

Naogaon town under knee-deep water

RAJSHAHI, July 11: Flood situation in Naogaon, Pabna and Bogra deteriorated further Tuesday with the rise in water level of the rivers Choto Jamuna, Jamuna and Padma, according to reports reaching here, says a BSS report.

Choto Jamuna at Naogaon was flowing 35 cm above the red mark Monday.

Most of the Naogaon pourashava areas went under knee deep water. The Naogaon-Mohadevpur road was also submerged. Road communication between Naogaon and Atrai was cut off due to flood water, the Naogaon-Raninagar road was also submerged at different points, the reports said.

The Jamuna at Sarikandi under Bogra was flowing 142 cm above the danger mark Tuesday.

Three thanas — Sarikandi, Sonatola and Dhunot — were badly affected by flood waters. About one lakh people of the thanas have been affected.

The government has sanctioned 300 metric tons of wheat, 50 metric tons of rice, 200 tins of biscuits, Taka one lakh seventy five thousand as house building grant and Taka two lakh seven thousand as statutory grant for the flood affected people of Bogra district.

In Pabna, flood situation worsened further Monday. The Jamuna and the Padma continue to rise and they were flowing about one metre above red mark on Monday, according to reports received here.

Six thanas of the district were badly affected by flood. The thanas are Bera, Chatmohar, Sujannagar, Faridpur, Sathia and Bhangura. About 9,500 families have become victims of the current flood. Standing crops on about ten thousand hectares of land have been submerged by flood water in Pabna district.

The government has sanctioned Taka three lakh and one hundred metric tons of wheat for the flood affected people of Pabna district, an official source said.

Meanwhile BSS reports from Tangail: The rise of water levels in the rivers and constant rain have caused flood situation in Gopalpur, Ghatail Nagarpur, Delduar, Kalihati and Tangail sadar thanas of the district.

The rivers Jamuna and Dhaleswari have been flowing above danger level. Official sources said that relief materials in the form of food and cash are being distributed among the flood affected people.

At least three lakh people have been affected by the flood and crops on fifteen thousand acres of land have gone under water. Fresh areas are being inundated by over flow from the Jamuna and Dhaleswari. Bhuapur-Tarakandi road and Betua-Bahadurpur embankment breached at different points. Dhaka Tapakandi road via Tangail-Bhuapur communications have been disrupted. Four unions under Gopalpur including Hemanagar, Alamnagar, Mirzapur and Jhawali to

Padma, Jamuna in Pabna continued to over flow. The water level in both the rivers was flowing one metre above danger mark, according to reports received on Monday. Road link in many areas of Naogaon district was cut off. Reports received from districts also said flood situation in Gaibandha, Tangail and Faridpur further worsened as water level in rivers continued to rise.



SHERPUR: Members of a flood-hit family of Shahabdir char village under sadar thana moves for a safer place following the inundation of their dwelling. The picture was taken on Sunday. — Star photo by Ratan Chowdhury



GAIBANDHA: The residence of Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha has been inundated in the recent downpour. — Star photo



PABNA: Scene of a flood affected village under Bhangora thana. — Star photo

Two killed, 50 injured in road mishaps in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, July 11: Two people were killed and 50 others injured in four separate road accidents in the district on Monday, reports UNB.

According to police and witnesses, at least 40 people were injured when a passenger bus from Chudanga skidded off the road near Judge Court.

Of the injured, 16 were sent to Sadar Hospital where Mozirannessa, 70, of sadar thana succumbed to her injuries.

Another old woman Moni Biswas, 75, was run over by a power tiller while she was crossing the road near Chandpur village in Harikunda thana.

Five people, including the driver and helper of a truck, were injured when their vehicle turned turtle near Madnapur in sadar thana.

In another accident at Tetultala in sadar thana on Jhenidah-Jessore road, three trucks fell down one after another when a small bridge collapsed, injuring five people.

All the injured were admitted to sadar hospital.

AED to plant more than one crore saplings

BHOLA, July 11: Agricultural Extension Department (AED) has taken up a massive programme to plant more than one crore saplings throughout the country in the current season, reports UNB.

According to the official sources, 25,000 saplings will be planted in 64 districts in Agricultural Extension office premises and another 105 lakh saplings will be planted in the rural areas of the country.

The officials have been motivating the farmers to plant more saplings to help maintain ecological balance.

