Two killed by lightning

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, June 21: Two persons were killed by lightning in Sailkupa thana of the district recently.

According to reports, Anwar Hossain, 22, of village Baroipara was killed while he was sitting on his verandah on Saturday.

Harun, 26, of village Baliadanga of the same thana was killed by lightning while he was returning home from a near by field, it was reported.

Housewife succumbs to injuries

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, June 21: After nine days Sahanur Begum, 27, mother of a 2 yr old child, succumbed to her injuries in the Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital Wednesday last.

It is learnt that Sahanur Begum's husband, Jainal Khan married second time nine months ago. The couple often quarrelled.

Following quarrel 9 days ago, Jainal Khan beat Sahanur Begum mercilessly and later she was admitted into Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where she died. Sahanur Begum lived at Hatkhola of Barisal town area.

A case was filed with Kotwali thana in this connection. Jainal Khan is still at large.

Fire guts Tk 3 crore property in Natore

NATORE, June 21: Property worth about 3 crore was gutted in 91 fire incidents in the district in the last five moths till May this year, Fire Service sources said, reports

According to Natore Fire Station 11 fire incidents occurred in January, 14 in February, 12 in March, 34 in April and 10 in May. Of the total, the fire inci

dents that broke out in April in Abdulpur, Goshaipur, Dhononjoypara and Milkipara villages gutted property worth about Tk 2 crore alone.

The only fire station for the six thanas of the district is situated at the sadar thana. The fire station is yet to be modernised to rush to the remote areas in time to extinguish fire.

The only ambulance of the fire station remained out of order for a long time hampering movement of seriously injured people.

Massive afforestation programme in Chittagong Forest Circle

From A K M Zahoorul Huq

CHITTAGONG, June 21 The Chittagong Forest Circle has started planting of different species of trees and fruitbearing plants alongwith stumps of teak numbering about 2,25,00,000 in the government reserved forest lands and unclassed state forest lands in addition to lands belonging to other agencies. Seedlings are also being distributed for plantation in private and other lands by interested individuals.

The seedlings and stumps which are being distributed to the members of the public for planting by themselves have been raised in 19 nurseries and six Forest Extension and Training Centres in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar Forest Division under Thana Banayon and Nursery Development Project. For departmental afforestation, requisite number of seedlings of different short and long rotation trees have been raised in each and every range in a couple of nurseries of all the Forest Division in Chittagong Forest Circle, officials said.

Plantation activities in Chittagong Forest Circle have attracted the attention of the general mass of the region. In a bid to take as much area as possible under tree cover, an all out efforts under tree plantation schemes have been undertaken to achieve the objectives of planting more and more areas in the government owned reserved forests in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar Division and unclassed state forests in three districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts region as well as lands owned by other government agencies like cantonments, city corporation and municipalities, said an observer, adding that, seedlings of forest tree and fruit-bearing plants are being distributed at a nominal price to the farmers, villagers and other interested individuals to undertake planting by them-

According to the concerned sources, the projects under which the plantation programmes are being carried out in the area are: a) Forest Resources Management Project, financed by World Bank (b) Nagar Banayon Project (c) Unclassed State Forest Afforestation and Jhoomia Re-

habilitation Scheme in the district of Chittagong Hill Tracts (d) Security Planting Projects around security camps and (e) Thana Banayon and Nursery Development

Project.

The Scheme which is in operation for the last three years under Forest Resources Management Project in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar Forest Division has already covered an area of 25,000 acres of denuded hills with a total number of 3,02,00,000 seedlings and stumps. Both short and long rotation species have been planted in the fallow areas of these two forest divisions, according to the suitability and social needs. The species of trees in long rotation plantations are teak, garjan, champaful, chapalish, telsur, chikrashi, sal, mehagoni etc. The short rotation species are exotic akashmoni, indigenous species such as gamar, korai, kadam etc have also been planted in the re-

served forests, it was learnt. The long rotation species will mature at 40 years of age and will meet the demand of timber in the industrial as well as domestic needs whereas the short rotation species will be harvested after 18 years of age and can be used as raw materials in the pulp and paper mills as well as in the other industrial concerns. The domestic needs of fuel wood will also be met with this plantation, the experts said. Through the Nagar Banayon Scheme, the fallow hills and other areas of the city have been covered with suitable species to enrich the city's environment with fresh oxygen and to combat the air pollution from the discharges of carbonmonoxide, coming out of the vehicles mills, factories and industries. The road side of city have also been planted, this will add to the greenery of the hilly town of Chittagong city, the expert

In the cantonment, massive plantation programme is under way to cover the denuded hills all around and to beautify the sites. This, however, will also be the source of timber for various needs and a future resources is being built up. In this bid, co-operation from the cantonment authorities are encouraging, it was

Through the Unclassed State Forest Afforestation Scheme and Security Planting Scheme, the Unclassed State Forest of Bandarbon, Khagrachhari and Rangamati hill districts are being covered with valuable species such as teak, telsur garjan, gamar etc. The denoted hills so covered will act for the improvement of the local as well as national economy and prevent environmental degradation, said M Ghulam Habib, the Conservator of Forest, Chittagong Forest Circle.

