

More farmers plan to cultivate tomatoes

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Dec 13: Tomato has become an important cash crop in the district since the last few years and this year the farmers yielded bumper crop, says UNB. About 35,000 acres of land were brought under tomato cultivation in the district this season and the farmers are expected to earn Tk 80 to 85 lakh this year. According to farmers, at least Tk 7,000 is required to cultivate tomato in one acre of land from which they can earn Tk 25,000 to Tk 30,000. There is wide market for the crop in Dhaka, Chittagong and other parts of the country. Every day a huge quantity of tomato are being carried to Dhaka and Chittagong markets, farmers said. According to farmers, the cultivation of tomato has increased to a great extent in the district replacing some traditional crops. Tomato is being cultivated on commercial basis in Balladanga, Pulse, Nasirpur, Nayagola, Chandpur, Bahgabari, Poladanga, Bholahat, Banugau, Dhainagar and other villages of the district in massive scale.

Diarrhoea claims 5 in Bhola

BHOLA, Dec 13: Diarrhoea that broke out since last fortnight in char areas of sadar thana so far claimed five people and affected 100 others, says UNB. According to local people, two people identified as Joyal Abedin, 35 and Abdus Sattar, 12 died of the disease at Charbeduria on Dec 6 and another 3 people died in Kachia union since the outbreak of the disease. It is also learnt that about 20 thousand children, eligible to attend school, can not be admitted in schools as there are no school about eight hundred villages in six thanas of the district. Consumption of adulterated food and taking of impure water were said to be the main reasons behind the outbreak of the disease. Local people said, in the absence of health centre at Charbeduria union, 10 km away from sadar thana, the affected people are being admitted to sadar-hospital amid great difficulties. The affected people have urged the concerned authorities to set up union health centre at Charbeduria and despatch medical teams to the two affected unions without further delay.

62,000 children in Natore do not have access to edn facilities

From Our Correspondent NATORE, Dec 13: About 62 thousand children of Natore district are deprived of the light of education in the current year due to various problems like lack of schools, teachers, and necessary atmosphere in educational institutions, it is learnt. It is also learnt that about 20 thousand children, eligible to attend school, can not be admitted in schools as there are no school about eight hundred villages in six thanas of the district. According to a survey report, the total number of children, aged between 6 and 10, is 2 lakh 20 thousand 133 in Natore district. Of them, one lakh 14 thousand 900 children are boys and one lakh 5 thousand 175 are girls. Of the total boys and girls, at least one lakh 92 thousand 250 children got admitted into schools. Among the admitted children, about 42 thousand children have left schools. About eight thousand children enjoy education facilities under the 'mass education project' of Islamic Foundation and under the 'sub formal school' programmes conducted by different NGOs. There are one thousand 366 villages in six thanas of the district. According to official sources, there are about 406 government primary schools and 180 registered primary schools in about 566 villages of the district. There is no school in about 800 villages. For this reason, about 20 thousand children could not be admitted in primary schools during this year. A reliable source said, according to survey reports — at least 5 teachers are essential per primary school, about two thousand 30 teachers are needed for the government primary schools in the district. But there are 1,763 teachers against the required 1,793 affiliated posts in these schools. The source added, about 44 important posts are lying vacant in the government primary education Department. Of the vacant posts, 33 posts are of teachers, one post of district Primary Education Officer, two posts of thana Primary Education Officers, six posts of Assistant Thana Primary Education Officers and 4 posts of Clerks cum typist. Food For Education (FFE) programme has been introduced in 51 schools in the remote areas of the district so far. But, the standard of education in these schools is decreasing day by day following negligence of the authorities, ignorance of the poor guardians and shortages of teachers, it is alleged. At least 4 teachers are there per school under FFE programme. But the number of children in these schools is far more than the normal. Another source said, most of the children could not be enrolled in primary schools as their guardians prefer them to work for earning. Many students left schools, when their schools were damaged by floods, storms and natural calamities. Local elite have urged the concerned authorities to take proper and immediate steps for ensuring better atmosphere in education sector throughout the district.

Hunters active in catching 'guest birds'

BRAHMANBARIA, Dec 13: With the advent of winter, migratory birds from Siberia and other cooler regions have started crowding the beels, canals and char areas of the district, reports UNB. Around 200 species of guest birds including locally known balihans, pankauri, sarils, dighari and kalghari are coming here as elsewhere in the country to save themselves from bitter cold. These birds, which usually go back after the winter, are the main tourist attraction during the season. But, some hunters of the area have become active and catch these birds by various means violating government ban. These birds are being sold in different markets by the catchers at high prices. Local elite urged the authority to take immediate steps to save the guest birds.

