

# 12 killed in road accidents

At least 12 people were killed in separate road accidents across the country in the last three days, reports UNB.

Five people were killed in Rangpur, four in Narsingdi, two in Sirajganj and one in Faridpur.

In Rangpur, at least five people were killed and about 40 others injured when a Dhaka-Thakurgaon bus rammed against a roadside tree at Balabartahat in Taraganj thana on Wednesday.

Fire brigade sources said identity of the dead, most of whom were on the rooftop of the bus and violently hit by the tree branches, could not be known immediately.

The bus was badly damaged in the collision with the tree.

The sources said the accident occurred at about 2:30 pm as the driver of the bus of "Keya Paribahan" lost control after a tire burst.

Four of the injured passengers were shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as their condition was stated critical and the rest admitted to Taraganj Health Complex.

In Narsingdi, three people and a cow they bought for sacrifice were all killed when a speeding truck ran over them on Dhaka-Sylhet highway Wednesday, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Shah Alam, 32, Abdul Awal, 30, and Asad 28.

Police said they died instantly as the truck hit them while crossing the road with the cow in Shibpur area at about 1:30 am.

## Severe drought, attack of disease

# 40pc saplings planted in Sirajganj about to die

From Our Correspondent

trees were damaged by 'Agamara' disease.

A source of Forest Department told that 'Agamara' disease is the cause of death of huge number of plants and trees. The BWDB sources said

that due to fall in underground water level, the plants can not collect food and subsequently dry up. The adverse effect of Farakka is also responsible for such damage of trees and plants.

So far, 40 per cent of the trees and planted saplings in different government and public places and by the side of highways have dried up.

It is learnt that the Forest Department supplied 27,32,000 saplings of different varieties including fruit bearing and wood trees in 1994 as a part of their plantation programme in Sirajganj district. The district administration also took up a scheme to plant one crore of saplings in nine thanas which include 8,32,000 in Sirajganj Sadar, 21,32,000 in Kazipur, 2,11,000 in Belkuchi, 3,09,000 in Tarash, 1,90,000 in Chowdhury, 1,95,000 in Raiganj, 2,05,000 in Kamarkhanda, 2,18,000 in Shahzadpur and 1,90,000 in Ullapara thana. Out of the total, 1,94,000 saplings were planted by the side of Jamuna river and 28-kilometer highway.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) planted 1,03,000 saplings on fallow land and 31,000 were planted in the premises of the offices and educational institutions. The Forest Department also distributed 4,66,000 saplings among the public. The Chairman and member of the Union Parishads were directed to look after the saplings in the concerned union areas. But after plantation, 25 per cent of the saplings were damaged in absence of watering and by the cattleheads.

Besides, a large number of



SIRAJGANJ: The trees on Sirajganj-Bogra road at Chandidashganti are drying up.

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## Shahzadpur — a prospective tourist spot

From Our Correspondent

the recent years. The Dhaka-Dinajpur highway passes through Shahzadpur.

The Mazar of Hazrat Makhdoom Shah Doula Shahheed (R) and Kuthibari of poet Rabindra Nath Tagore are the places of historic importance and the both projects are now under the supervision of Archaeological Department of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

On different occasions, thousands of people come to Shahzadpur, specially at the time of Urs of Shah Makhdoom (R) and the birth and death anniversary of poet Rabindra Nath Tagore.

Situated beside the river Karota, Shahzadpur is located in the south west of Sirajganj and north-east of Pabna with an area of 123 square miles.

Shahzadpur thana is famous for its trade and industry. The Eastern Milk Producer's Co-operative Union (Milk-vita) has a production unit at Baghabari.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has set up a oil depot at the river port area. Besides, a Textile processing Mills and a Services and Facilities Centre (SFC) of Bangladesh Handloom Board is situated in Shahzadpur. There are some 24 weekly hats, 19 bazaars and a number of shopping centres in Shahzadpur.

The cattle hat of Talgachhi is the biggest market of cattleheads in greater Pabna district.

