

## SNAPS

## Journalists' training workshop concludes

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali  
A four-day training workshop on 'indepth report writing on right issues', organised by the Coastal Development Journalist Forum (CDJF), concluded here recently at the Water Development Board auditorium at Galachipa.

It was sponsored by the South Asia Partnership (SAP) Bangladesh. Twenty-five journalists from different dailies in Patuakhali and Barguna districts took part in the programme.

## Pro-AL, BNP teachers join hands to rout Jamaat

All 13 posts captured in IUTA polls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Teachers supporting ruling BNP and its arch rival opposition Awami League joined hands and routed Jamaat-e-Islami in the Islamic University Teachers Association (IUTA) election held on Monday.

The 'Oakya Panel' (united

panel), supported by AL and BNP, won all the 13 posts, defeating Jamaat-backed Green Panel.

Prof Ashraf Ali was elected president and Prof Alinoor Rahman general secretary in the polls held peacefully.

Other office bearers are Saiful Islam (vice-president) Jahangir

Alam (joint secretary) and Ainul Islam (treasurer).

The elected members include Tahir Ahmed, Abdul Malek, Moniruzzaman, Sahid Ahmed Choudhury, M Moniruzzaman, Zakir Hossain, Abdul Malek Munwar and Hasanat Ali.

## Big heroin haul in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

The Gaibandha Narcotics and Liquor Control Directorate in a drive recovered one kilogram and 400 grams of heroin, 500 grams of hashish, some gold and money from a house in a village on Monday.

Police said a team of narcotics directorate officials, police and BDR led by a magistrate raided the house of alleged notorious smuggler Abdul Jobbar at Roygram village under Palshbari upazila and recovered the heroin, hashish, two and half kilograms of chemicals, Tk. 54,370 and some gold.

They arrested two persons--Raju Mia and Bablu Mia-- during the raid. Abdul Jobbar escaped sensing the raid, police said.

Two cases have been filed with Palshbari thana.

## 'Crime probe centre' opens in Patuakhali

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury inaugurated a Crime Investigation Centre at Kathaltali village under Mirjagonj upazila in the district on Friday.

Local political, representatives of the local elite, Inspector General of Police Shahudul Haq, Patuakhali Police Superintendent Aourangjeb Mahbub and other high police officials attended the function.

The home minister told the function that the government was trying its best to improve law and order and sought cooperation from all in this regard.

## BNP-Jamaat govt gave only crime, corruption, AL leader Jalil says

A CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil has said the BNP-Jamaat government has delivered nothing but crime, corruption and politicisation of the administration during its over two year's rule.

He was addressing a council of Manikganj district Awami League at the Government Devendra College playground on Monday.

He said people are now fed up due to the government's "misrule and abuse of power".

Referring to lynching of alleged forest bandits in Noakhali by people, he said the incidents took place as people took law in their hands after losing confidence in the government. This is a very bad trend.

Jalil said the government has turned the country into a safe haven for communal groups. "People are

burnt to death and human rights are being violated", he said.

The council was also addressed by, among others, AL leaders Obayedul Quader, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Abdur Rahman, Abdul Latif Siddiqi, Dewan Saiful Arefu Tutul, Ahkam Ullah.

District AL president Moslem Uddin Khan presided over the council conducted by its secretary Gold Mohiuddin.

## BCL, Jubo League leaders jailed for snatching

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) President Jahangir Shukder, its secretary Litu Mia and Jubo League activist Kajol were sentenced to two years imprisonment on Monday in a snatching

case.

Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge Anamul Hasan also fined them Tk 100 each, in default to suffer six month's more RI, for snatching Tk 4,000, a wrist watch and a gold chain from Feroj and Fajlu Mridha from near the bus stand on August 23.



Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Chowdhury Kamal Ibn Yusuf inaugurating two Adarsha Grams (model villages) at Bakunda in Faridpur recently. These were set up with funds from the European Union (EU). Also seen in the picture are Deputy Minister for Land Ruhul Kuddus and EU Ambassador to Bangladesh and Head of Delegation Esko Kentrschynski

## Abducted youth rescued in Kushtia, captors held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police rescued a youth abducted for ransom and arrested four alleged abductors including a woman from Jugia Barkhada village in the Sadar upazila Tuesday evening.

Police said Mustafizur Rahman Ripon, 20, son of Torab Ali, headmaster of Chandipur primary school in Bheramara, was abducted from near the upazila headquarter Friday evening while he

was returning home from Bheramara bazaar.

The kidnapers later demanded Tk one lakh ransom.

Following a complaint by the victim's father next day, police raided a house at Barkhada village, rescued the youth and arrested four persons. They are house owner Kalam, his wife Taslima Khatun, Maznu and Solaiman.

A case has been filed against them with the Sadar police station.

## Bangladesh-Australia joint workshop on trial advocacy held in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A two-day workshop on 'Trail Advocacy', jointly organised by the Australian Bar Association and the Legal Education and Training Institute of Bangladesh Bar Council, concluded here on Monday.

Attorney General KFM Hasan Arief inaugurated the programme, held at the Kushtia Bar Council auditorium.

