

Smuggling rampant in Bhairab Bazar

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 20: River port of Bhairab has become a paradise for the smugglers and smuggled goods have flooded the port town exceeding all previous records, it is observed.

The smuggled goods mostly include spices, sarees, sugar, jira, pulses, cattleheads, cosmetics, onion, chilli turmeric, cutpieces, crackers, cumin seeds, cardamom, medicine, etc.

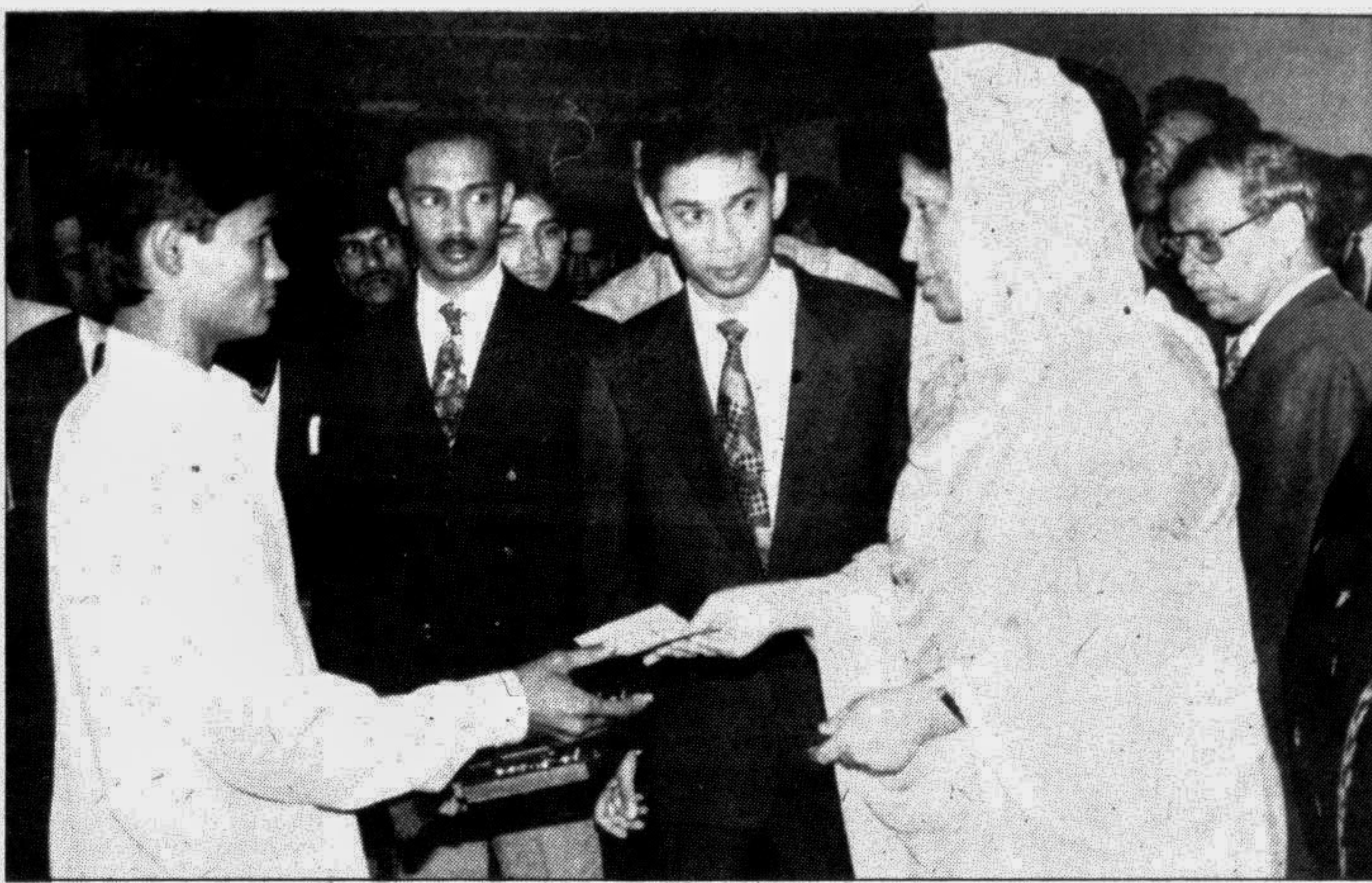
These contrabands are entering Bhairab Bazar through Akhaura border and bordering areas of Brahmanbaria and Comilla districts and on sale in the market without any restriction. These illegal entry of Indian goods have badly affected the local traders. Worst of all is the entry of cheap and low quality Indian printed sarees which have engulfed Bhairab Bazar. Indian sarees are entering the commercial centre from the bordering areas by an organised gang of smugglers.