The Thana Banayon and

Nursery Scheme is a project

for making more and more wood resources in the areas outside the reserved forests Through this scheme, planta tion in the fallow lands, marginal lands, areas beside rail-ways and embankments, roads and highways, feeder roads and canal banks are covered with tree growths. This scheme is in operation in the rural as well as urban areas. The campuses of different offices, institutions including religious and education ones are covered with the tree growth. Under this scheme, private individuals get their supply of seedlings from the nurseries. The homesteads of the area are getting enriched with varieties of fruits as well as forest species of plants. The project, if carried out with some modifications urgent in nature, for a longer period in the coming years will cater for the needs of the timber as well as fuel wood of the rural lots, the concerned people and local leaders said.

The social forestry, the name adopted for this type of forestry has been able to draw the attention of the people and has gone deep in the society's attitude causing change towards a tree plantation movement. Planting trees which so long has been treated as a job of the downtrodden and poorer sections of the society is no longer treated as such. The society's attitude has changed favourably and individuals in the society feel happy planting a sapling. Many of the state cer emonies are concluded, now a-days, by planting saplings by policy makers and dignitaries. This is a good turn of the society towards environmental consciousness, said the Conservator of Forest Chittagong Forest Circle.

The Forest Department is a small one getting little attention of the policy makers. Though there has been a recent change in the attitude of the highest authorities of the country, it has not been sufficiently percolated down towards other levels of administrations, whole attitudes and concepts matter very much for planning and implementation, said a senior officer of the concerned department adding that the need of increased planting of seedlings in the context of developing Bangladesh where there has been a great concern about the environment can hardly be overemphasised.

To facilitate this, the Forest Department should receive more attention of the policy makers towards making it a more efficient gov ernment institution by increasing its man power. A reorganisation of the Forest Department is necessary to handle the forestry activities both in the conventional as well as in social forestry fields, this was echoed in the discussion made between Orhan Baykal, World Bank executive from Washington and forest officials held at Chittagong Forest Academy recently.

The specific serious problem of plantation now called the social forestry is the protection of the seedlings and saplings planted. It is learnt that the scheme does not provide any protection measures either in the form of employing watchers or in the form of providing fencing

around the planted seedlings. This becomes subject o grazing by cattle. The experts, tree lovers and environmentalists while expressing opinions said, the coming schemes, if there be one, should provide protection measures by providing watchers, otherwise, there is likelihood of getting washed the amount of valuable money spent in a bid to build up timber resources in the cities as well as in rural areas in the name of social

torestry.

Law and order situation of Kushtia reviewed

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, June 21: The monthly meeting of Law and Order Committee held at the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner's office on Wednesday reviewed the latest law and order situation of the district.

The meeting was informed that 95 crimes including, eight murders, six robberies cases, one hijacking, two burglaries, three thefts, four riots and three smugglings, were committed in six thanas in

In March and April, 108 and 104 crimes respectively were committed in the dis-

The last year 44 murders were recorded in six thanas of the district and over 2,000 people were injured in several clashes and terrorist attacks.

A total of 712 cases were filed during the same period including 11 dacoities, 42 burglaries, 23 thefts, 61 riots, six murders, 40 arms cases, 24 cattle lifting, 24 smuggling, 11 kidnapping and five police harassment cases.

The meeting presided over by deputy Commissioner Md Nazrul Islam, was attended, among others, by SP and ASP, Public Prosecutor, president of local press club, representatives of local colleges and officer-in-charge of Daulatpur and Bheramara police stations.

The meeting was also informed that anti-social activities of outlawed Sharbahara party have increased in Mirpur and Khoksa thanas as well as Meherpur district.

During the meeting, it has been observed that inadequate police, the force and in transport as well as political pressure have worsened the law and order situation of the district.

Son of snake charmer fails to charm snake

MADHUPUR (Tangail June 21: Yar Mahmud, 1 son of Kalimuddin, a snake charmer of village Chapait under Madhupur thana died recently due to snake bite, reports BSS.

According to report as Yar Mahmud was playing with a newly captured cobra, it bit

He was brought to Jalchatra Danial Foundation Leprosy Hospital for treatment where he died.

