needs.  
The team also visited the monga-affected Gangchhara upazila in Rangpur district on the same day.  
After the visit, the AL leaders demanded of the government to open gruel kitchens in the affected areas immediately. There is no alternative to this to save the distressed people, they told local people.



A four-day National Youth Forum of Bangladesh Scouts was held at the National Scout Training Centre, Mouchak in Gazipur from November 6 to 9. A total of 122 Scouts, Rovers and Scouters attended the youth forum.



A wind turbine has been installed at Baromari High School in remote Garo hills in Nalitabari upazila, Sherpur for generation of electricity. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) installed the wind turbine at a cost of Tk 80,000 and plans more in the area.

## Trial of Dr Aftab murder begins tomorrow

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**  
The trial of Dr Aftab Hossain Murder case will begin in the Speedy Trial Tribunal, Sylhet tomorrow with deposition of witnesses.  
Charge-framing in the case was completed last week.  
Among the six chargesheeted accused, three are on bail, one is absconding and two are in jail hayat, court sources said.  
Some miscreants riding a motorcycle called Dr Aftab Hossain, Assistant Director of the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, out of his chamber at Dhakadakshin bazaar in Golapganj upazila on the night of September 14 last year on the plea of attending an elderly patient.  
They took him to a hillock in Ghoshgaon village, killed him and took away his motorbike, mobile phone and money. The body was recovered next morning.  
A case was filed. The officer-in-charge of Golapganj thana was investigation officer.  
Sources claimed that Dr Aftab was killed as he refused to pay a big amount of toll to a gang at Dhakiadakshin bazaar.  
The murder of Dr. Aftab, known for his amiable behaviour, sparked widespread agitation in the entire upazila.  
A hartal was observed in the upazila protesting the murder and demanding trial of the killers. Members of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) also observed a day's strike in Sylhet.  
The central BMA also gave a memorandum to the government for arrest and punishment of the killers. It was alleged that the OC of Golapganj thana behaved mysteriously and did not arrest the killers while they were in the area immediately after the murder.

The case was later transferred to the Detective Branch.  
Later, the Police Superintendent and the OC were transferred from Sylhet.  
The DB arrested Luthfar Rahman, Sujjan, Abdul Haque, Sufian, Sebul, Liton, Panki, and Bakul.  
Among them, Sujjan gave a confessional statements to police and magistrate.  
On July 4, the DB chargesheeted six persons.  
They are Noman Uddin, Murad, Sujjan Ali, Luthfar Rahman, Sufian and Jamshuddin.

## Obituary

Sarwar Jahan, Project Director of Local Government Engineering Department's (LGED) Support for Local Partnerships for Urban Poverty Alleviation Project, (LPUPAP), died in a road accident while on way to Rajshahi on Nov-ember 6.  
A condolence meeting followed by a milad mahfil was held after Asar prayers at the LGED headquarters in Dhaka on November 11, says a press release.  
Secretary Local Government Division, A Y B I Siddiqi, former chief engineers of LGED Q I Siddique and Ataulah Bhuiya, LGED Chief Engineer Md Shahidul Hassan, UNDP Resident Representative J Leissner, Dr Saiful Islam from UNICEF, Michael Slingsby, joint secretaries of Local Government Division, Chief Technical Advisor of LPUPAP, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, superintending engineers, project directors and other LGED officials and staff were present.  
Heartfelt sympathies were conveyed to the bereaved members of the family.

## Eligibility for RU admission test

**A RU CORRESPONDENT**  
Students who got at least GPA-3 in both Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations totaling GPA-6 will be eligible to apply for sitting in admission test in Science group of first year Honours classes for 2003-2004 session.  
In Humanities and Commerce groups, the required eligibility will be GPA-3 in SSC and GPA-2.5 in HSC examination totaling GPA5.5.  
A total of 3,010 seats are available in 44 departments of the university, said the academic council sources, adding that each department would select students independently.  
Meanwhile, the test will be held from February 14, 2004.  
The distribution of the admission form will begin from December 27, 2003 and will continue till January 15, 2004.  
Price for each form has been fixed at Tk 75 which would be available at the university's Agrani Bank branch.

## Two criminals nabbed from teacher's house in Comilla

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla**  
Two armed criminals were arrested and two country made revolvers recovered from the house of a teacher of a school-college here on Wednesday.  
Acting on a tip-off, Kotwali police raided the house of Abdul Motin, a teacher of Comilla School and College at about 4 am and arrested his son Hasan-Al-Banna, 20, his friend criminal Kazi Afzal Hossain, son of Kazi Motaheer Hussain of village Gamara under Barura.  
Police said, both the arrested persons are accused in a number of cases like murder, armed robbery, rioting and other criminal cases.