

Two awarded life-term for murder

CHITTAGONG, Oct 25: Additional District and Sessions Judge Monday sentenced a man and his sister life term imprisonment for killing their brother, reports UNB.

The convicts Farida Akhter and Nurul Afsar were also fined Tk 2000 each, in default, to suffer another six months rigorous imprisonment.

Mozzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury, reporter of the Naya Bangla, was missing from his residence at Enayetur bazar in the town on July 12, 1990.

Police recovered the body after 124 days from Ansari Manson — Farida Akhter's residence at Enayetur bazar.

After investigation police submitted charge-sheet against Farida, Nurul Afsar, Shaira Khatun and Khuku.

Farida later narrated how they murdered their brother in her confessional statement.

After examining the witnesses and records Judge Mofizul Islam awarded life term imprisonment to Farida and Nurul Afsar and acquitted two others.

Young boy killed in road mishap

BHOLA, Oct 25: A boy was crushed under the wheels of a bus and his sister sustained injured at Illsha ghat road in sadar thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, Babul, 8, while riding on a bicycle with his sister Rupa, 5, was hit by the bus. He died on the spot.

The injured Rupa was admitted to sadar hospital in a critical condition.

A case was filed with the sadar thana. The driver, however, managed to escape with the vehicle.

Three killed in separate incidents

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 25: Two women and a minor girl were killed in separate incidents in sadar and Ashuganj thanas of the district in last week, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Alimunnisa, 80 and Ajufa Khatun, 4, daughter of Shirajul Islam of Char Islampur in sadar thana and Zobeda Khatun, 50 of Khariala village.

Police said, Alimunnisa was allegedly killed by her grand son Mujibur, 26, when she woke him from the slumber early in the morning. Mujibur became furious and at one stage hit her with a sharp weapon.

Alimunnisa was rushed to the sadar hospital where she succumbed after a few minutes.

A case was filed and Mujibur remained absconding since the incident.

Ajufa Khatun was allegedly killed by a group of people as a sequel to a clash between two families.

A case was filed with the sadar thana.

Zobeda Khatun was killed when she was knocked down by a microbus at Khariala on Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

2 electrocuted in Sherpur

From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Oct 25: Two persons were killed on the spot and three others seriously injured when they came in contact with a live electric wire at Purbashery near Ostomtola bus stand in Sherpur town on Sunday.

The deceased persons are Mafiz Ali, 45, son of Lal Mahmud and Shahfuddin, 35, son of Akbar Ali of same area.

They died on the spot when they were trying to rescue a minor boy Amir Ali and his father, who were electrocuted. However, they were able to rescue the electrocuted persons but could not save themselves.

Pest attack threatens aman output in Barisal Div

PATUAKHALI, Oct 25: Aman crop over vast tracts of land in six districts of Barisal Division have been attacked by 'tungra' pest threatening yield of Aman, says an UNB reports.

According to agriculture department, about 10,194 hectares of aman land in six districts of Barisal Division have been affected by the pest that may result in a loss of about Tk 15 crore.

So far, tungra pests have affected some 4,127 hectares of aman land in Barisal district, 755 hectares in Pirojpur district, 250 hectares in Jhalakathi district, 3,880 hectares in Patuakhali district, 150 hectares in Barguna district and 770 hectares in Bhola district.



TANGAIL: Markets and few residents have already been set up surrounding the construction site at Pathail Kandi area in Bhuyapur of the district. Restaurants offer meals for the day-labourers working for construction of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (JMB). — Star photo

From Khulna zone

Tk 2000 cr earned exporting frozen shrimp, fish

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 25: A total of 18 crore pounds of frozen food have been exported to different foreign countries from Khulna zone during the last one decade. The country has earned foreign currency worth Taka over 2000 crore.

According to Export Promotion Bureau sources, frozen shrimp weighing about 17 crore 80 lakh 25 thousand pounds including legs of frogs and tortoises weighing 70 lakh pounds were exported from Khulna Zone during the period from 1984-85 to 1993-94 financial year last.

