



SYLHET: Traffic jam at Darshan-Deuri-Ambarkhana on Sunamganj road has become a regular feature causing much inconvenience for the pedestrians. — Star photo

Sarbahara Party leader arrested

BARISAL, Feb 6: Sarbahara Party leader Abdul Khaleque Mollah was arrested during a joint drive of the army and the police in Barisal Sunday, a press release of the Barisal district special branch said Monday, reports BSS.

Abdul Khaleque, son of Intazuddin of village Nayapara under Ujirpur thana of the district, was produced before the court after arrest, the press release said.

During the drive, one dragger, one iron pipe, one steel pipe, two knives and some iron pieces, among other materials, were recovered from a dilapidated house near the hospital in Gourmadi thana.

Besides, six criminals were also arrested during the drive from various places of the district on different charges, the press release added.



PABNA: Proud mother Hazera Khatun seen inaugurating the four-day solo art exhibition of her son Abdul Ahd in Pabna town hall recently. — Star photo

One awarded life-term for murder

COMILLA, Feb 6: A man was awarded life imprisonment with a fine of Tk 2,000 in default, to suffer one year more for killing a labour leader, court sources here said today, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution story, Khorsheed Alam of Madhabpur village in Burichang thana stabbed labour leader Joinal Abedin on September 4 midnight in 1994 while he was returning from his work place following a previous enquiry.

Joinal succumbed to his injuries at Comilla General Hospital later. A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge sheet against the accused.

After examining the witnesses and records Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Nurul Wadud awarded the punishment on January 29.

Rival groups clash: 20 people hurt

COX'S BAZAR, Feb 6: At least 20 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups at a saltbed in Mohehkhal thana Monday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash erupted at about 12 noon following a dispute over the possession of the saltbed at Mazerghona village. Salt worth about Tk 50,000 were looted during the clash.

Fifteen of the injured were rushed to Sadar hospital while the rest five admitted to Mohehkhal Health Complex.

Separate cases were filed with Mohehkhal police in this connection.

Meeting urges brickfield owners not to use firewood

FARIDPUR, Feb 6: A meeting of the district administration urged the brickfield owners to stop using firewood in burning bricks, reports UNB.

Addressing the meeting of the brickfield owners on Monday Deputy Commissioner AFM Abdul Huq Chowdhury and SP Abdus Sattar asked them not to violate the government ban on using firewood.

Meanwhile, first class Magistrate Moinuddin Ahmed realised Tk 10,000 as fine from a brickfield owner Khalifa Kamaluddin in sadar thana on Thursday for violating the ban.

Another 1st class Magistrate Shahidul Haq Khan conducted special raids and filed cases against 8 brickfield owners in Madhukhal thana of the district some days back.

Fascination for banana cultivation

BARGUNA, Feb 6: Banana cultivation in the district is gradually becoming familiar and the production has been substantially increased recently, reports UNB.

Various species of banana grow in plenty in Betagi, Amtoli, Banna, Patharghata and Sadar thanas of the district. The main varieties Sagor, Shabri and Kathali are being cultivated in the region.

According to growers, the crop is being cultivated on 10,000 acres of land in five thanas of the district and the acreage production is gradually increasing every year as its farming has appeared more profitable.

At present, a farmer earns Tk 25,000 to Tk 25,000 from one acre of land investing about Tk 15,000.

Rich farmers are showing more interests in banana cultivation but the marketing facilities are yet to be expanded.

Banana cultivation are yet to be brought under irrigation network. Had it been possible a farmer said the production would be doubled.

Poor cultivators are facing financial constraints in cultivating the crop. The growers urged the financial institutions to provide them with soft-term loans.

Fund collected from rural markets allegedly misappropriated

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Feb 6: Markets in villages of the district are in pitiable condition due to lack of developments by the authorities concerned causing a great inconvenience to the people across the district.

According to a statistics, there are 174 of government registered hats (weekly market) and bazars in the district. Of them, 51 big hats and bazars are being supervised by the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) while the rest 123 hats and bazars are under union parishad's management.

Besides these registered hats and bazars, there are at least five hundred small unregistered hats and bazars functioning in the scattered and remote places catering the need of the both buyers and the sellers of commodities in the district. Conditions of these hats and bazars are also beyond descriptions.