113 bottles of phensidyl seized in Barisal

BARISAL, June 21: Kotwali thana police seized 69 bottles of phensidyl from Barisal rest house on Sunday and arrested two persons in this connec tion, police said, reports BSS. Besides, Wazirpur police

seized 44 bottles of phensidyl from Shikarpur ferryghat and arrested one person on the spot on the same day.

One arrested: Arms recovered

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, June 21: Waliur Rahman, 32, a regional leader of outlawed Sarbahara Party was arrested by Magura police in the night on June 18, it was reported.

According to police, Waliur was wanted by police for

Acting on a secret information police raided a house at Puratan Bazar of Magura town and arrested him with a country made gun and four rounds of bullets, police said.

One found dead in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, June 21: Bijoy Majhee, 70, a fisherman of village Khulumbarea in Sailkupa thana of the district was found death in river Gorai on June 19.

According to police, Bijoy left house to look for his boat in the nearby river Gorai bank at 6 pm on June 18 and did not return. Next day his body was seen floating in the

He might be killed by his opponents, police suspects. A case was filed with Sailkupa thana and the body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

RCC mayor inaugurates 'tree plantation '95'

tree planting campaign '95, jointly organised by the City Corporation and local Forest Department, was inaugurated at the corporation premises on Monday, reports UNB.

Later, a rally led by the Mayor paraded different parts

Increasing number of children engaged in professional jobs

From Delwar Kabir

IHENIDAH, June Khokan, Rajan and Monirul, three child labourers are engaged in various profession despite government ban on child labour.

Khokan, 11, a boy from village Kabirpur in Sailkupa thana lost his father three years back. His mother Dalim Khatun was not in a position to send her son to school as she herself is supported by her

He could not send his son to school due to poverty and was compelled to engage the little boy to a tea stall at Sailkupa Bridge Road. Here, Rajan prepares singara, tea etc. He has to work till 10 pm and earns Taka five per day

Another face of child labourer is Monirul, 12. His father Mazibor Rahman of Shahi Mosquespara is a small



JHENIDAH: Rajan preparing snacks in a tea stall in - Star photo Sailkupa.

brothers. Khokan is engaged in a welding workshop at Kabirpur in Sailkupa thana of the district. Khokan now is working there as a trainee and after completion of the training for one year, he might get a salary of about Taka 150 to 200 per month, Khokan

Rajan, 10, is another face of child labourer. His father, Akmal Hossain is engaged in same profession at village Fazelpur in Sailkupa thana.

trader who can hardly provide meal for his six children and wife. He also could not send his youngest son, Manirul to school due to extreme poverty and engaged the boy at a tea stall at Sailkupa The government has issued

ban on child labour and there are so many government and non-government organisations (NGOs) in the area but who will care for Khokan, Rajan, and Monirul or others?



JHENIDAH: Manirul preparing tea for customers in a tea stall in Sailkupa. - Star photo

বিজেএমসি বিজ্ঞাপন দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (বিক্রয়)

দরপত্র নং এক্তেএম/এমডি/এলএস-টি/৯৪-৯৫/০৪-এর আওতায় অবস্থানিযোগ্য/কতিগ্রস্থ/বাতিলকৃত পাটজাত সামগ্রী বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্রে আদমজী জুট মিলস লিমিটেড কর্তৃক স্থানীয় খরিন্দার/ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। অবস্তানিযোগ্য/ক্ষতিগ্রস্থ/বাতিলকত হেসিয়ান কাপড় ২৫.৫৩০ এম টন, হেসিয়ান ব্যাগ ১০.৪৮৯ এম, টন, স্যাকিং ১০.০০০ এম, টন এবং সিবিসি ৪২.৯১০ এম টন মোট আনুমানিক ৮৮.৯২৯ এম টন-এর দবপত্র দলিল (টেন্ডার সিডিউল) মার্কেটিং ডিভিশন, আদমজী জুট মিলস লিমিটেড, আদমজী কোর্ট, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা, হিসাব বিভাগ, আদম্জা জুট মিলস লিঃ, আদম্জীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এবং হিসাব বিভাগ, বিজেএমসি, আদমজী কোট, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা থেকে প্রতিসেট নগদ যথাক্ত হঃ কাপড়, হেঃ ব্যাগ, স্যাকিং এবং সিবিসি পণ্যের জন্যে ২০০.০০ (দুইশত। টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য আগামী ১১ – ৭ – ৯৫ইং তারিখ অপবাহন ২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত খরিদ করা যাবে। দর্পত্রসমূহ ১২-৭-৯৫ইং তারিখ মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বিপণন), আদমজী জুট মিলস লিঃ আদমজী কোট মতিঝিল, ঢাকা, মহাব্যবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন), আদম্জী জটু মিলস লিমিটেড, আদম্জীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ, মহা-বাবস্থাপক প্রানিং। বিজেএমসি, আদমজী কোর্ট, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা এবং আঞ্চলিক মহাবাবস্থাপক, বিজেএমসি, ঢাকা জোন, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা কেরিম চেম্বার। এর দণ্ডবসমূহে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাক্সে বেলা ১১-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত পৃহীত হবে এবং একই দিনে ১১-৩০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দবদাতাদের সম্মুখে খোলা হবে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)। বিস্তারিত বিবরণ/নিয়মাবলী সংশ্রিষ্ট দরপত্র দলিলে পাওয়া যাবে।

