

Drug addicts on rise in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

Body of brutally murdered man recovered

BHOLA, Dec 6: Alamgir, 35, son of Tofael Ahmed of village Bepta in Sadar thana was brutally killed by some unidentified miscreants recently, reports UNB.

1800 patients provided free treatment

KHULNA, Dec 6: A free Eye Camp, jointly organised by Gono Unnayan Prochesta (GUP) and BNSB, Khulna has been inaugurated by Saidul Hoq Bhuiyan, ADC (General) Madaripur at the Peace Centre at Khalia of Rajoir thana recently, says a press release.

COX'S BAZAR: Dec 6: The number of drug addicts and gay girls are increasing alarmingly throughout the Cox's Bazar district causing grave concern among the guardians and the local people.

It was observed that most of the drug addicts are young and only ten per cent of them are not the teenagers, in both the urban and rural areas.

These youngsters are addicted to intoxicants and drugs like opium, morphine, various pills, locally made wine, mritasanjibani sura and some other drinks containing alcoholic ingredients, the source informed.

It was reported that most of the addicts visit pharmacies and medicine stores after the sunset for collecting these intoxicants on payment.

Local people have alleged that Cox's Bazar town and

other important places including the thana headquarters and commercial points in the both rural and urban areas have turned into open markets for drugs. A good number of the materials are allegedly smuggled from the Myanmar borders.

These are even sold at a comparatively cheaper rates, informed a number of leading people of different areas. Some organised gangs are engaged in transporting all these drugs cheating the members of the law enforcing agencies, it was alleged.

Sometimes, members of the law enforcing agencies themselves are found helping the drug traders for unknown reasons, it was further alleged.

Looting, hijacking, theft, robberies and prostitution have increased causing concern among the local people. Gambling is also rampant in the public places. Some or-

ganised gangs of miscreants in collaboration with some youths have been committing crimes and anti-social activities, it was alleged.

Criminals can not be arrested and crimes are not reported due to the intervention of a section of local influential people, police said.

On the other hand, the number of gay girls is increasing day by day in the Cox's Bazar town and other parts of the district giving rise to anti-social activities.

The gay girls are seen moving freely at different places in the town causing concern among the dwellers. These girls are engaged in immoral activities and spreading venereal diseases among the youths. The gay girls mostly from poor families are found loitering near cinema halls, bus stand and road side in search of clients.

Some gay girls said, due to

acute poverty and finding no other alternative to earn their livelihood were forced to take up the profession.

According to physicians, most of the venereal disease patients have got a tendency to conceal the disease as they are illiterate and consequently suffer without undergoing any treatment.

After sun down, the gays come out on streets to look for the clients. A middle aged woman at Laidighi area in the town is said to be acting as pimp. She is allegedly involved in collecting the young girls from different villages on the plea of giving good jobs and later compel them to resort to immoral activities for earning money.

Local elite urged the concerned authorities to check the growing menace and take immediate steps to rehabilitate the floating gay girls so that they can lead a decent life.

Clash leaves 13 injured in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 6: At least 13 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of a Union Parishad (UP) member and his rival group at Pangashi village in Raiganj thana on Monday last, reports UNB.

Police said the clash erupted at about 8 am as the supporters of the UP member, Abdul Khaleq, tried to snatch six bags of relief wheat earlier seized by the villagers.

They said some villagers seized the wheat a dawn when the UP member was selling those in the black market in front of Kalinda Alia Madrasa.

As they failed to recollect the wheat, the member and his supporters in the morning attacked the house of Mannan where the villages kept the wheat.

Seriously injured the UP member Abdul Khaleq and Rais were admitted to Raiganj Thana Health Complex. Police seized the wheat and a case was filed with Raiganj thana.

BCIC International Tender Notice
Managing Director, NGFF Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet invites sealed quotation against Tender Enquiry No NGFF/P-300/MMD/885 dated 19.11.95, under two envelope system for supply of different type of valves on C&F (C) Chittagong basis.

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender
1. Tender Notice : 36 BRD of 1995-96 (2nd Call). No.
2. Name of work : Earth work in road embankment at 5th k.m (part) of Bamrail-Hostisundu-Wazipur Road under Barisal Road Division during 1995-96 (Ch. to Bamrail-Hostisundu-Wazipur Road 266 C/A).

Landless men, women hold massive rally in Pabna town

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Dec 6: A massive rally of landless peasants, numbering about 10,000, nearly 50 per cent of whom were women, held recently in Pabna Town Hall Maidan, demanded immediate distribution of (khas, vested property and abandoned property) lands among landless, unemployed and poor men and women.

The speakers, in course of their short speeches, narrated the plight and sorrow of the poor landless peasants who, according to the speakers, were entitled to get settlement of all lands under the categories khas property, vested property and abandoned property under the existing laws of the land and also positive steps towards alleviation of poverty, recognition of women's rights as human rights etc.