According to sources, the country earned Taka 79 crore 49 thousand 5 hundred by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 62 lakh 32 thousand 99 pounds in 1984-85, Taka 138 crore 61 lakh 87 thousand 9 hundred 60 by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 55 lakh 57 thousand 85 hundred 15 pounds in 1985-86, Taka 164 crore 27 lakh 72 thousand 8 hundred 72 by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 74 lakh three thousand 8 hundred 62 pounds in 1986-87, Taka 159 crore 50 lakh 9 thousand 4 hundred 25 by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 53 lakh 90 thousand 4 hundred 91 pounds in 1987-88, Taka 158 crore 76 lakh 67 thousand 9 hundred 86 by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 44 lakh 25 thousand nine hundred 76 pounds in 1988-89, Taka 198 crore 89 lakh 97 thousand 6 hundred 27 by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 88 lakh 56 thousand 7 hundred 12 pounds in 1989-90, Taka 202 crore, 45 lakh 45 thousand 8 hundred 17 by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 88 lakh 46 thousand 7 hundred 68 pounds in 1990-91, Taka 212 crore 24 lakh 61 thousand one hundred 65 by exporting shrimp weighing one crore 77 lakh 13 thousand 9 hundred 38 pounds in 1991-92, Taka 314 crore 89 lakh 7 thousand 9 hundred 28 by exporting 2 crore 28 lakh 5 thousand 6 hundred 8 pounds in 1992-93 and earned highest amount Taka 413 crore 95 lakh 54 thousand 2 hundred 71 by exporting frozen shrimp weighing two crore 64 lakh 1 thousand one hundred 50 pounds during the last financial year 1993-94. Besides, shrimp, Taka 50 crores were earned by exporting frog legs, fish and tortoises during the said period, the source added.

Truck hits rickshaw van, one succumbs to injury

MANIKGANJ, Oct 25: A man was killed another injured when a speeding truck rammed a rickshaw van at Falatia bridge on Dhaka-Aricha Highway Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said, the Dhaka-bound truck hit the rickshaw van at about 11 am injuring two people.

Of the injured, van puller, Amir Ali, 35 of Hijla village in sadar thana succumbed to his injuries at sadar hospital.

A case was lodged with the Shibhalaya police.

Police seized the truck but the driver managed to flee the scene.

24 schools to be constructed in Bhola

BHOLA, Oct 25: (UNB) — The Local Government Engineering Department has taken up a programme to construct 24 school buildings at a cost of 3.64 crore in the current fiscal, reports UNB.

Official sources said, the two-storied school buildings will be constructed in seven thanas of the district.

Six will be constructed in sadar thana, five in Borhanuddin, six in Lalmojon, seven in Charfassion, four in Tajumuddin and two in Mondura.

Eighty per cent of the construction work on the schools have already been completed. The work is expected to complete by December next.

In Kishoreganj Massive rabi crop cultivation scheme

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 25: A massive scheme to bring about 169413 hectares of land under different rabi crops cultivation has been undertaken in 13 thanas of Kishoreganj district, local agriculture department official here said.

According to district Agriculture Extension Department (AED), the production target has been fixed at 510063.25 metric tons in this season.

Of the total land, about 132421 hectares have been brought under High Yielding Variety (HYV) of boro paddy and 8117 hectares under local variety of boro paddy, 3500 hectares under potato, 12,500 hectares under wheat, 50 hectares under maize, 1000 hectares under masur, 400 hectares under moogh, five hectares under ararha, 1000 hectares under maskhala, 400 hectares under chhola, 600 hectares under kehsari, 200 hectares under motor (pea), 6720 hectares under mustard and 2500 hectares under groundnut.

Target of production includes 4,35,922 metric tons of different varieties of boro paddy, 38,500 tons of potato, 25,000 tons of wheat, 150 tons of maize, 740 tons of masur, 220 tons of moogh, 0.25 tons of ararha, 670 tons of maskhala, 284 tons of chhola, 438 tons of kehsari, 146 tons of motor, 4793 tons of mustard and 3200 metric tons of groundnut.

