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Journalist hacked to death

BARISAL, Nov 13: A journalist of a local weekly newspaper was hacked to death over land dispute at Padma village in Barguna sadar thana recently, police said. reports UNB.

Mahbubul Alam, 30, journalist of weekly Saikat Sangbad of Barguna, was killed allegedly by a group of villagers in broad daylight at about 11 am.

Barguna police said, the victim was attacked when he went to a disputed land with his elder brother who won a case over the land recently.

Five others were also injured during the clash. They were given first aid.

The body was sent to Barguna sadar hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with local police in this connection.

4,000 tubewells remain out of order in southern dists

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 13: About four thousand tubewells have gone out of order and choked up in eleven southern districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Borguna, Jhalakathi, Pirojpur, Faridpur, Madaripur, Saratpur, Gopalganj and Rajbari due to absence of necessary repair and maintenance works.

According to Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) there are 82,531 shallow and 27,771 deep tubewells in these districts. Of the total 3,060 shallow and 706 deep tubewells have gone out of order since a long period.

The official sources informed, number of choked up tubewells both, shallow and deep are 611 in Barisal, Patuakhali 201, Bhola 183, Jhalakathi 346, Pirojpur 495, Borguna 205, Faridpur 304, Sariatpur 321, Gopalganj 476, Madaripur 302, and in Rajbari 325. While unofficial sources quoted the number of choked up tubewells in these districts more than five thousand.

Aman output target in Bhola may fail

BHOLA, Nov 13: Aman production is likely to fall short of target in the current season due to unprecedented drought in seven thanas of the district, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, the target was fixed at 2,86 lakh tons. But after the transplantation the drought gripped the district for the two months.

A total of 1.56 lakh hectares of land have been brought under transplanted aman cultivation of which 1.04 lakh hectares were brought under local variety and the rest under High Yielding Variety.

The paddy plants are growing yellowish due to lack of necessary rain water jeopardising the prospect.

One gets 3 yrs RI for producing spirit illegally

From Our Correspondent

PATUAHKALI, Nov 13: Additional District and Sessions Judge S M Abdur Rouf recently sentenced a woman, Malati Rani Das to three years Rigorous Imprisonment and fined Taka five hundred in default to suffer three months more Rigorous Imprisonment for producing and storing spirit.

The prosecution story in brief is that, Moktar Ali, an inspector of district narcotics control department with the help of sadar thana police raided the house of the accused Malati Rani Das in village Badura of Awliapur union under Patuakhali thana and recovered six litres of spirit and equipment from her possession.

Over 10,000 cases await trial in Barisal

BARISAL, Nov 13: Over 10,000 cases are awaiting trial in 19 different courts of the district, reports UNB.

Court sources said, the cases remained pending at different courts of district and additional assistant judges as thana magistrates' posts are lying vacant.

The cases remain pending at the assistant judges court of Gournadi, Agalibhara, Muladi, Uzirpur, Banarpur, Mehdiganj and Hizla thanas including two additional assistant judges courts in sadar thana.

Overload of work is also one of the reasons for delaying the trial of the cases.

Besides nearly 700 cases are pending under appeal while 400 more with the "Artharin Adalat".

18 killed in separate incidents

Nov 13: Eighteen people were killed and six seriously injured in separate incidents in five districts within last seven days, according to UNB reports.

Two persons were shot dead and another was injured by unknown gunmen at Badamtoli village in Sadar thana of Jhenidah district early Friday.

The dead were identified as Amanat, 35, of Alamkhali in Magura district and Munshi Wahiduzzaman, 45, of Kodalia in Jhenidah.

The injured, Kajol, 18, of Bakari village in Sadar thana, was admitted to Jhenidah General Hospital.

Police and witnesses said, armed miscreants in a gang of about 30 men, attacked a Jatra pandal at about 3.30 am and took Amanat and Wahiduzzaman near the pandal forcefully. They were later shot and killed on the spot.

Kajol, a passerby received bullet injuries while he was passing through the area.

Police suspects that Amanat, a leader of Biplobi Communist Party (Haque) was killed as a sequel to party conflict.

The bodies were sent to the morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with Sadar thana.

Another report says: A college student was stabbed to death by some unidentified miscreants near Dhopaghata in Jhenidah town on Tuesday.

Police said, The miscreants called out Nayan, 22, from his residence after sundown and took him to a place near Dhopaghata bridge and stabbed him mercilessly. The victim succumbed on way to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

Past enmity was said to be the reason behind the murder. A case was filed with the police.

In the same district: A unidentified young man was killed in a road accident near Dhopaghata bridge here on the Jhenidah-Magura road (Tuesday).

Police said, the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound bus of Shyamoli Paribahan hit a pedestrian from behind at about 10.15 am. He died instantly. The body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

Police seized the bus in Magura but its driver fled away.

At least 10 people were killed and 40 others wounded in 10 accidents on the Jhenidah-Magura road last month, police said.