Most of the smugglers are rural women who procure these from the agents and sell

from door to door at prices ranging from Taka 130 to 220. The traders of Bhairab informed that smuggled goods come here Kanchanpur, Sripur via Brahmanbaria and Ashuganj by buses, trucks and trains from Akhaura. After words they are unloaded at Bhairab railway junction and Meghna ferry ghat. Besides, the agents of smugglers throw away illegal goods from local trains and Sylhet mails at the outer signals of the railway junction. These illegal activities are going on in full swing with active support of the concerned authorities it is learned.

President of Bhairab Shilpakala Academy and of Bhairab Muktejodha Sangsad alleged that the local administration is responsible for such corruption and also due to the inaction of local law enforcing agency.

The women smugglers move from Kishoreganj to Bhairab, Brahmanbaria, Akhaura and Comilla by train for collecting Indian sarees and other items.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia gave away Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Memorial scholarship among sixty students at Bogra recently. — PID photo

Victory Day observed in N'ganj, Jessore, Ctg

From Our Correspondents

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 20: The people of Narayanganj celebrated the Victory Day with due respect and enthusiasm.

The local district administration, various political, socio-cultural organisations took up programmes to observe the day.

The day was started with 21 gun salute at midnight. National Flag was hoisted atop all private and public buildings.

The programmes included a combined march past and displays of physical exercises by the police, ansars, VDP, fire brigade, scouts, girls guide and other juvenile organisations at local Osmani Stadium in the morning. The local Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman took the salute at the march past.

Improved diet was served to the hospitals, jails and orphanages. Government and private buildings were illuminated in the evening.

Friendly football match, woman handball and volleyball match and documentary film show were arranged in this connection.

Our correspondent from Jessore adds: Victory Day was celebrated here with due inspiration and enthusiasm. Local town wore on festive look on the occasion. Local district administration, different socio-cultural organisations, District Unit Command of Bangladesh Muktejodha drew up programmes to observe the day in befitting manner.

The programme of the day was started with 21-gun salute at 6 am at Jessore Collectorate premises. It was followed by hoisting of National Flag atop private and public buildings. Contingents of BDR, police, boyscouts, girlguides, staged display of physical exercises at local Shamsul Huda Stadium at around 8 am.

Peaceful procession by children parading through main roads of the town and their rally at the stadium, was another highlight of the programme. Later at 11 am, a symposium on historical background of Liberation War of 1971 and its importance for national growth, was held at local district parishad auditorium.

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programmes to observe the day in befitting manner separately.

Jessore district unit command, also took a day long programme to mark the day. Placing of wreaths at the local memorial early in the morning holding discussion meeting and cultural functions were the programme highlights. Procession by FFs (Freedom Fighters) in local town on the Victory Day attracted the people.

BSS adds: Participants at a discussion have called for putting in concerted efforts to consolidate the democratic rights towards economic emancipation of the people.

The discussion was jointly organised by the Mymensingh district unit of Bangladesh Muktejodha Sangsad and Muktejodha Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd on December 15 marking the Mymensingh Liberation Day and the National Victory Day as a part of its week-long victory fair held at the premises of Town Hall.

They recalled with gratitude the sacrifices made by the martyrs of the Liberation War and took a fresh vow to realise the true goals of independence for establishing an exploitation free society based on democratic rights of the people.

They also recalled the role of the occupation forces and their collaborators during the nine-month long war and called for continued resistance against the enemies of the country trying to undo the hard earned independence.

The member-secretary of the Central Command Council of the Muktejodha Sangsad, Major (Retd) Syed Monirur Rahman was the chief guest and the chief news editor of the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), A S M Habibullah, the special guest.

Presided over by Abdur Rahim Minto, the discussion was addressed among others, by central and local leaders of the Muktejodha Sangsad including Mahbubul Alam, A K M Nurul Amin, Mohammad Ali Chowdhury, Kabir Hossain Bhuiyan, Mohammad Rafiq Uddin Refaz, S M Nazmul Haq Tara and head master of Police Line High School and valiant freedom fighter K M Shamsul Alam (Bir-Pratic).

Land fertility decreasing in greater Jessore dist

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Dec 20: Fertility of land decreasing sharply for want of zinc and sulphur in 21 thanas in greater Jessore district.