Several demonstration plots have been set up in the district to educate farmers with the modern scientific methods of cultivation.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has started distributing high yielding variety seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and other necessary inputs free of cost for these demonstration plots and among the farmers at fair prices to make the scheme a success.

Besides, Bangladesh Krishi-bank and other commercial banks will also supply necessary loans for the successful implementation of the programme, it is learnt.

BDR-BSF flag meet on char land

HABIGANJ, Oct 25: A flag meeting between the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) today resolved that a disputed char land here would remain uncultivated until its boundary was demarcated, reports UNB.

The meeting held at Balla Char, the newly emerged char land in the river Khawal, also decided that a joint team of BDR and BSF would conduct a survey to determine the boundary. It did not set any date for the survey.

Major Saif of 32 Battalion of BDR and Commanding Officer of BSF SM Rawat led their respective teams in the eight-hour meeting that started at 11 am.

The emergence of the 150-decimal char land sparked off tension between BDR and BSF as both sides were trying to have control over it.

Children's homes need financial support

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Oct 25: Seventeen 'Shishu Sadan' (children's homes) in 16 districts of Rajshahi Division are facing financial difficulties due to insufficient allotment of funds, reports UNB.

Some 2,250 orphans are being brought up in these orphanages with the government's allotment of Tk 350 a month for each orphan. But the amount is quite inadequate, said a social worker. The allotment for each orphan should be at least Tk 1,000 per month considering the price-hike of essentials, he added.

It was alleged that some unscrupulous elements have long been active in grabbing money and other essentials allocated for the orphans who already live in impoverished condition for lack of adequate bed, furniture and sports facilities.

Often the orphans are seen going to school wearing dirty clothes and barefooted, local people alleged.

College student killed in road mishap

KHAGRACHHARI, Oct 25: A college student was killed in a road accident at Chengi Square in the town today, police said, reports UNB.

Mosharraf Hossain Chowdhury, 22, died on the spot about 7 am when a truck hit his rickshaw.

Son of A B M Nurullah of Uttar Joypur village in Laksimpur district, Mosharraf appeared in the HSC examination this year from Khagrachhari Government College.

The body was sent to his village home after autopsy.

Rani Durgabati's Durgasagar Dighi

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Oct 25: The 'Durgasagar Dighi' in Madhvpasha, a popular lake some fifteen kilometres from Barisal town attracts many tourists as well as thousands of migratory birds.

In the winter seasons many migratory birds, in flocks, of various species including Siberian ducks come to this place as visitors and stop for a while in the dighi (lake).

There is an interesting story behind the origin of the

Narayan Roy.

Rani Durgabati at that time was carrying a child. A decision was taken unanimously that the 'Sanad' will be taken in the name of the child, whom Rani Durgabati is expecting to give birth.

With that decision, Ranajeban Roy, the most faithful *dewan* of the estate received the 'Sanad' tactfully in the name of Durga Narayan Roy as the successor of Raja Sib Narayan Roy. Though, he was

Lakhs of people from Mithila, Drabeer, Kamataka, Purbasthali, Bhatpara, Nabadweep, Kashi, Agra and so many other places of the then 'Bhartharasha' (India) attended the festival. Many Brahmins and Pandits from India including the local were also invited. They stayed for a month in Madhvpasha to celebrate the month-long festival.

After the Liberation War, in 1972 the then government of Bangladesh reexcavated the



BRAHMANBARIA: A procession by the blind society of the district was brought out recently to mark the World White Cane Safety Day. — Star photo

Colleges in Sylhet

Increasing number of students seek admission

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Oct 25: At least five thousand students will not get the chance to take admission into the intermediate classes in four renewed colleges in Sylhet town this year due to shortage of seats. There has been, increasing demand for introduction of additional shifts to meet the demands.