আদমজী জুট মিলস লিমিটেড, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ-এর ব্যবস্থাপনা কর্ত্তক কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল অথবা গ্রহণ কবাব ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Re-Tender Notice বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj invites sealed tender in 2 (two) envelope system from bonafide manufacturers/ suppliers/importers for supply of Sodium Silicate and Mag. Sulphate against Tender Enquiry No. 96 dt. 8/6/95. Tender documents will be had at Tk 50 (Fifty) per set from (a) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and (c) Sylhet Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamganj. Tender with 1% earnest money will be received in the tender box kept in Purchase Department of SPPM Ltd, Chhatak up to 3pm on 10/7/95 and be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderer (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC 613-13/6/95 DFP-15362-17/6 G-980

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ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচছে। আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যবসায়ীদের ২৬-৬-৯৫ইং (১২-৩-১৪০২বাং) অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ৫০০/- টাকা নগদ মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য) প্রদান সাপেকে টেভার সিডিউল বিক্রয় কর। হবে। বাবসায়ীগণকে টেভার সিডিউল ক্রয়কালীন সময়ে কে। টেড লাইসেক, (খ) আয়কর সমদপত্র, (গ) ব্যাংক কর্তক প্রদন্ত আর্থিক বচ্চতার সনদ (ঘ। অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ অবশাই দাখিল করতে হবে দরপত্রের সহিত মোট মূল্যের ২.৫% জামানত হিসাবে পরিকল্পনা ও উনুক্রন একাডেমীর অধ্যক্তের অনুকলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার দাখিল করতে সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। পরিকল্পনা ও উনুয়ন একাডেমী ও পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ শেরেবাংলা নগরে রক্ষিত বাল্কে ২৮-০৬-৯৫ইং (১৪-০৩ ১৪০২বাং) মোভাবেক বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ মিঃ উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সমূখে দরপত্র খোলা হবে

২। কর্তপক্ষ যে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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আবুল কাপেম মোল্লা উপ-পরিচালক

seminar on the role of Open University, recently in the district. - Star photo Special drive to realise electricity bills in Jessore From Our Correspondent

SYLHET: Dr M Shamsher Ali VC. Bangladesh Open University speaking as chief guest at a

IESSORE, June 21: Massive drive has been launched to realize outstanding electric bills by disconnecting lines from lessore town by the order of Deputy Director (Commercial), Power Development Board (PDB), Jessore from last month.

According to official source, over Tk five crore have already been realized by disconnecting lines. Total ar rear is Tk ten crore twenty two lakh, the source added.

It is learnt, a team with Assistant Engineer and Sub-Assistant Engineer has been formed to go to every house of defaulters and disconnect

According to a report, a total of three hundred sixty lines have been disconnected of which three hundred lines in current month and sixty in last month were disconnected. It is learnt, nearly fifteen thousand consumers are chronic defaulters in paying

electric bills. The total number of consumers under Jessore PDB office is nineteen thousand five hundred. A source on condition of

anonymity told The Daily Star that out of total arrears, Tk one crore thirty lakh are remaining unpaid with the government and semi-government offices including the office of Deputy Commissioner Superintendent of Police, Jessore Municipality, Bag herpara thana complex, Salika thana complex, high court, BADC complex department of Public Health Engineering.

According to detailed information, a total of Tk eight lakh is due with Deputy Commissioner's office, Tk twenty four lakh with Superintendent of Police office, Tk forty seven with Jessore Municipality, Tk twenty six lakh with Bagherpara thana complex, Tk sixteen lakh with Salikha thana complex, Tk seven lakh fifty thousand with high court. Tk two lakh with BADC and Tk two lakh with Department of Public Health Engineering.

When asked whether the policy of disconnecting lines will be applied to all these offices for realizing the arrear bills, the Deputy Director (Commercial), PDB, Jessore told that they are being pursued to expedite payments. He was confident by positive result shortly. However, complaints re-

ceived from different sources said that good number of lines meanwhile, have been disconnected on ground of nonpayment despite payment of bills well in time.

The Deputy Director said that there was problem for entry of paid bills in ledger book properly till 1991 due to lack of staff. He said that the problem is over by now and has little chance to happen again.

RAJSHAHI, June 21. The

of the city.