A report from Kushtia says: A school student was killed and two others were seriously injured in a road mishap near G K pump house in Bherajara thana on Tuesday.

The incident occurred when a speeding truck knocked down the bicycle riding by Mamun, 16 with his two companions — Sumon, 18, and Manju 23. Mamun died on the spot.

Separate cases were filed with the local thanas.

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spot.

Sumon was rushed to Kushtia General Hospital and Manju to Bheramara Health Complex.

The driver and helper managed to escape with the vehicle. A case has been registered with Bheramara police.

Another report from Sirajganj adds: Three people including a minor girl were killed and two others injured in three separate accidents in the district during the last 24 hours.

An unidentified labourer, 36, died on the spot while two others were injured when two trucks collided on Bogra Nagarbari road at Delua in Ullapara thana this morning.

The injured received first aid at Purnimagati Health Complex.

In the other accident Ramjan Ali, 18, was crushed under the wheels of a running train at Lahiri Mohanpur station on Thursday night. The train- Rajshahi bound Padma Express, was coming from Sirajganj.

On the same day in Shahjadpur thana, Nargis, a two year old baby, Sanowar Hossain of Bachara village was killed allegedly by neighbours as a sequel to old enmity.

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AUB meeting held at BAU

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), Nov 13: A meeting of the standing committee of the vice-chancellors was held under the auspices of the Association of the Universities in Bangladesh (AUB) at the administration building of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), says a BAU press release.

Vice-Chancellor of the Rajshahi University and AUB Chairman Professor Dr M Yousuf Ali presided over the meeting.

The meeting discussed various issues relating to teachers and officers' upgradation, restructuring and promotion rules, selection grade, allowances, T.A. D.A. book allowances and house rent.

Leaders of the Inter-University Officers Federation called on the vice-chancellors of the universities and freely exchanged views in respect of their demands which was not resolved for the last 17 years.

New digital exchange for Barisal soon

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 13: To meet the growing demand of telephone connections in the divisional headquarters of Barisal a digital telephone exchange will soon — be installed.

They digital telephone exchange will be set up by January '95, — a T&T source said.

The Barisal telephone exchange at present operates with 2,800 lines including two container exchanging of 600 lines each.

Mother, son found slaughtered

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 13: A mother and her son of Kaledi village in Rojganj thana, who were earlier reported missing, have been slaughtered by unknown assailants, reports UNB.

Police recovered the bodies of Majeda Khatun, 30, wife of Farman Ali, and her son Masud, 13, from a beel of Ichhamati Char in Sadar thana of the district on Monday evening.

Bravo!

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Nov 13: Monowara Begum a housewife of village Dohatala under Tulsirchar union of the district has proved her courage by saving her from an attack by rapist recently.

Monjurul Haque, son of Akteruzzaman of the some village broke open the house of Monowara Begum midnight. He then proposed to have sex with her. But Monowara refused the proposal. When the miscreant tried to force her, she cut off Haque's penis with a sharp blade leaving him critically injured.

Later the victim was admitted to the Jamalpur General Hospital.

Dacoits caught red handed by bridal party

JHENIDAH, Nov 13: A bridal party caught three dacoits red handed at Pakhimara in Harinakunda thana on Sunday.

The dacoits — Babukha, Amirul and Mukul — identified as activists of a local terrorist group styled "Attar Group".

The bridal party while going to Vina of the same thana was attacked by the gang of 12 dacoits at Pakhimara. When challenged the dacoits started firing the scene and after a chase the three dacoits were caught.

Some country made weapons, including knife and dao were recovered from their possession. Later, they were handed over to Harinakunda police.

Committee formed to publish history of greater Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

MOULIBAZAR, Nov 13: A meeting of the "brihattara Sylhet ithas pronyan parishad" (council for preparation of the history of greater Sylhet) was held recently at Moulibazar pourasava auditorium.

The meeting was presided over by Senior Journalist of Moulibazar Radhika Mohan Goswami and it was attended by Register of Shahjalal University Professor Abdul Aziz, Principal Abul Basar and former minister Dewan Farid Gazi.

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The meeting was addressed among others by Moulibazar Pourasava Chairman Syed Mohsin Ali, Principal Rasamoya Mohanta.



Due to drastic fall in water level in the rivers of northern region fishermen do not get abundant fish. — Star photo

Erosion of rivers

Bishkhali, Paira continue to engulf fresh areas

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 13: Continuous erosion of Bishkhali and Paira rivers of Borguna has engulfed a huge area of crop land, dwelling houses, bazaars, shops and other establishments, rendering at least twenty five thousand people homeless.

These erosion hit victims have taken temporary shelters on different embankments where they are leading miserable life under the open sky for months.

Meanwhile, two kilometres long embankment of Sarishabari union of Betagi thana has already been devoured by Bishkhali river erosion. The Agrani Bank T&T office, post office, a government primary school, high school, launchghat and many shops of Kakchira Bandar.

Local people urged to the authority of the Water Development Board (WDB) to take immediate measures to control erosion of Bishkhali and Paira rivers.