Six lawyers and two judges from Australia and 112 Bangladeshi lawyers attended the workshop.

Barrister M Amir-ul-Islam, vice-president of Bangladesh Bar

Council, addressed the concluding session as chief guest.

Justice Mary Kelum, Justice Dadly, Barrister David Rose and Barrister Den Ogarman of Australia, vice president of Australian Bar Council Stifen Forgy and Mamus Rashid of Bangladesh conducted the training. Barrister Tania Amir of Bangladesh Coordinated the programme.

The foreign guests later visited some places including the mazar of Lalon Shah at Churia in Kushtia and Kutubari of poet Rabindranath at Shelidah.



Unocal Vice Presidents Brian W G Marcotte (left) and George Arthur Walker (right) are seen handing over textbooks, shoes and bed sheets to Suchitra Roy, Deputy Superintendent of Sarkari Shishu Paribar, Sylhet.

## Unocal donates medicine, books and school uniforms

STAR NATIONAL DESK

A large group of Unocal employees from Asia and US business units recently visited the Sylhet Red Crescent Maternity Hospital, Sarkari Shishu Paribar (an orphanage) and a BRAC Community Library in the divisional city, said a press release issued in Dhaka yesterday.

Unocal has been supporting these organisations for the last few years.

Brian W G Marcotte, Vice President (International Energy Operations) and George Arthur Walker, Vice President (Public Policy, Health, Environment & Safety) headed the team.

Also present were Laurie Regelbrugge, Manager, Unocal Foundation and Deborah R

Purcell, Corporate Manager from Unocal's head offices.

During the December 10 visit they handed over medicines, books and school uniforms to authorities of these organizations.

Dr Ahmed Hossain of Red Crescent Maternity Hospital received the medicines for mothers and newborn babies from the team.

Suchitra Roy, Deputy Superintendent of Sarkari Shishu Paribar received textbooks, shoes and bed sheets for each of the 175 members of the Paribar.

Dr Shamimur Rahman, Managing Committee Chairman of Sirajuddin Ahmed Academy, where the Unocal-BRAC library is situated, received books from the Unocal officials.

## Pneumonia kills 6 in Chapainawabganj

A CORRESPONDENT, Cnawabganj

Pneumonia killed six people including three children and attacked over 200 in Chapai Nawabganj district in the last one month.

All the dead were in the Pourasabha area. They are Babu (3 days), Nahid (40 days), Asha (8 months), Fahim Reza (40 days), Nargis, 22 and Ramzan Ali, 30.

## Ahmedul Kabir's death condoled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Ganotantri Parry at a meeting at its office recently condoled the death of party president and Chief Editor of daily Sangbad Ahmedul Kabir.

Presided over by Karzon Ali, the meeting was attended by, among others, Gano Forum Presidium member Ranesh Maitra and its Gaibandha district committee president Moimul Huq Raja, CPB central leader Rahman Rafel, Gaibandha Workers Party General Secretary Aminul Islam Golap, Awami League leader Hasan Mahmud Siddique, district NAP President Lutfar Rahman Ranju and Shammuyabadi Dal leader Ahsanul Habib Sayeed.

The speakers recalled Ahmedul Kabir's contributions to democratic movements and development of journalism in the country. He never compromised on people's interest, principles and values, they said.

The nation lost a patriot and a democratic leader in his death, they said.

## Patuakhali Krisak Samity council held

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Bangladesh Karisak Samity's Patuakhali unit held its council at CPB office recently.

With Patuakhali CPB President Moksedur Rahman in the chair, the council was addressed by, among others, Syded Ashraf Hossain, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Moteleb Molla, Subhas Chanda, Gazi Ismail, Kanchan Mia.

## Hotel owners' body formed

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Residential hotel owners in the resort town have formed an association.

Alhaz Kanchan Ali was elected chairman and Alhaz Shahjahan Khan secretary of the 16-member association.

## JSD chief calls upon freedom fighters Unite to free people from govt's 'misrule'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

JSD (Jatiya Samajtantric Dal) chief Hasanul Huq Innu has called upon freedom fighters to unite to free the people from BNP-Jamaat government's "misrule" and to protect democracy.

The country's sovereignty is also at stake as there are anti-liberation force in the government. These forces serve vested interests and are taking revenge on freedom fighters now, he said addressing a meeting of Gaibandha JSD at the Zila Parishad auditorium on Monday.

There is no rule of law and human rights are being violated.

People are frustrated. They are eagerly seeking an alternative and expecting change in the government. So, freedom fighters should come forward to build a mass movement for establishing a nationalist and democratic government to materialise the dreams of the Liberation War, Innu said.

The list of freedom fighters has

been changed several times by rulers at their sweet will. The history of country is also being distorted, said Innu.

He called for making the December 30 grand rally of freedom fighters at Paltana maidan in Dhaka a success.

Presided over by freedom

fighter Gonesh Proshad, the meeting was addressed by, among others, JSD central organising secretary Najmul Huq Prodhhan, Gaibandha JSD president Shah Shariful Islam Bablu, Nazmul Arefin Tarek, Kader Newas and Entaz Ali.



State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharrar Hossain inaugurating a show room of Halim Motors in Mymensingh town recently.