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এতদ্বারা সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ময়মনসিংহ গণপুত্র বিভাগের অধীন ময়মনসিংহ গণপুত্র উপবিভাগের আওতাধীন গোহাইলকান্দি ট্রাক ইয়ার্ড এবং মাসকলা ইট খোলায় রিক্ত ইট, ব্যাটস যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে নিলাম বিক্রয়ের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত বাসে নিলাম আহবান করা যাইতেছে। সীলমোহরকৃত ইট এবং ময়মনসিংহ গণপুত্র সার্কেলের অধীন সর্কা নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়ে ২০-১২-৯৪ইং ৬/১/৯০ বা তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিলাম বিক্রয়ের তফসিল ও শর্তাবলী সন্নিবেশিত সিন্ডিকট নং ৩ প্রতি সেট ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অক্রেতযোগ্য) মূল্যে ক্রয় করা যাইবে এবং উল্লিখিত অফিস সময়ে ৯-১১ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যক্রম ২১/১২/৯৪ইং/১/১/৯০) বা তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিলাম দরপত্র পূর্ত হইবে এবং একই দিন দুপুর ১২-৫৫ মিনিটে উপস্থিত নিলাম দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোলা হইবে। নিলাম দরদাতাকে তাহার দের দর হিসাবে মোট টাকার উপর ১০% (শতকরা দশ) ভাল টাকা জমানত হিসাবে সীলমোহরকৃত অফিস ময়মনসিংহ গণপুত্র উপবিভাগের অধীন ময়মনসিংহ গণপুত্র উপবিভাগের আওতাধীন গোহাইলকান্দি ট্রাক ইয়ার্ড এবং মাসকলা ইট খোলায় নিলাম বিক্রয় ইট ও ব্যাটস নিলাম বিক্রয়। সার্ভে রিপোর্ট নং - ৪৬/এন ও - ১ তাং ৯-৬-৯০ ইং
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Two killed by tiger

SATKHIRA, Dec 13 : Two people were killed by a Royal Bengal tiger at Kalagachi in Sundarbans, witnesses said, reports UNB. The victims were identified as Haran of Kaikhal and Subhash of Tengrakhal in Shyamnagar thana of the district. According to family sources, the victims went to catch shrimp in the river on December 5. Suddenly the tiger attacked and killed them. Later, the co-villagers recovered the bodies. Local people urged the concerned authorities to ensure their safety while fishing in Sundarban areas.

Liberation War: Sirajganj

On this day 23 yrs ago Sirajganj was liberated

From Ashit Chowdhury SIRAJGANJ, Dec 13: Sirajganj town was free from the Pakistani occupation on this day 23 years ago, December 14 in 1971. The day is a special one for the people of Sirajganj in the history of Liberation War. No monuments were set up in Sirajganj to recall the memories since liberation. It is learnt that the Freedom Fighters took position in Sirajganj at Ranigram, Bahirgola and Jamuna river side areas on December 12. After fierce battle with the occupation army, the Freedom Fighters encircled Sirajganj town on December 13. More than 15,000 Freedom Fighters and villagers look part in the operation of Sirajganj. Ullapara and Belkuchi thanas. The most fierce war look place at Naogaon in Tarash thana led by Abdul Latif Mirza. In this war 25 Pakistani army soldiers were killed and huge arms and ammunitions were captured by the Freedom Fighters. In a sudden attack on the Pakistani army camp at Bhatpuri school near Sirajganj town about 50 Razakars and occupation army were killed. Aminul Islam Chowdhury and Abdul Motaleb sustained bullet injuries in this attack. Amir Hossain Bhulu, Golam Haider Khoka, Ismail Hossain, Ishaque Ali and Bimal Das led the teams and captured the thanas and Razakar camps at Tarash, Kazipur and Raiganj. The then sub-divisional officer (SDO) of Sirajganj, Shamsuddin Ahmed CSP (killed by occupation army) took a bold leadership at the beginning of Liberation War. After occupying Sirajganj town on December 14, 1971, District Command Council of the Freedom Fighters took over charges to maintain law and order situation of the district and thana headquarters. Amir Hossain Bhulu was the chief of the council and Ismail Hossain performed the administrative duties of the district. More than 100 bodies were recovered from the dens of Pakistani Army and non-Bengalees (Bihar) of the town. The deadbodies of school teacher Abdul Momen, Jinnat Ali, Abul Hossain, Nurul Islam and Jyotibhai were recovered from the rest houses of then WAPDA (Power) and WAPDA (Water) now WDB. Besides, genocide in Baghat, about six miles from Sirajganj town, claimed about 100 lives who look shelter there after invasion of Pak army. Even after 23 years of the Liberation War, no monument was set up at the points of historic wars at Bhatpuri, Baghat and Bhadrachar where Palashdanga camp was formed. However, a plate was set up at College Road in memory of the Freedom Fighter Abul Kalam Azad who died on July 17, 1971 during fighting with the occupation forces at Kurigram near Hili in Dinajpur district. When visiting the site of the plate, Nani Bewa, 80, mother of the martyr told this correspondent that the government have sanctioned monthly allowance amounting to Tk 1500 and leased eight decimals of land and a pond for the shaheed family. A beautiful structure on liberation war was also constructed by well-known architect late Aminul Karim Dulal of Bogra Karupally which awaits formal opening. The structure was constructed at Chandidash ganti under the auspices of Gono Swasthya Kendro. Titled as 'Duryaj Bangla', the monument stands in front of the Gono Swasthya Kendro at Chadidash ganti on Sirajganj - Bogra road.

