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Two brothers, convicted in a murder case, held after 6 yrs

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 20: Two brothers, convicted in a murder case who had been absconding for six years were caught by the police recently.

Mokbul Ali and Osman Ali, two brothers were sentenced to suffer life-term imprisonment in a murder case of Doarabazar thana in 1988 by the District and Sessions Judge of Sunamganj. Since than they had been absconding, police informed.

On getting secret information, Doarabazar police with the help of Sylhet Kotwali police arrested the two brothers from Akhala area of Sylhet town.

Sirajganj dist jail inaugurated

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 20: Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury inaugurated the newly built Sirajganj district jail here, Thursday, reports BSS.

The jail bhaban has been built on six acres of land at a cost of taka seven crore to accommodate 165 prisoners providing modern facilities for them.

While addressing on the occasion as chief guest the home minister said: there is no provision for caretaker government in the constitution while a democratically elected government is still in power, a caretaker government is a selected and weak one which in no way can be substituted to an elected one.

Listing the achievements of the present government, the minister said political stability was a pre-requisite to sustain the development effort by the government. He urged the opposition to avoid hartals, blockades and gheraos for the sake of the common people.

Among others, Mirza Muhammadan MP, Ansar Ali Siddiqi MP and Shahidullah Khan MP spoke on the occasion.

Price hike of dyes, chemicals, yarn, weavers suffer

KUSHTIA, Nov 20: Weavers of the district are facing crisis due to high prices of yarn, dyes, chemicals and other raw materials, reports UNB.

Kushtia was once famous for handloom products. Most of the people of Kumarkhan thana are weavers by profession. A large number of people in sadar and Khoksa thanas are also weavers. The handloom factories in these areas provide job opportunities for a large number of men and women.

But abnormal price hike of yarn, dyes and other necessary raw materials have seriously affected the industry. It is feared that if proper steps are not taken immediately the industry will soon face extinction.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation has raised the prices of cotton yarn to a great extent and as a result the weavers fail to compete with the synthetic products and old garments imported in the country.

Large scale Indian smuggled sarees in the local markets are available at cheaper prices.

3 get seven yrs RI for carrying smuggled goods

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SYLHET, Nov 20: The Assistant Sessions Judge and Special Tribunal Sylhet, Md Nazrul Islam while passing judgement in a smuggling case recently found three persons guilty and sentenced them all to suffer rigorous imprisonment for seven years each and to pay fines of Taka five thousand each in default or to suffer one year more.

The prosecution case in brief is that: three persons namely, Harun, Gias and Oliur Rahman were carrying some Indian smuggled bicycles on a microbus from Jakiganj border on February 2 of 1992. The police from Gopalganj thana stopped the vehicle while it was on its way to Sylhet town. While trying to escape, police caught Harun but two others managed to escape. The police also seized the vehicle along with the smuggled items. Police later submitted chargesheet against the three accused persons. The court after examining all the records and witnesses passed the judgement. The judgement was given in absence of the two absconding accused namely, Gias and Oliur Rahman. Their punishment would begin on their arrest or surrender before any court of police.

The prosecution was conducted by APP Abdul Basit and Defence was pleaded by Advocate Abdul Khalique.



SIRAJGANJ: A view of the north Bengal highway at Ullapara bus stand on a hat day.

— Star photo

BSCIC will soon go into operation in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 20: The BSCIC industrial estate in Jhenidah may provide at least five thousand jobs in its industrial sectors when it starts its operation within this year.

In 1988 15.7 acres of land was acquired at Dhanbaria in Jhenidah district to construct an industrial estate. In 1991 earth work was completed at a cost of Taka 11 lakh 77 thousand for 98 plots including 61 'A' type, 26 'B' type and rest 11 of general types industrial units.

Construction of overhead water tank was completed in 1993 at a cost of Taka seven lakh 25 thousand. The administrative building was constructed on 123 acres of land at cost of Taka 11 lakh 81 thousand. Taka 8 lakh for road construction, Taka 2 lakh 53 thousand for pipe line and Taka 9 lakh 32 thousand was estimated for electricity supply, a source said.

Talking to the Deputy Manager, Industrial Assistance Centre of BSCIC at Jhenidah told The Daily Star that they could not start the industrial units as electricity supply was not available yet.

The BSCIC authority had forwarded an estimate to the Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) for electricity supply. In return PDB submitted an estimate for Taka 91 lakh which was quite high. After requesting the PDB office they once again submitted an-

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cost for per unit of industrial plot would be Taka 3 lakh 67 thousand for per acre of land.

The source line of power, including installation of transformer, will cost Taka three lakh 87 thousand, deep tunnel well at a cost of Taka 4 lakh 50 thousand and pump driver's quarter at a cost of Taka 3 lakh 87 thousand, the source added.

He said, electricity connection from the main PDB line might be completed by this month and the BSCIC authority expects to start allocating the plots to some 30 applicants.

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source line of power, including installation of transformer, will cost Taka three lakh 87 thousand, deep tunnel well at a cost of Taka 4 lakh 50 thousand and pump driver's quarter at a cost of Taka 3 lakh 87 thousand, the source added.

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