According to a statistics submitted by a group of soil and agricultural experts, scarcity of zinc and sulphur prevails in cultivable lands in Mohespur, Kotchandpur, Kalliganj, Harinakundu, Saikupa and Jhenidah sadar thana in Jhenidah district, Choogachha, Resabpur, Abhainagar, Bagharpara, Jhikargachha, Manirampur and Sharsha in Jessore district, Moyura, Sreepur, Salikha, and Mohammedpur in Magura district, Narail, Lahogora and Kalia in Narail district for last 10 years.

The statistics show mainly in those areas where deepbults are being used rampantly for high yielding varieties of paddy and wheat lacks zinc and sulphur. In some areas of those thanas the percentage of zinc and sulphur in soil reduced alarmingly to 35 to 50 per cent. As a result, production capacity in those lands decreasing, though the

farmers have been trying to get optimum production by applying maximum fertilizers in their lands.

Lack of zinc and sulphur also prevails in high lands. An expert of Agriculture Extension Department told that the farmers are not keenly interested about lack of these two chemicals. Repeated farming or cultivation of some crops like paddy and wheat in same land and improper use of fertilizers are also a main factor to reduce the percentage of zinc and sulphur in the lands, the source added.

The expert says that the farmers might plant Dhancha tree in their land which might help to increase the production capacity of lands as it produces natural manures in the lands. But the authority could not motivate the farmers of rural areas though the government is expending crores of taka in electronics medias to motivate them.

The source also said that "food for all by 2000" would not be possible if the farmers are not motivated.

Unused water bodies Fish worth Taka 385cr can be produced annually from Ctg Div

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Dec 20: The Chittagong division has been deprived of Taka 385 crore yearly from its fishery sector as about 2 lakh 26 thousand 650 ponds and tanks have been lying uncultivated.

Fish production in the division is declining despite favourable condition for pisciculture due to absence of proper planning. Existing law and acts are yet to be imposed in this sector.

There are 15 districts in the Chittagong division comprising of Sunamganj, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Brahmanbaria, Comilla, Chandpur, Laxmipur, Noakhali, Feni, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari.

A non-government survey, conducted during last fishery season shows that, there are five lakh 26 thousand 650 ponds and tanks in these districts of the Chittagong Division

covering an area of one lakh 78 thousand acres of land.

Out of them, about three lakh ponds and tanks with an area of one lakh one thousand 800 acres are used for cultivation under pisciculture. The rest of two lakh 26 thousand 650 ponds and tanks with an area of 76 thousand 900 acres have been lying uncultivated though there is a bright prospect of pisciculture.

It is gathered that, annually fish production per acre is one metric ton worth taka 50 thousand. In terms of this statistics, yearly total production from the cultivated ponds and tanks in the Chittagong Division is one lakh one thousand 800 metric tons. So, the division has been deprived of taka 385 crore yearly from those unused water bodies.

Experts are in opinion that, if all of the uncultivated ponds and tanks of the country could

be brought under pisciculture in planned way, the total income in the fishery sector of the country will be enhanced by one thousand crore of taka.

According to the Fishery Department and market survey, the yearly demand of fish in the country is about 19 lakh metric tons. But about 2.50 lakh metric tons of fish is produced yearly. About 16.50 lakh metric tons of fish fall short every year in the country.

According to scientific officer of Chittagong Division, interested fish cultivators do not have enough money to continue pisciculture programme.

The experts in this sector in Chittagong Division have outlined some major causes behind not using the ponds and tanks. According to them, the causes are as follows — (a) Interested cultivators have no money to continue pisciculture. (b) Failure to detect the

actual number of those water bodies which are out of cultivation. (c) Dispute over ownership of different water bodies at village level. (d) Insufficient motivation and patronisation by concerned department. (e) Lack of easy bank loan facilities to those interested cultivators who have no ownership of any water bodies, but they are fish-cultivator, by profession (f) Lack of proper implementation of existing fishery acts and laws and (g) Massive siltation of ponds and tanks by floods.

To increase the fish production in the Chittagong Division, the government should prepare necessary programme in this regard. Experts said that prospect of pisciculture in the Chittagong Division is so bright that the production can be raised upto the optimum level by properly utilising nearly 2 lakh 26 thousand 650 ponds and removing existing obstacles.

Chokh Bandha Party active again

SAVAR, Dec 20: A gang of notorious extortionists has again become active in a vast area in western Dhaka district, kidnapping children for ransom from their parents and relatives, reports UNB.