In the current Bengali year, the government has earned a revenue worth about Taka one crore and twenty five lakh by leasing the registered hats and bazars through auction bid. While the registered hats and bazars are not paying any revenue to the government.

A section of local influen-

tial persons and their pet musclemen are reportedly "pocketing" the weekly revenue earnings from these non-registered hats and bazars of the district, it is alleged.

It may be noted that the hats are vital places for selling of the commodities produced by the farmers and buying of the daily necessities by the consumers. Developments of the rural economy mostly depends on the smooth functioning of these hats.

Twice or thrice in a week these hats function in the rural areas while in the thana and district headquarters, bazars function all the days long during the week.

Farmers and the traders with varieties of goods carrying on head-load, bi-cycles, carts and other means to come to these hats and bazars from the distant places and selling them.

With this sort of the transaction of goods among the sellers and buyers, the rural economy develops since the farmers finds at their doorsteps the convenient market places to dispose-off their products to the consumers and the traders.

But it is pity that most of

these hats and bazars are in deplorable conditions due to non-spending of money either by the government or local bodies toward their developments.

There are no required sheds, sanitation, drainage, water supply and electricity facilities in these hats and bazars causing immense sufferings to both sellers and consumers, it is alleged.

During the rainy seasons, the sufferings of the consumers and the sellers become worst as the kutcha passage of these hats and bazars are entirely turned to muddy. On the other hand, in absence of adequate number of sheds both the consumers and sellers find no shelters to escape from rain and other calamities.

Due to lack of public toilets, people are being compelled to go to nearby crop fields at nature call, creating pollution to atmosphere around the hats and bazars, it is further alleged.

Inadequate number of tubewells and other means of water supply and lack of electricity facilities, the hats and bazars goers have been experiencing untold sufferings.

It is most surprising that, although the management of

Well organised gangs allegedly involved in lifting pump machines

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 6: About 90 shallow machines and 100 cows were stolen from different places of Jhenidah sadar, Saikupa, Harinakunda, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Mohehpur thanas of the district during last two months, it was reported.

According to reports, 18 shallow machines were lifted from the corn field of village Kalamankhal and Habipur in Sadar thana recently. Another nine machines were missing from the village Bitsashawar in same thana. In early January this year 12 shallow machines were stolen from village Nagarban in the same thana between January 16 and 20. Another 22 shallow machines were missing from the field of villages Sahuhati, Betal and Badpurkuria in same thana.

Reports say, earlier 20 more machines were stolen from different villages of Mohehpur thana of the district. It was further reported that more 10 shallow machines were theft from different places of Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Harinakunda thanas.

During last two months about 200 cows were also stolen from villages Bhu-

patipur in sadar thana, Bashbaria in Saikupa thana. Police sources said, some well organised gang of miscreants have been doing this evil and are engaged to send out the shallow machines and cows outside the district. It may be noted that to protect their shallow machines and cows the farmers have been passing their night either in corn fields or in cow sheds.

Viral disease kata breaks out in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 6: At least 2,500 goats died and another 5,000 were affected by a viral disease Kata in Mohehpur and Kotchandpur thanas of the district during last two months, it was reported.

According to reports, the deadly disease Kata was detected in Mohehpur thana and Kotchandpur thanas of the district and some bordering areas of Jibannagar, Darshana and Alamdanga thanas of Chuadanga district in 1993. At that time, sources said, at least 10,000 goats died and over 46,000 were affected by the disease. The disease was then brought under control by the Livestock Department after proper measures. The disease was further detected in October last year in border areas of

Mohehpur and Kotchandpur thanas and the situation was brought under control further in November of same year, it was learnt.

In January this year the disease Kata affected the area and took serious turn again.

When contacted, Mohehpur and Kotchandpur thana livestock office sources said that everyday a good number of goats have been dying and the farmers have been bringing their goats to local offices daily for treatment. Some peasants of Mohehpur and Kotchandpur thanas told that the Livestock Department has failed to treat goats this year. They said that the affected goats die within two to three days after attack by Kata.

Solo art exhibition in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Feb 6: While inaugurating the four-day solo art exhibition of the art works of young artist Mohd Abdul Ahd in Pabna town hall, Muktamancha, Mohammad Ishaque Ali, Deputy Commissioner, Pabna, called upon the interested young people to take up arts as a subject since creative art works beautifies the society, purifies the mind of the people and creates love for the country, the people, the nature and the whole universe removing all sorts of narrowness and unholy affairs now polluting our society.