Officials here said, of the total, 14.75 lakh saplings will be planted in 11 southern districts of Barisal region in the current season.

According to AED sources, 21.29 lakh saplings will be planted in Barisal, 1.37 lakh in Pirojpur, 90,000 in Jhalakathi, 1.60 lakh in Bhola, 1.37 lakh in Patuakhali, 1.13 lakh in Barguna, 90,000 in Rajshahi, 1.83 lakh in Faridpur, 1.13 lakh in Gopalganj and 90,000 each in Shariatpur and Madaripur districts.

The saplings will be distributed among the farmers at nominal prices from thana nurseries, it is learnt.

Plans, recommendations ignored Industrialization of Natore lies in ruins

NATORE, July 11: Despite bright prospect, industries could not be set up in Natore district due to lack of proper plan and patronisation of the authorities concerned, it is reported.

According to local experts, primary feasibility studies were made by the government about the possibility of setting up of industries in the areas.

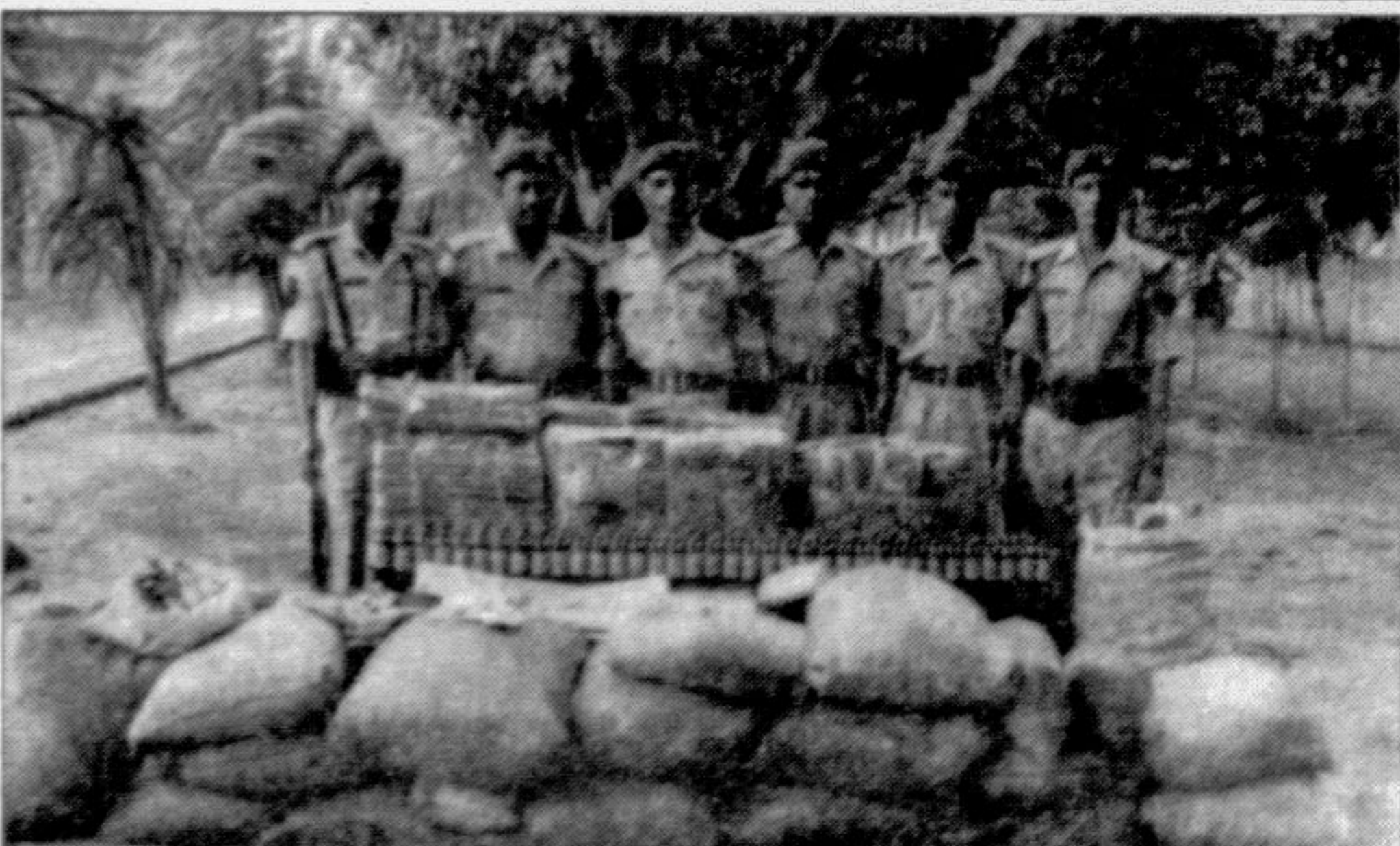
Natore, basically an agricultural region, has only two sugar mills which can not utilise the huge quantity of sugarcane produced in the district. It has a distillery that uses the by-products of the sugarcane.