The rally over, thousands of participants, brought out a big demonstration, paraded main thorough fares of Pabna town carrying banners and festoons, chanting full-throated slogans, went to the Collectorate Buildings, sub-

mitted a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister through the Deputy Commissioner and then dispersed quite peacefully.

The demands incorporated in the Memorandum are as follows: According to the existing laws of the land, distribution of khas lands and jalmahals (fishermen) among the genuine and organised landless men and women farmers and fishermen.

Correction of Revisional Settlement Records, cancellation of changes made in the classification of land and its illegal settlement, taking of effective steps against litigation on the basis of forged amalnamas, cancellation of illegal settlement of land of Beel Kurulia and Beel Ghaghdhaha among jotetars and benamdaris.

Quick disposal of pending cases concerning khas land; Arrangement for wide publicity regarding khas land ready for giving lease or settlement in the respective areas;

Effective arrangement for social and legal security of life and properties of lessees of khas land; Eviction of all those illegally holding the possession of all vested and abandoned lands both in the urban and rural areas and distribution of the said land among those living in slums, unemployed men and women and among landless peasants in the rural areas and handing over possession to such lessees;

Inclusion of representatives from Khetmajur Organisations, NGOs and landless peasants in the Land

Reforms Committees and Land Distribution Committees at all tiers, starting from the national to the union levels and to make those committees really active and effective;

Implementation of Barga laws at an early date in the interest of the bargadars; Arrangement of employment facilities assuring minimum wages to the unemployed labour including the agricultural labourers;

Recognition of equal rights of women with men in all spheres of life; Nicks disposal of all the cases pending indifferent courts throughout Bangladesh concerning repression, torture upon women; Proper and quick disposal of the case and exemplary punishment of all those directly or indirectly involved in the rape and murder of Yasmin of Dinajpur and other girls all over the country;

Munshi Mustafizur Rahman Executive Engineer, RHD Barisal Road Division.
13. Lottery date & time : At 11:30 AM on 12-9-1995/26-12-95E

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Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Munshiganj Road Divn, Bagmamudali Munshiganj
Notice Inviting RHD Tender (2nd Call)
1. Tender Notice No : 53/RD Munshiganj of 1995-96 (2nd Call)
2. Name of work : Tender for different work in different KM of different road under Munshiganj Road Divn in 8 (eight) groups during the year 1995-96 (for Group No II & VII).

December 7, a red-letter day in the history of Jhenidah

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Dec 6: December 7 in the red-letter day in the history of our Liberation War. On this day Jhenidah district was freed from the group of Pak armies and their collaborators.

During Liberation War, 1971, various battles were fought between Freedom Fighters (FFs) and Pakistani forces at different places of the district (the then Sub-Division).

On August 29, 1971 about 300 Pak armies marched towards Alfapur in Saikupa thana of the district in order to attack the FFs staying there. The FFs, informed earlier, dug trenches near Alfapur so as to face them.

The Pak armies and their collaborators reached Alfapur on early morning and failing to find FFs set ablaze the houses in the villagers. Hundreds of innocent villagers residence were gutted. The Pak armies then marched towards Kumra river and while crossing a canal at around noon was attacked by FFs.

retreat from Jhenidah town, the armies set fire at the Primary Training Institute (PTI) which had been used as for storing food for them.

After the fall of Jhenidah town the FFs marched towards Saikupa thana which was a strong protection centre for the Pakistani forces. More than 1,000 FFs and allied forces gathered at Saikupa and took possession of different places of the thana headquarter on December 7. At about 4 pm the FFs began to attack. A group of FFs jointly led by Abu Ahmed Sona Mollah and Golam Mustafa took possession at Kabirpur. Rahmat Ali Mantu stood in the eastern side of Saikupa and Ustad Bisharat Ali and Joha stood in the northern side of Saikupa.

Another group led by Kazi Ashraf Alam and Dabir Uddin Joarder stood in the western side of Saikupa. The battle lasted for 28 hours. At one stage Captain Jubery, the In-Charge of Saikupa Army Camp managed to flee in the night predicting their certain defeat.

At least 50 Pak Armies and their collaborators were caught by the FFs and handed over to the allied forces. The long cherished independence at last became reality on December 7 and the flag of Swadhin Barla was hoisted at the top of the houses, offices and all other corners of Saikupa.

The entire district was free from the occupation of Pakistan Army and their collaborator.

On October 13, FFs were informed that about 500 Pak armies with their collaborators were marching from Sreepur thana of Magura dis-

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer City PWD Division, Dhaka Notice Inviting Tenders No. 143/1995-96

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the special Class-I, and Class-I, aenisted sanitary & plumbing contractors of PWD. Those who have the requisite qualification as mentioned below for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Dhaka PWD Division No. I/IV/Executive Officer, Arboticulture PWD Division, Dhaka under PWD Circle-I, Dhaka, PWD Division No. III/IV/Eden Bldg, PWD Division, Dhaka under PWD Circle-II, Dhaka in their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon on 19-12-1995 and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. No tender schedule will be sold to the contractors who have No "VAT Registration & work certificate as shown in clause No. 6.