

Krishak Sangram Samity leader shot dead

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Jan 17: The district committee secretary of Krishak Sangram Samity, Anwar Master, 40 was shot dead at Tetul Tala, five km from Jhenidah town at 5:30 pm Monday.

Three armed miscreants on a motor bike attacked Anwar Master. The victim tried to escape but the miscreants opened fire at him. He fell on the ground. Then they again shot him on the forehead with a gun making sure that Anwar was dead.

All shops and business establishments remained closed on Tuesday in protest of the killing incident. At least 25 vehicles were damaged by the agitated members of the samity.

The killed were believed to be members of the outlawed Sarbahara Party. Police are still looking for the killers.

Armed groups clash in Borguna : 5 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Jan 17: At least five persons were injured in an hour-long clash between two groups of ticket blackmarketeers at the Borguna bus stand today around 9:30 am in the morning.

During the clash a number of bombs were exploded.

23 chargesheeted for killing two student leaders in Khulna

KHULNA, Jan 17: Police submitted chargesheet Thursday against 23 people on charge of killing two student leaders of BL College, reports UNB.

General secretary of BL College Students Union and Chhatra Shibir leader Abdul Halim was killed on the spot and cultural secretary Rahmat Ali injured seriously by the rival group and outsiders on September 20, 1993. Rahmat Ali later succumbed at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A case was filed with Daulatpur police and after 16 months police submitted the chargesheet.

Another report adds: A youth was arrested with a pipe gun from ferryghat area of the city on January 13.

The youth, Nur Islam while moving suspiciously in the area was challenged by the police. Police later recovered a home-made pipe gun and two cartridges from his possession.



SYLHET. The ex-foreign minister, Humayun Rashid Chowdhury speaking at the publication ceremony of 'Sonali Surja' held here recently organised by the Jalalabad Biplobi Parishad. —Star photo

Abnormal price hike of rice, atta in Chuadanga district

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Jan 17: The price of rice and atta have abnormally gone up throughout Chuadanga district. The rice is now being sold between Tk 13.00 and 15.00 per kg in the local markets. The coarse quality of rice is now being sold at Taka 13.00 per kg and the fine quality of rice is being sold at Taka 15.00 per kg.

All classes of people especially the day labourers and the low income group of people are suffering much for increasing the price of rice. The fixed income group people like clerks and peons of the government and non-government offices and employees of the private shops, mills and factories are also suffering much due to the price hike of rice.

Atta is being sold between Taka 10.50 and 11.00 per kg. It may be noted that the harvesting of transplanted aman paddy of the current season in four thanas of Chuadanga district has been completed a month ago. But the farmers of the district have been disappointed much due to the poor yield of aman paddy this year.

The farmers of the district expected this year that the production of transplanted aman paddy to be 20 to 25 per cent less owing to various natural calamities. But at the time of harvesting it was found that the production was far below of their expectation.

This year per acre yield of transplanted aman paddy was only 10 to 12 maunds in Chuadanga district, against 20 to 24 maunds in previous years.

Transplanted aman paddy was cultivated on over 30,000 hectares of land in four thanas of Chuadanga district during the current season. The thanas of the district are, Chuadanga sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar. Of the total land 7,000 hectares were cultivated in Chuadanga sadar thana, 11,000 hectares in Alamdanga thana, 7,000 hectares in Damurhuda thana and 5,000 hectares in Jibannagar thana.

It was expected that this year a total of about 35 lakh maunds of transplanted paddy would be produced in the district but it was found that this year the production of transplanted aman paddy was only 25 lakh maunds.

Prolonged drought, attack by the various pests and fertil-

izer scarcity, were the main causes for poor transplanted aman production in the district this year.

A number of farmers told this correspondent that they never witnessed such poor yield of transplanted aman paddy during the last 10 years.

One Barkat Ali of village Monoharpur under Jibannagar thana of the district told this correspondent that he had cultivated one acre of land and got only 30 maunds of transplanted aman paddy this year.

Ahanted Ali another farmer of village Karpashdanga of Damurhuda thana of the district told this correspondent that he had cultivated aman on three acres of land but got only 72 maunds of aman paddy this year.

The farmers said that they could not even get back their production cost this year.

The price of rice in the local markets is sky high now while the farmers got poor production of aman. The T aman producers are of the district are passing hard days. The poor and the common people of the district have been demanding to the government to introduce the fair price shops of rice and atta throughout the district immediately with a view to checking the price hike of both rice and atta thus saving the poor people of the district. The common and the poor people of the district are also demanding immediate introduction of open marketing sale operation of rice and atta in all hais and bazars of the district.

Bus skids off road, one killed, 30 injured

GHIOR (Manikganj), Jan 17: A schoolboy was killed and 30 people were injured when a minibus fell into a ditch beside Dhaka-Ghior road at Shahli Sunday evening, police said, reports UNB.

Narayan Sarker, 15, a student of class X of Ghior DM School, died on the spot as the accident occurred when the driver lost control during a quarrel over the fare with a group of students travelling by the bus.