Sugar mills sources said, another sugar mill, a paper mill and a distillery could be operated in the district with the sugarcane and its by-products.

About 12 to 15 lakh metric tons of sugarcane is produced in Natore every year. But only 50 per cent of these crops are used in the two sugar mills, about 25 per cent are used to produce 'gur' through illegal power crushers, 15 per cent are used for making sugar-juice and the rest 10 per cent sugarcane dry in the field or get damaged in other natural calamities, an unofficial survey says.

An expert said, the waste materials of the sugar mills could be used in generating bio-gas. Feasibility study of establishing bio-gas plant was done and several recommendations were made earlier, but those were not implemented as yet.

A proposal, in this regard, was adopted at a seminar on Expansion and Appreciation of Locally Innovated Appropriate Technology held here in December '93. But due to lack of fund, the plan could not be implemented despite the assurance of the State Minister for Social Welfare.



RAJSHAHI: 14 rifles battalion of BDR recently seized smuggled goods worth about Tk one lakh from Azim Nagar Railway Station. — Star photo

ally, five unions under Bhuapur via Nikra, Gobindashi, Gabsara Arzuna and Faldra party, Durgapur union under Lalihati thana, part of Kakuka Hagra, Kakua Hagra and Katuli under Tangail sadar are badly affected.

Latest reports from Gaibandha and Faridpur districts say: Flood situation aggravated all over the Gaibandha district including zilla town.

Almost all the houses in the town have been inundated while main roads are under two feet of flood water. Road communications have been disrupted. Huge standing crops have gone under water. Price of rice and other essentials have gone up. A Serious drinking water crisis is prevailing in the entire Gaibandha town as well as in it surrounding areas.

A vast tract of crop land and huge number of homesteads under Faridpur sadar thana have been inundated by swelling Padma water and by rainfall for the last few days.

According to Thana Nirbahi Officer of Faridpur sadar, thousands of acres of cropland of north channel and Decrechar unions with aus and aman have gone under water, the TNO told BSS that about six thousand homesteads of north channel union have gone under water affecting innumerable people. People of the area have been shifting to the embankments, the reports add.

Flood in Pabna One drowns, 10,000 marooned

PABNA, July 11: A minor girl drowned and about 10,000 people were marooned as fresh areas of Bera thana went under water following incessant downpour during the last two days, says UNB.

The ill-fated girl Mazeda, age six of Dhalur Char drowned in the flood water on Monday.

The district administration informed that Dhalur Char, Natipur, Ranigram, Khasdhala, Kazirhat and Pura Varanga of the thana were submerged by the flood water leaving 10,000 people stranded.

The officials said, ferry services are being disrupted at Nagarbari Ghat due to the rise in water level and strong current in the river Jamuna.

The sources said, water level of Jamuna rose by 24 cm at Nagarbari Ghat during the last 24 hours and Padma and its tributaries Gumani and Chiknai were flowing above the danger level.

Some 5,000 people along with their domestic animals have taken shelter on the flood control embankment of the river Jamuna.

Besides, about 5,000 thatched houses were partially damaged in the five thanas — Bera, Sujannagar, Sathia, Chatmohar and Vangura, the district administration added.

Another report says, Milan, 23, of village Dhalaharachandra in Saikupa thana was stabbed by miscreants recently.

According to reports, Milan and three others were returning home on bicycles after enjoying a cinema show from local Langalbandh bazar.

When they reached near Kushobaria, the miscreants attacked them and stabbed Milan. The miscreants also looted two bicycles, it was alleged.

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Poor pay keeps away qualified teachers from high schools

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 11: Qualified teachers are reportedly ignoring to join secondary schools in Satkhira district mainly due to poor salary offered by both government as well as non-government schools. There are 172 secondary schools and 209 madrasahs in the district. These institutions have been best with manifold problems.

