

Two killed by lightning

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

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.

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 months till May this year, Fire Service sources said, reports UNB.

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 fruit-bearing plants along with stumps of teak numbering about 2,25,00,000 in the government reserved forest lands and unclassified state forest lands in addition to lands belonging to other agencies.

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.

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.

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 resource is being built up.

ities are encouraging, it was evident.

Through the Unclassed State Forest Afforestation Scheme and Security Planting Scheme, the Unclassed State Forest of Bandarban, Khagrachhari and Rangamati hill districts are being covered with valuable species such as teak, telsur garjan, gamar etc.

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, plantation in the fallow lands, marginal lands, areas beside roads and highways, feeder roads and canal banks are covered with tree growths.

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 a change towards a tree plantation movement.

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.

To facilitate this, the Forest Department should receive more attention of the policy makers towards making it a more efficient government institution by re-organising 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.

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 May.

In March and April, 108 and 104 crimes respectively were committed in the district.

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.

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, 17, 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 him.

He was brought to Jalchitra Dhanial 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 connection, 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 long. 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 Khulumbara in Saikupa thana of the district was found dead 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 river.

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

RCC mayor inaugurates 'tree plantation '95'

RAJSHAHI, June 21: The 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 of the city.

Increasing number of children engaged in professional jobs

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, June 21: 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 Saikupa 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 Saikupa Bridge Road. Here, Rajan prepares singara, tea etc. He has to work till 10 pm and earns Taka five per day only.

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 Saikupa. — Star photo

brothers. Khokan is engaged in a welding workshop at Kabirpur in Saikupa 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 hopes.

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

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 Saikupa. — Star photo

BCIC Re-Tender Notice. 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.



SYLHET: Dr M Shamsheer Ali VC, Bangladesh Open University speaking as chief guest at a seminar on the role of Open University, recently in the district. — Star photo

Special drive to realise electricity bills in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

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

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

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, lessor Municipality, Bagherpara thana complex, Salikha 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

পরিকল্পনা ও উন্নয়ন একাডেমী. দরপত্র আহবান. পরিচালনা ও উন্নয়ন একাডেমীতে কম্পিউটার সংস্থাপন ও কম্পিউটার সম্পর্কিত কর্মচার ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

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