Viral attack destroys huge quantities of silk worm larvae

DINAJPUR, Dec 13: About 75 per cent silk worm larvae produced from eggs supplied by the Bangladesh Silk Board to the silk producers of Thakurgaon zone have been damaged due to viral attack. Several thousands of silk producers will sustain a heavy loss this year, it is reported. It is learnt that the Bangladesh Silk Board has allotted five lakh silk worm eggs for the Thakurgaon zone, the main silk producing area of the region during this season. The larvae produced from these eggs were attacked with viral disease an epidemic form and at larvae died with a few days. As a result, about three lakh larvae have been damaged before producing cocoons. The silk cultivators alleged that the authority supplied diseased eggs to them and faulty methods of preservation of the larvae in the Thakurgaon egg store were responsible for the disaster. They also alleged that the rearing period being over, the provision of fresh eggs will be of no use. It may be mentioned here that they could not reach their target of cocoon production in the fast few years. This has jolted the economic condition of silk cultivators. The government should help the silk cultivators to save the peasants as well as the silk industry.

College bans students' politics

BARISAL, Dec 13: The Muladi Degree College in Barisal has banned students' politics for the next six months, reports BSS. This prohibition was contained in a resolution taken in a meeting of the professors of the college and the guardians of the students recently. The meeting was presided over by the Muladi thana TNO Abdulmannan. The college was closed since November 9 following a clash between JCD and BCL which left ten students injured. The college was reopened following the joint meeting.

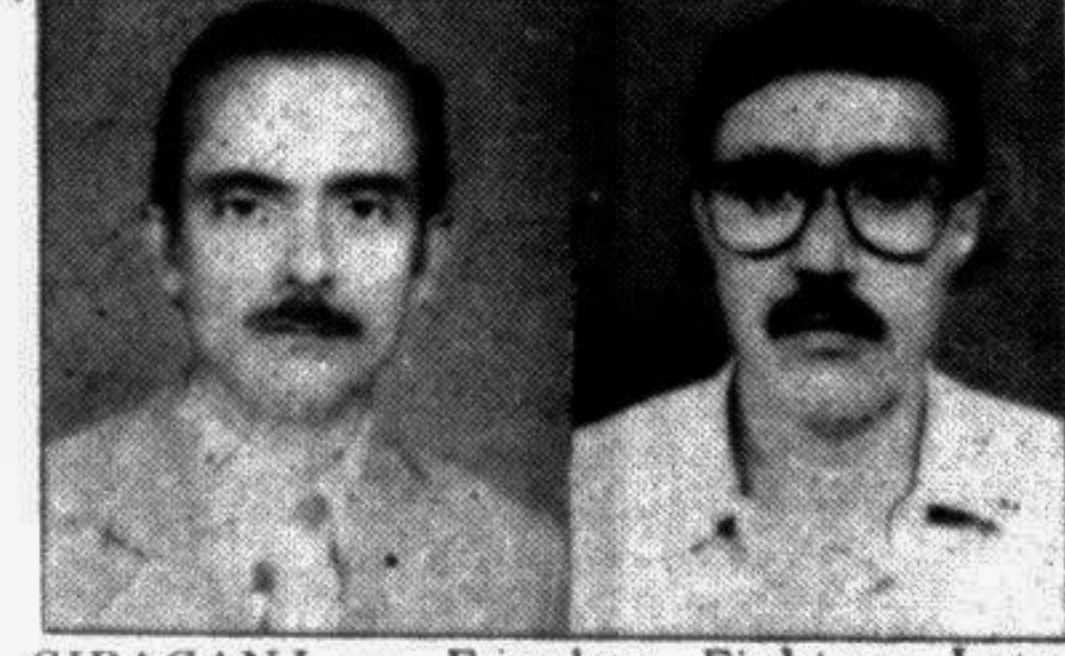
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SIRAJGANJ — 'Duryaj Bangla' a monument on Liberation War at Chandidash-ganti in Sirajganj awaits formal opening.