Police in recent months conducted an extensive operation to check the activities of the gang, widely known as "Chokh Bandha Party" which used to abduct children from different districts and kept them confined in underground dens for realising ransoms.

The gang, reportedly has reorganised and set up at least 60 new dens in six thanas — Savar, Dhamrai, Mirzapur, Kallakotr, Nagarpur and Shalimar.

College student Jalilur Rahman, 18, who recently managed to escape from the

clutches of the "Chokh Bandha Party", disclosed important information about them to police.

Rahman, a student of Dhaka Abuzar Giffary College, was kidnapped from his Gulshan residence on November 18 and taken to Benapur village in Savar thana by a car where he was detained in an underground den.

After two days in confinement, Rahman tried to flee but was caught by the gang members and shifted to another underground den at village Paikpara in Dhamrai thana. He was reportedly forced to write seven letters to his father to pay a ransom of Tk 3 lakh.

On November 26, he was again shifted to another den at an unknown village in Manikganj district.

Kidnappers active in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Dec 20: Kidnapping has increased alarmingly in different parts of Jamalpur district in recent days.

Organised gang of kidnapers are active in various places, particularly in the border areas of the district.

Members of these gang kidnap victims particularly the children who belong to rich families and demand quite a sizeable amount of money as ransom. As usual the kidnapers threaten to kill the victim if the demands are not met or if law enforcing agencies are informed. There are also reports of tortures on the victims in case of failure to pay the ransom.

It is learnt that the organised gangs have been carrying out the crime for quite some time. A few months ago, police unveiled the mystery of a kidnapping case at village Kowonari in Gopalpur thana where the leader of the gang posed himself to be a 'peer' or a man having spiritual power. During the rescue operation of the kidnapped school boy Begal, police discovered that the kidnapers had their underground room to hide the victims.

According to a reliable source about 100 persons were kidnapped for ransom in Jamalpur, Sherpur, Mymensingh, and Tangail districts during the last five years.

In one case, a young boy was killed when guardians could not pay the ransom on time.

Meanwhile, a non-commissioned army officer, Motalab was kidnapped from Nandina Bazar ferry ghat under Jamalpur sadar thana recently. An official source said that a total of 200 persons were arrested on charge of kidnapping in different parts of these districts. Eighty three persons were convicted by different courts. One hundred thirty four persons have been put under trial in different courts. Others were, however, released by the courts for want of proper evidence.

A police officer told this correspondent that police take kidnapping case very seriously and go for action immediately on receiving information. However, he admitted that filing of false cases by interested quarters to take revenge on enemies are also not uncommon. He said apart from police action, the people should also

be guided about responsibilities to avoid kidnapers. For instance, he said, minor boys or girls are easy prey of kidnapers. Children should be told by their guardians not to accept any thing such as food from strangers. Secondly, he said, young students should be asked to avoid making new friends. They should be very careful about visiting unknown places at the invitation of their newly found friends.

Another report adds: Different kinds of crimes including anti-social activities have been noticed to increase in the district during the last 11 months.

Five people were killed in different incidents including an issue over land dispute in the district. Seven people were killed in road accidents on Jamalpur-Tangail road and Jamalpur-Mymensingh road. At least six persons including two young women committed suicide who jumped under the wheels of running train on Jamalpur-Bahadurabad ghat and Jamalpur-Mymensingh rail way line. Three more committed suicide by taking poison or by hanging themselves.

Toll collection, dacoity,

theft and violence have recorded sharp rise. Illegal sale of wine and its use, cultivation of ganja and other anti-social activities are also on rise.

After repeated complaints, police conducted raids in the district to curb crimes. Police arrested about 50 persons who were involved with different kinds of crimes.

On Oct. 30 this year, Islampur thana police arrested two alleged snatchers, from Gothail areas.

Unofficial sources informed that over 50 cattlehead were stolen from different villages in the district during the last one year.

Anti-social activities such as prostitution, drug addiction, illegal sale of drugs and wine and gambling have increased too.