According to a survey, well qualified persons do not take up teaching at the secondary schools and madrasahs as their profession because the salary of the teachers in schools and madrasahs is very poor. A trained graduate teacher of a non-government high school receives monthly government benefit of Taka about 1900 and 20 per cent of the basic salary from the students tuition fees.

According to this estimate, the monthly salary of a teacher stands at taka about 2,200 only.

Due to the alarming inflation prevailing in the country the monthly salary of Taka 2200 is certainly not enough to run one's life.

Most of the madrasahs of the district cannot provide their teachers with 20 per cent salary for lack of necessary funds as the madrasahs authorities do not collect tuition fees from the students. These madrasahs have no other source of income. The madrasah teachers have to depend on government benefit only.

The madrasahs of the district have been suffering due to lack of necessary students as well. For this reason the authorities do not realise tuition fees from the students and are

unable to provide the teachers with 20 per cent salary.

At present, teachers who have no proper qualification are teaching in the non-government high schools and madrasahs, it is alleged. The education of the students is being seriously affected. English teachers are not available in the non-government high schools.

The SSC and Dakhil examinees are compelled to adopt unfair means in

the examinations due to the deteriorating trend of teaching in the secondary educational institutions.

The people alleged that many teachers supplied the examinees with copies in the examination halls. The government and non-government offices will face problems due to lack of qualified persons. The government should take necessary steps to improve the standard of education in the country.

In last 13 yrs Two govt silk factories incur loss of Tk 9.17cr

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 11: The two government silk factories of the country incurred loss of about Tk 9.17 crore in last thirteen years. These factories are functioning under direct control of Bangladesh Sericulture Board since 1981. Since then, none of these factories earned profit even in a single year, it is learnt.


According to sources, old machineries, lack of sufficient amount of capital, shortage of raw materials, excess manpower, labour unrest and corruption were the main reasons behind the continued loss of the factories.

Rajshahi Silk Factory, the largest of its kind in the country, was estab-

lished in 1961 as a model. It made considerable profit at the beginning, but later became a losing concern.

After being handed over to Bangladesh Sericulture Board in 1980-81, the factory earned Tk. 16.49 crore and spent Tk. 23.27 crore in last 13 years upto 1993-94 incurring a loss of total of Tk. 6.78 crore. The factory has incurred an average loss of about Tk. 52.5 lakh a year.

Thakurgaon Silk Factory, on the other hand earned Tk 1.90 crore and spent Tk 4.25 crore during the same period resulting in a loss of Tk. 2.35 crore. This factory counted an average loss of about Tk. 18.06 lakh each year.



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- ১) নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য পেট্রোবাংলা ও ইহার সকল সাবসিডিয়ারী কোম্পানী, সকল সরকারী, আধাসরকারী ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের পূর্ত নির্মাণ কাজে তালিকাভুক্ত প্রথম শ্রেণী/এ ক্যাটাগরীর ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হইতে “ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, জালালাবাদ গ্যাস” এর বরাবরে সীলমোহরকৃত স্বামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

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১।	ভূমি উন্নয়ন কাজ, আর এম এস ৯০ মেগাওয়াট বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন কেন্দ্র ফেঞ্চগঞ্জ, সিলেট	১,০০০/=	উদ্ধৃত দরের ২ ½ %	১৫০ দিন