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tion of December 13 led by Amir Hossain Bhulu, Aminul Islam Chowdhury (injured in war). Late Shahjahan Ali Tara, Golam Haider Khoka, Ismail Hossain (i), Ali Imam Touhid (later killed by outlawed extremists), Golam Kibria, Ishaque Ali, Ismail Hossain (later killed by outlawed extremists), Firoz Bhuiyan, Shaiful Islam, Bimal Das, Abdul Aziz Mizza and Aataf Hossain. On night of December 13, the Pakistani occupation army along the collaborating agencies fled towards Ishurdi by train. At dawn of December 14, the Freedom Fighters entered Sirajganj town and assembled at the demolished Shaheed Minar premises of Sirajganj Government college to take oath of reconstructing the country. Non-co-operation movement and resistance originated in Sirajganj before March 25, 1971. After crackdown of the occupation army, Sirajganj remained enemy free till April 15, 1971. The resistance of the Freedom Fighters at Ghatina railway bridge point in Ullapara thana failed due to shortage of ammunition. After retreating of the Freedom Fighters on April 15 the Pakistani troops entered in Sirajganj town and started burning and killing steps. Palashdanga Youth Camp was organised by Abdul Latif Mirza and Aminul Islam Chowdhury (injured in war), Mozaffar Hossain, Ishaque Ali and Golam Kibria led the Guerrilla units. The units fought with the occupation army in different points of Kazipur, Tarash, Raiganj.



SIRAJGANJ — Freedom Fighters Late Shahjahan Ali Tara (L) and Aminul Islam Chowdhury (injured during Bhatpuri battle). — Star photo



JHENIDAH: The centuries old Banyan tree at Mallikpur — Star photo

The centuries — old Banyan tree

From Delwar Kabir JHENIDAH, Dec 13: The largest Banyan tree at village Mallikpur in Kalganj thana of Jhenidah district is drawing attention of thousands of people everyday. The Banyan tree is spread across 20 bighas of land which 96 feet tall. It has 1464 pillars which went deep underground. An old man living nearby said that origin of the tree dates back from the year 1400 which was said to be spotted in a pond, the local people call it Patkua. The plant grew very fast rather unusual in size and took shape of a full grown tree. The old man also informed that many parasitic plants were grown surrounding the tree like needles. Perhaps that's the reason why the name of the village was called Suitala — Mallikpur as needle means sui in Bengali. The population of Mallikpur was very small then. As a result, nobody can exactly tell the actual history about the Banyan tree. The tree has some peculiar characteristics, like, it spreads three yards to east wards a year. In 1974, a sepy of Rakhti Bahini cut a small branch of the tree to prepare fuel to cook. After using the piece of wood he became seriously ill and died soon after, according to witnesses. A few years ago one, Kudrat Ullah of the same village collected wood for fuel from the tree and died after suffering from illness. The villagers says the tree has a spiritual power which they believe in. They also believe that the Banyan tree has some links along with its history. People from many areas visit here everyday and pray for curing of many types of symptoms and also to escape from danger and crisis. Most of the people say they get satisfactory response and sometime get what they ask for. For these reasons people do not cut its branches at all. They rather take care of the tree. While visiting Suitala-Mallikpur, some villagers informed that local as well as foreign visitors visit the tree most of whom are said to be female. A foreign tourist while visiting the tree a few years ago said that the Banyan tree of Botanical garden in India might be larger than the one in Jhenidah. He then measured the tree and in it was found that his idea was wrong. In 1990 a tourist spot was established here which comes into no effect as sufficient furniture were not supplied local people alleged. They alleged that government is not keen to develop the area.

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