Landless people are on rise in Dinajpur

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Nov 13: The number of landless and unemployed people are gradually rising in all the thirteen thanas of the district.

Besides, poor farmers are facing critical situation due to high price of all chemicals, fertilizers throughout the district. It is learnt that per bag of urea is being sold at Taka 360 as against Taka 240 a few weeks ago. A bag of TSP is sold at Taka 400 against Taka 270.

The farmers alleged that fertilizer dealers are not given memo.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 9 lakh recovered

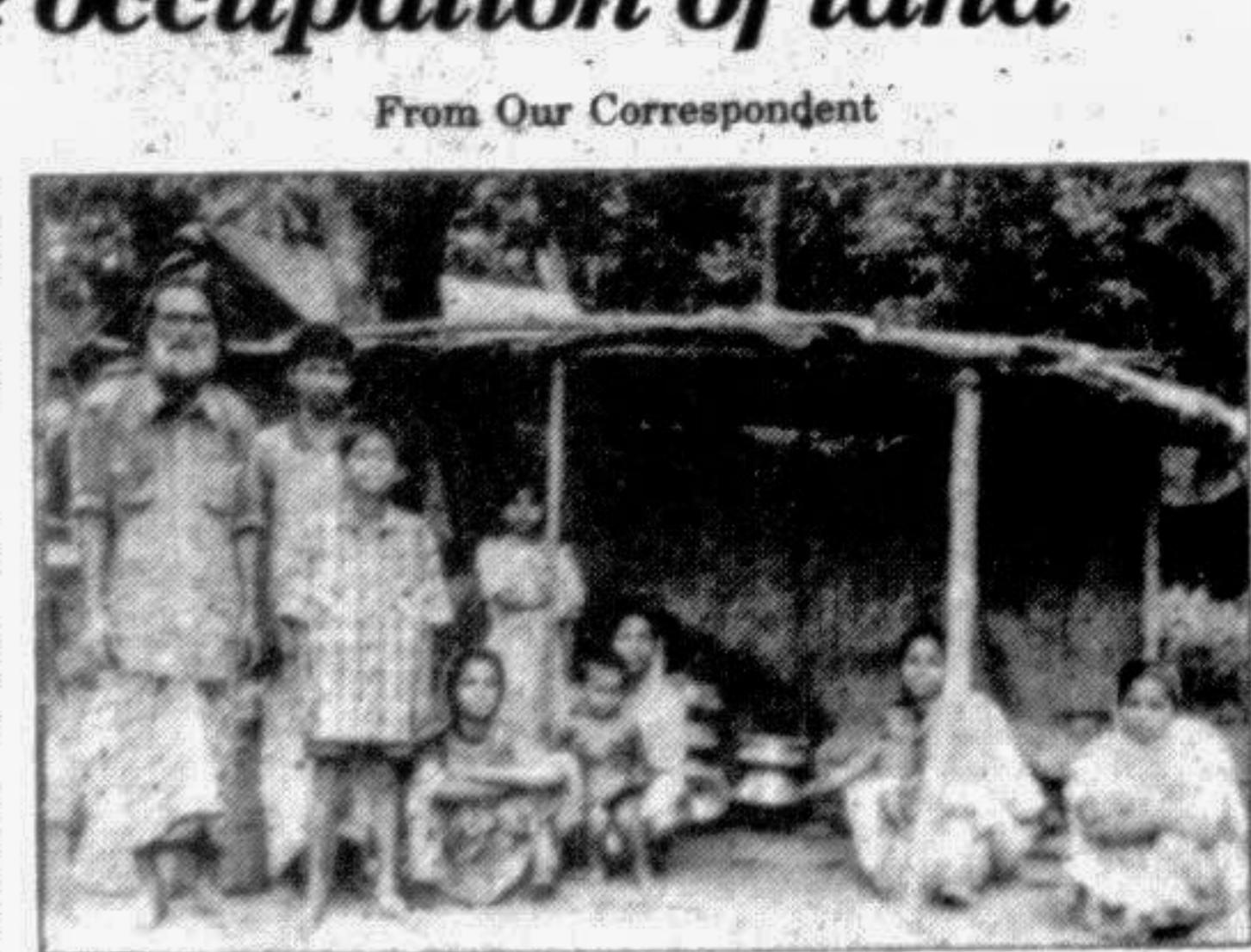
BARHAMABARIA, Nov 13: Bangladesh Rifles men seized smuggled Indian goods worth about Tk 9 lakh in a day long raid from different areas of the district, reports UNB.

The 23 battalion of BDR raided the inter-city Upaband Express at Brahmaputra railway station and recovered Indian motor parts worth Tk 8 lakh.

In another raid, BDR also recovered smuggled goods worth Tk one lakh from different parts of the district.

Forcible occupation of land

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Fazilul Karim with his family members in Jamalpur. — Star photo

Encouraging response achieved in using sanitary latrines

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Earlier, the Directorate of Public Health Engineering