- ২) অর্থী ঠিকাদারগণ নিম্নবর্ণিত স্থানসমূহ হইতে দরপত্র তফসীল আগামী ১৫-০৭-৯৫ইং তারিখ হইতে ২৯-০৭-৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত জমা করিতে পারিবেন।
 - ক) জালালাবাদ গ্যাস হিসাব বিভাগ, বরকতিয়া সুপার মার্কেট, আশুরখানা, সিলেট।
 - খ) কোম্পানীর ঢাকাস্থ লিয়াজে অফিস, সেক্টর নং-৪, রোড নং-২০বি, হাউজ নং-৫, উত্তরা মডেল টাউন, ঢাকা।
 - গ) হিসাব বিভাগ, পেট্রোবাংলা, পেট্রোসেন্টার, প্লট নং-৩, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা।
 - ঘ) হিসাব বিভাগ, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি কোম্পানী লিঃ, তিতাস ভবন, ১১ কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা।
 - ঙ) হিসাব বিভাগ, আর, পি, জি, সি, এল। বি, এন, ই, সি, ভবন, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা।
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 - জ) হিসাব বিভাগ, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ড লিঃ, চিকনাঙল, সিলেট।
 - ঝ) হিসাব বিভাগ, বাপেঙ্গ, এইচ, বি, এফ, সি, বিজি, পুরানা পল্টন, ঢাকা।
- ৩) সীলমোহরকৃত স্বামে দরপত্র আগামী ৩১-০৭-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে উপরোক্তিত অফিসসমূহে (অনুচ্ছেদ ২ এর খ হইতে ঙ পর্যন্ত) ও ব্যবস্থাপক (নির্মাণ) এবং ব্যবস্থাপক, কোম্পানী সচিবালয়, জালালাবাদ গ্যাস-এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাস্তব গৃহীত হইবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ১১-১৫ ঘটিকায় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) যুগপৎ সকল স্থানে খোলা হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ অফিস বন্ধ থাকিলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসে নির্ধারিত সময়ে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হইবে।
- ৪) দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণেচ্ছু ঠিকাদারগণকে নিম্নের সমস্ত শর্তাদি সন্তোষজনকভাবে পরিপূরণে সক্ষম তাহার প্রয়োজনীয় সনদপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবেঃ
 - ক) চলতি হাল সালে যে সংস্থার অধীনে ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানটি লাইসেন্স প্রাপ্ত/নবায়িত হইয়াছেন তাহার প্রমাণপত্র।
 - খ) বিগত ৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের মধ্যে একক কার্যদেশে ভূমি উন্নয়ন কাজের ক্ষেত্রে ন্যূনতম ১০,০০,০০০/= (দশ লক্ষ) টাকার কাজ করিয়াছেন এই মর্মে সর্ভিস্তি ক্ষেত্রে (সরকারী/আধাসরকারী/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের) প্রত্যায়িত কার্যদেশের কপি সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে।
 - গ) তফসীল ব্যাংক হইতে ৫,০০,০০০/= (পাঁচ লক্ষ) টাকার আর্থিক বন্ধনতা (ব্যাংক সলভেলি) সনদপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং বিগত ৩ (তিন) অর্থ বৎসরের (১৯৯৩-৯৪, ১৯৯২-৯৩, ১৯৯১-৯২) ব্যাংক লেনদেনের ব্যতীয়ান এবং ব্যাংকের দেওয়া ব্যতীয়ানসমূহ পরবর্তীতে এই কোম্পানী কর্তৃক যাচাইয়ের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় ক্ষমতা প্রাপ্ত পত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
 - ঘ) চলতি হাল সালের আয়কর পরিশোধ সনদপত্র ও হাল নাশাদ টেড লাইসেন্স ও ভ্যাট নিবন্ধিত সনদপত্র। সমুদয় দাখিলকৃত সনদপত্রসমূহ অবশ্যই মূল দলিলে হইতে হইবে অথবা এসব সনদপত্র পদ-মর্যাদায় নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর নীচে নয় এমন কর্মকর্তার নিকট হইতে সত্যায়িত হইতে হইবে। উপরে বর্ণিত যে কোন একটি শর্ত পরিপূরণে সর্ভিস্তি প্রতিষ্ঠান ব্যর্থ হইলে তাহার প্রস্তাব সরাসরি বাতিল করা হইবে।
 - ৫) কোন তথ্যের প্রয়োজন হইলে ব্যবস্থাপক (নির্মাণ), জালালাবাদ গ্যাস, আশুরখানা, সিলেট এর সহিত যোগাযোগ করিতে পারেন। দরপত্র দাখিলের পূর্বে কার্যস্থল পরিদর্শন করা বাহ্য নীয়।
 - ৬) জালালাবাদ গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি সিস্টেম লিঃ-এর কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ, যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Girl stabbed for refusing marriage proposal

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, July 11: An HSC examinee from the Pioneer Govt Girls College received severe injuries when a group of youngmen stabbed her near the local press club this morning. She was immediately admitted to the Sadar hospital.

According to the FIR, the attack was made when she was going to the examination centre with her father, Yunus Ali, a teacher of the Model High School.

It was alleged in the FIR that the girl was attacked for refusing to marry one of the attackers.