A numbers of girls who in and around the Jamalpur railway station try to attract customers even at day time. This sort of activities get little resistance from the law enforcing agencies for the reason not known. It is alleged that some local influential people are behind the scene, involved with the crimes.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Board of Revenue Dhaka

Applications are invited for appointments to the following posts in an IDA-assisted Project under the National Board of Revenue:

- Post: Computer Operator.
- Duration: Up to 30.6.95 (may be extended upto to the end of the project period).
- Qualification: Graduate with necessary Computer Training, relaxable for departmental Data Entry/Control Operator, with at least 2 (Two) years experience in relevant fields.
- Salary: Pay Tk. 6000/- Consolidated per month.
- Necessary documents (Paper to be submitted):
 - Hand written Application
 - Fall CV
 - Two passport size Photographs (Attested).
 - Copy of last Academic Certificate/Diploma/ (Attested)
 - Two References
- Application must be addressed to First Secretary (Taxes-4), National Board of Revenue and should reach on or before 31.12.94 (Within office hour).
- The incumbent must be willing to work anywhere in Bangladesh.
- Preliminary selected candidates have to appear for a written test on 6th January, 1995 and qualified candidates in the written test are to appear for a Computer Operator's aptitude test on 13th January, 1995.

Time and venue will be informed on 5th January, 1995 through Notice Board of Room # 200, National Board of Revenue and admit Card will be issued at the same time. Selected Candidates are required to collect their admit cards from Room # 324 of NBR on 5th January, 1995.

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Housewife hacked to death in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 20: A young housewife was hacked to death by her son-in-law and an accomplice at a house in Hawapara area of Sylhet town recently.

The victim Jahanara Begum, 27, second wife of Tajul Islam had been staying with her husband at the residence of one Abdul Hai Azad at Hawapara here. Tajul was the guard of the house. His first wife had been being at his Rupda village in Magura with her children.

Tajul's son-in-law Halim and brother-in-law Nurul Alam (both through his first wife) came from his village to ask for money for some family occasion. But when Tajul refused to defray the expenses Halim and Alam swooped on Jahanara Begum with machetes causing her instantaneous death.



Bjorn Sternby, ambassador of Sweden and Michaela Drury, ambassador of European Union visited various development projects being implemented by Proshika Human Development centre, at Bangshinagar village under Mirzapur area development centre in Tangail district recently. Proshika's Executive Director Dr. Qazi Faruque Ahmed explains the envoys about the achievements of Proshika.

রশ্মনি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো
১২২-১২৪, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা ঢাকা।

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা "হ্যান্ড বুক অব বাংলাদেশ এক্সপোর্টস এন্ড ইম্পোর্টস" নামক পুস্তিকা ইংরেজী ভাষায় ৪০০০ (চার হাজার) কপি, ফরাসী ভাষায় ২০০০ (দুই হাজার) কপি ও আরবী ভাষায় ৩০০০ (তিন হাজার) কপি মুদ্রণের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত খ্যাতিমান অফসেট প্রিন্টিং প্রেসের নিকট হতে আগামী ২৬-১২-৯৪ তারিখ বেলা ১২টার মধ্যে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

দরপত্রের সিডিউল প্রতিদিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ব্যুরোর সাধারণ শাখা হতে নগদ ১৫০/- (একশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যে ২৪-১২-৯৪ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি জানার জন্য নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

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পা-২৩৪/৬/৯৪-১৫৪/৪৭৭৭ তারিখঃ ১৫-১২-৯৪

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

তথ্য অধিদপ্তরের ফটোগ্রাফিক শাখার কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য নিম্ন বর্ণিত জুম সেন ও স্লানশান ক্রয়ের জন্য স্থানীয় প্রতিষ্ঠিত প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

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দরপত্র আগামী ২৯-১২-৯৪ তারিখে বেলা ১২টায় সচিবালয়ের ১ নং ভবনের ২০৭ নং কক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র ব্যাগে ফেলতে হবে। ঐদিনই বেলা ১২টায় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র কমিটি কর্তৃক দরপত্র খোলা হবে। মোট উক্ত মূল্যের ২.৫% হিসাবে আমানত (ফেরতযোগ্য) তথ্য অধিদপ্তর, গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-এর অনুমোদিত ব্যাংক ড্রাফট বা পেমেন্ট অর্ডার-এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে। সরকারী ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত, যে কোন কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন নগদ ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিতে দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। দরপত্র নিয়ে বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়ে প্রবেশের সুবিধার্থে ২৪১৩৪৪/২৪০৩৭২ নম্বর টেলিফোনে যোগাযোগ করা যাবে। দরপত্র জমার নিম্নে কোন সিডিউল বিক্রি করা হবে না।

যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ, আবেদন গ্রহণ বা সম্পূর্ণ ব্যক্তি করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা তথ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত।

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