Clash between 2 labour groups leaves five seriously hurt

KHULNA, Jan 17: Five people were injured in a clash between two labour groups of the district CBD godown at Khajapur Sunday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash between the Nazim Sarder and Biswas groups erupted at about 11 am over establishing supremacy in the godown area.

One killed, 50 hurt in road mishap in Gopalganj

GOPALGANJ, Jan 17: One person was killed, 50 others were injured, 13 seriously when a minibus fell into a roadside ditch at Bedgram on Gopalganj-Kotalipara road Sunday, reports UNB.

Khokon Biswas, 30, was rushed to Gopalganj sadar hospital in critical condition and succumbed to his injuries soon after admission. He hailed from village Bazunia in sadar thana of the district.

The condition of the other injured passengers admitted at the hospital were stated to be critical by attending doctors. Others were released after first aid.

Eyewitnesses said, the Gopalganj-bound minibus skidded off the road and fell into the ditch at village Bedgram in sadar thana at about 12:30 pm. The driver lost control after one of the tyres of the overloaded bus got jacked.

Three arrested with stolen goods in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Jan 17: Police, in connection with a snatching case, arrested three miscreants and recovered some stolen goods from their possession at Laxmipur village, reports UNB.

The arrested are: Tushar of Hamidpur village in Kotwali thana of Jessore district, Sanjit and Sobhan of Sangdah village in Salikha thana.

According to police, two pedestrians of village Parmathapur in sadar thana while returning home were attacked by a gang of snatchers at Battala area. They looted cash and belongings worth Tk 26,000 on January 5. A case was filed.

On the following day, acting on secret information, police raided the Laxmipur village and arrested the three miscreants.

Action against toll collectors demanded

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 17: Businessmen community Sunday, brought out a procession in the town and submitted memorandums to the district administration demanding action against extortionists, reports UNB.

The protesting businessmen marched through the town and terminated at the Deputy Commissioner's office Sunday morning demanding arrest of the toll collectors. Later, they submitted separate memorandums to the DC and SP demanding immediate arrest of the accused and warned that they will go for strike if action were not taken against the illegal toll collectors.

Meanwhile, gold traders of the town entered the second day Sunday of their indefinite strike protesting manhandle of some members of their community by toll collectors Saturday.

Earlier, a case had been filed with the local police on this connection.

Poor condition of roads Most of the bus drivers do not follow road signs

NATORE, Jan 17: The passengers are suffering much due to rough driving and overloading of buses in different routes of North Bengal including Natore, says UNB.

Reckless driving and overloading of the buses, minibuses and trucks plying on Rajshahi-Nagarbari ghat, Rangpur-Nagarbari ghat, Rajshahi-Rangpur and Rajshahi-Kushtia routes are common features causing accidents frequently.

Most of the vehicles carry passengers beyond their capacity violating traffic rules and drive violating the specified speed limit both on highways and busy roads.

Bus journey has also become hazardous due to bad condition of roads and misbehaviour of helpers and conductors. Passengers also suffer much as they cannot reach their destination in time due to frequent stoppages at unscheduled points.

It is alleged that the conductors of most of the buses and minibuses realise fare at exorbitant rates from the passengers.

Mpreover, the passengers suffering aggravate much as there is no passenger sheds at most of the bus stands. Passengers particularly children and women suffer much in the absence of, latrine and urinal facilities. The situation turn worse during the rainy season.

According to a reports, there are about 90 bus stands in these routes. The 28 kilometers long Natore-Bogra and 108 km Bogra-Rangpur-Dinpur routes are in deplorable condition. At present these two routes have become almost unfit for plying of vehicles.

Bikrampur-Palashbari road is not completely metalled which has been badly damaged during the last flood.

Natore-Gurudaspur, Natore-Bagalipara and Baneshwar-Bagha roads are too narrow. Buses, minibuses, and trucks are facing problems while plying on these roads.

The passengers also alleged that in spite of repeated appeal no measures have yet taken to renovate these routes.

Lathials-farmers clashes leave 3 killed, 5 missing

BARISAL, Jan 17: Three farmers were killed on the spot and five remained missing in several clashes between lathials and local farmers in five southern districts of Barisal division during the last three weeks, says an UNB report.

According to a report, the armed clashes erupted over reaping of paddy and taking possession of new charlands.

Some 60 houses were ransacked and gutted in which a good number of people were injured.

The areas are — Jallchar of Barisal district, Nandipara, Lankathi and Mithaganj of Patuakhal, Illachar of Bhola, Junionchar of Peropur and Banshalia of Barguna districts.

Meanwhile, local leaders beforehand urged the government to take precautions in char areas to check the lathials who at the instance of the influential people harvest the crops particularly paddy of the poor farmers forcibly.

Low cost schools to be built in Patuakhal

PATUAKHALI, Jan 17: Some 57 cost primary schools will be constructed soon in the rural areas of the district, reports UNB.

Officials sources said, such schools will be set up in the backward areas where there is no government primary school. With the establishment of these schools children of remote areas will get primary education facilities for the first time.

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