Communication network of Shahzadpur has developed in

## Madaripur launch terminals in poor shape

MADRIPUR, May 13: Terminals in most of the launch ghats in Madaripur and Shariatpur districts are in deplorable condition causing much inconvenience to the passengers, says UNB.

In Sirajganj, two people were killed in a road mishap at Shahebganj Raiganj thana on Bogra-Nagarbari highway Saturday morning.

According to passengers, the existing launch terminals are beset with various problems including want of sitting arrangement, toilet and dilapidated condition of the sheds.

The tinshed sheds of the terminals and railings in the enclosure are in bad shape reconstruction of which was long due. These terminals were damaged during the devastating cyclone in April 1991.

Passengers said, during the rainy season, rain water pour into the sheds causing sufferings to the waiting passengers.

Besides, the passengers are to wait sometimes for hours together to reach their destinations and in the absence of adequate sitting arrangement they are to loiter around the terminals. Women and children are the worst sufferers.

The passengers alleged that the terminals remain dirty all the time in the absence of maintenance and care. Garbages are dumped in scattered manner vitiating the atmosphere.

They have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate measures to modernise these terminals.



SYLHET: The Greater Sylhet Ganadabi Parishad staged a sit-in in front of DC's office protesting the construction of Barak Dam in Assam recently.

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## 3 die in stampede while collecting Zakat cloths

KHULNA, May 13: A poor mother and her daughter and another person died in a stampede while several thousand people were scrambling for charity clothes at a businessman's house here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Amena, 45, her daughter Hosna Ara, 25, and another unidentified person collapsed and died amidst a huge crowd at the residence of Wazed, a renowned shrimp trader of the city, at around 8:30am.

There had been a rush of alms-seeker at Wazed's residence for the last two days like previous years to collect 'Zakat' cloths on the occasion of Eid. About five thousand people thronged there Wednesday.

Wazed said the victim fell sick due to the overcrowding and later died at their homes.

After the incident, distribution of clothes continued till 5 pm under police protection.

Two killed in Chuadanga clash

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, May 13: Two people were killed and seven others injured in a clash between two groups at village Ibrahimpur on Thursday.

The dead were identified as Monwar Hossain Mantu, 35, and Rahim, 32. The clash occurred when Rahim with his group equipped with arms attacked Mantu at around 10:30 am. They also exploded several cocktails.

Mantu was rushed to the Chuadanga Sadar Hospital with severe injuries. He died there at around 5 pm.

The angry villagers caught hold of Rahim and beat him up. He was admitted to the Sadar hospital with severe injuries where he died.

Police arrested one with a gun in this connection. Two cases have been filed.

## Fishermen using current nets despite ban

CHUADANGA, May 13: Indiscriminate catching of fish fry by current nets has been threatening fish production in the district, reports UNB.

According to local people, a section of fishermen defying the government ban are catching fish fry in the ponds, beels, canals and rivers.

The District Fisheries Department expressing grave concern over the rampant use of current nets said fish output will decrease abnormally if adequate measures are not taken to implement the government restriction on catching fry below nine inches.

They called upon the district administration to do the needful to save the fish population of the district.

Local people alleged that the mobile courts cannot function properly to seize the current nets due to shortage of magistrates.

Last year, 155 current nets were seized in the district.

There are about 8,000 ponds, beels, canals, rivers and their tributaries scattered all over the district but most of them are derelict due to lack of proper care and maintenance, it is learnt.

The Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has set up 554 registered co-operative societies including one cultivator co-operative union, 43 landless co-operative and fisheries co-operative unions. A considerable number of co-operative unions exist in the area.

Although there are some 14 branches of different banks, people allege that they are not given any kind of loan. A vested quarter is the only beneficiary of the financing facilities, they added.

Shahzadpur thana may play a vital role in the national economy if steps are taken to boost up the productive sectors.

A case was filed with the local police.

## Load-shedding hits production in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 13: Frequent power failure and load-shedding have been causing untold sufferings to the town-dwellers everyday.

Production in the mills and factories is severely hampered due to long hours of load-shedding from morning till mid-night.

The students and business establishments are the worst sufferers of the frequent load-shedding.

Irrigation is also hampered during the dry season. It is necessary to irrigate the boro and IRRI fields for a good harvest.