The colleges are now very much busy due to the movement of thousands of students preparing for admission. The institutions are also to take written and viva exams for selection of students. In total, there are 3,425 seats in arts, science and commerce groups in the four major institutions, MC College, Sylhet Government College, Government Girls College and Madan Mohan College. But, the number of students securing first and second divisions seeking admission into these colleges stands at about eight thousand, institutions sources said. Out of the total, 1025 have applied in the science, 1050 in the arts, and 330 in the commerce groups in the Sylhet Government College. Where as there are only 330 seats in the science, 370 in the arts and 200 in the commerce groups in the college. About 1500 students all with first divisions have applied for admission into the science group in the MC College. Maximum 400 students can be accommodated. MC College does not have arts and commerce sections.

Clashes among students leave 25 hurt in Pabna

PABNA, Oct 25: Some 25 people were injured in clashes between supporters of two rival student organisations and in an intra-party clash of the pro-Jatiya Party Chhatra Samaj in the town today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said 15 people were wounded, two critically, in clashes between activists of the Chhatra Maitree and the Chhatra Shibir in Government Bulbul Degree College and in front of the local Jamaat office in the evening.

Campus sources said the clash erupted when the two rival organisations were preparing to bring out separate processions to protest Sunday's incident in Khulna that left one Shibir leader dead and more than 50 people injured.

Supporters of the two groups used lethal weapons

Bangladesh Jute Research Institute Govt of Bangladesh Manik Miah Avenue, Dhaka-1207 Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited for the relevant works detailed below from the 1st Class enlisted Contractors of PEW and 1st Class/2nd Class enlisted Contractors of PIW/BARC/BRI & Working Contractors of BJRI for the following works.

Sl No	Name of the Work	Site of the Work
1	Plumbing & Electrical work of Office-cum-Laboratory Building (1st Floor)	Rangpur Jute Research Regional Station
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3	Construction of Boundary Fencing near Monipuripara Laboratory Mosque	Dhaka

The schedule will be sold on 15-11-94 from the Engineering Section of BJRI on cash payment (Non-refundable) of Tk 400/- (four hundred) each for work. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of tenders.

The double sealed tender may be sent by Post/Courier Services or may be dropped in the tender box in the office of the undersigned on or before 12.00 Noon of 16-11-94 and opened at 12.30 PM in presence of tenderers (if any). The interested parties shall have to apply for tender documents in their own letter pad for each work separately. The application should include enlistment Certificate, Trade Licence, Vat Registration, Income Tax Certificate and Bank Solvency Certificate from the competent authority. The tenders should contain earnest money amounting to 2.50% of the quoted value in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the Additional Director (A&F), BJRI.

The tenderers shall have to follow all the instructions mentioned in the tender documents fully while submitting the tenders. Any intentional or unintentional mistake/omission/violation may disqualify the tender.

The Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders or part thereof and may correct and rectify any discrepancies (if any) in the tenders for the interest of the Institute without assigning any reason.

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The Durgasagar Dighi at Madhvpasha of Barisal district. — Star photo

Durgasagar Dighi' It is said that the then Raja Sib Narayan Roy of Chandradweep died in 1120 BS. But his death, by that time, created some confusions as well as problems as he had no family members to succeed him after his death except the Rani in Rani Durgabati.

By then, as usual, they had to obtain a new 'Sanad' (declaration) from the capital to rule the Chandradweep in the absence of Raja Sib Narayan Roy.

In 1187 BS according to the demand of the people of Chandradweep, Rani Durgabati excavated a dighi (lake) on 47 acres of land with an expenditure of three lakh rupees at Madhvpasha. After the name of Rani Durgabati — 'Durgasagar Dighi' was named.

After the completion of excavation of the 'dighi' a colourful festival was organised to celebrate the inaugural ceremony of the excavated dighi.

Durgasagar Dighi' creating a small green island.

This green island was made to make the dighi more attractive.

Besides, the fishery department has undertaken programmes to attract the anglers as a fishing resort. But that programme is yet to be materialised, it is alleged.

The 'Durgasagar Dighi' is still beautiful with all its history and natural beauty.