But due to the frequent power failure and load-shedding the deep and shallow tube-wells are not functioning properly.

The SSC examinees are the worst sufferers. Most of the

## 4 missing as barge sinks in Meghna

From Our Correspondent

BHOLA, May 13: At least 4 people were missing and property worth about Taka 50 lakh lost when a barge sank in the river Meghna caught by the whirlwind near Daulat Khan thana of the district last week.

When contacted, a PDB official said that severe rationing of electricity from the upper level compelled them to go for shut down. Only nine megawatt power have been allocated for Kushtia in place of required 22 megawatts, the official said, adding they have nothing to do in this regard.

Meanwhile, heat wave have been sweeping over Kushtia. Temperature ranged between 40° to 42° degree Celsius during the last few days.

One rickshawpuller Md. Yasin said that his income has come down due to heat wave because most of the people are not coming out of their houses due to hot weather.

## Dacoits loot 25 houses, kill one in Kushtia

KUSHTIA, May 13: Dacoits killed a man and looted valuables from 25 houses at a village in Bheramara thana Sunday night, police said, reports UNB.

They said a gang of dacoits numbering around 30 to 40 attacked the houses at Daula village shortly after midnight. Kalu Biswas, 38, was shot dead at his house when he raised hue and cry. His body was sent to the General Hospital for postmortem.

A case was filed with Bheramara thana in this connection.

## Pottery industry faces extinction

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, May 13: Pottery, a traditional cottage industry in Chuadanga district is on the verge of extinction.

Hundreds of families in different areas of four thanas of Chuadanga district have been engaged in pottery industry for generations. Most of them earn their livelihood by this trade.

They produce jars, plates, cups, surai, toys, nanda, malsha cooking pots and various other household articles.

Now a days, the potters face a hard time. Previously they used to collect clay free of cost, but now-a-days they have

to buy clay. Burning the raw products has also become a costly affair. Besides shortage of capital prevents them from operating in full capacity. This has made their living ever harder.

The potters have no capital to run their business. They borrow money from the rich persons in their locality or from money lenders who charge exorbitant interest.

To solve the problems of the potters, the concerned authorities should look into this age old rural industry.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Ministry of Finance

Economic Relations Division, (IDA TA Cell Project)

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

No. ERD/WB-1/TA-6/Airconditioners/22/94-95/405

Dated: 3.5.95

## Corrigendum to Tender Notice

In partial modification of the tender notice dated 24.4.95 for purchase of AIRCONDITIONERS for the above project (which was published among other newspapers, in the Daily Dainik Bangla on 27.4.95, it is notified for information of all concerned that since Govt. Offices will remain closed on 14.5.95 due to Buddha Purnima, the tenders shall be accepted upto 12.00 Noon on 15.5.95 and shall be opened at 12.30 PM on the same day in presence of the representatives, if any, of the tenderers. All other terms and conditions as mentioned in the tender notice dated 24.4.95 shall remain unchanged.

Md. Shah Jahan  
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and  
Project Director

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Public Works Department, Satkhira

## Auction Notice

No.13 of 1994-95

Sealed quotations are invited from interested persons/firms for auction sale through quotation of various grade bats lying at the brick field and flat bar & other construction material lying at office premise/godown of Satkhira Public Works Department (as it is where it is basis). Quotations will be received by the undersigned and all Executive Engineers under Public Works Directorate Circle, Khulna upto 12.00 Noon of 25.5.95 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 minutes before the tenderers (if any) present. Quotation form will be sold upto 25-5-95 during office hours. 2% (two per cent) of the quoted amount should be submitted as earnest money in the form of Bank Draft in favour of the undersigned.

Rest of the information may be collected from the undersigned & the above offices during office hours.

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## Government of Bangladesh

### Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Road Division, Patuakhali

## Invited Tender Notice with Sealed Cover from Bangladesh Form No. 2911.

Tender No. PRD 34/1994-95.

No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Eligibility of contractors of RHD	Date of last date of order	Last date & time of receipt (with sealed)	Last date & time of opening	Name of Offices availability of tender document</