The inaugural ceremony of the first ever solo exhibition of the said artist was presided over by Sharifunnessa, headmistress, Pabna Government Girls' High School, Abdul Ahd for the first time organised such a solo exhibition of his works. He is an assistant teacher of Pabna Government Girls' High School and as a teacher of art, he has rendered tremendous service by attracting a large number of girls in drawing, sketching and in various artistic activities and attained popularity as a teacher.

In the four-day art exhibition, Ahd exhibited in all 89 art works which included potteries, oil paintings, tiles painting, pencil sketches, water-colour, terrakotta, glaze painting and sculpture.

IUB students undergo training at BARD

COMILLA, Feb 6: A 26-day attachment programme on rural development for the undergraduate students of Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) concluded here Sunday, reports UNB.

A total of 28 students took part in the programme jointly organised by BARD and IUB.

The main subjects of the programme included rural socio-economic conditions, living and development techniques, conducting survey of the rural areas through observation, classification and analysis of the collected data and interpretative reporting for group discussion.

Director General of BARD M. Abdul Quddus presided over the concluding session and gave away certificates among the trainees.

The function was addressed, among others, by Independent University President Dr Abdul Majid Khan, Director, Programmes Khairul Kabir.

13 people rescued from hands of traffickers

SATKHIRA, Feb 6: Bangladesh Rifles rescued 13 people — five women, a child and seven men — from the hands of traffickers at Bhumra border areas on Saturday, reports UNB.

The jawans said two traffickers while taking the victims to the border areas were challenged and at one stage they fled the scene leaving the victims behind.

The victims hailed from Khulna and Noakhali districts were allured by the traffickers for better jobs in India. They were sent to jail ha-jat.

Gonoshahajjo Sangstha school set ablaze

PANCHAGARH, Feb 6: A section of unruly people set ablaze a school of Gonoshahajjo Sangstha (GSS) at Haribasha in sadar thana early today, reports UNB.

Villagers said the angry people chanting anti-NGO slogans also set fire to the national flag of the primary school, 'Ananda Niketan', which is providing free education to the under privileged children in the area.

Local TNO along with the police officials, newsmen and lawyers visited the school. Meanwhile, the GSS has strongly condemned the arson, said a press release.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Directorate Office of the Executive Engineer Bagerhat

Quotation Notice

Sealed quotations are invited from bonafide motor cycle repairing firms/engineering workshops in their own pad for servicing & repairing of 34 motor cycles of 9 Thanas including the office of the Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Directorate, Bagerhat. Description of motor cycle & details of repair can be known from the office. Tender can be purchased on cash payment of Taka 200/= (two hundred) only (non-refundable) during office hours up to 17-02-96.

Bank Draft/Pay Order for 2.50% (two point five zero) of the total quoted amount for the work from approved bank in favour of the undersigned should be submitted with the quotation.

Quotation should be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned by 12-30 hours of 19-02-96 which will be opened on the same day at 1-00 hours before the quotationers or their nominated representatives (if any) present.

The quotation being brief, other terms & conditions can be known from the office of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer

Local Govt Engineering Directorate
Bagerhat.

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R&H, Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 129/EE/WD Dhaka/1995-96
2. Name of work : Supply of timber for making furnitures of different Road Divisions of R&H, Directorate.
3. Estimated cost : Taka 2,25,000/-
4. Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of estimated cost Taka 4,500/- should be submitted through BD/TC/Sanchayapatra/CD from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka. Prior to Work Order 10% earnest money should be submitted.
5. Time for completion of work : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issuing work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor : As per eligibility & rules — R&H, Directorate enlisted 'A' to 'E' class contractors.
7. Offices where tender & schedule will be available : Can be purchased from workshop division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop, Mymensingh at Taka 510/- per set (non-refundable) during office hours up to the day before the date of receiving tender.
8. Officers & offices to receive the tender & schedule : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
9. Last date & time of receiving the sealed tender : 25-2-96 upto 12.00 Noon.
10. Last date & time of opening the sealed tenders : 27.2.96 at 12.30 minutes.

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Biman BANGLADESH AIRLINES

Ref: DACPL/26/95-96/499

Dated: 27-01-96

Tender Notice No. 41/95-96

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Biman Bangladesh Airlines on two envelope system (Technical & Price Offer) from interested Manufacturers/Distributors/Suppliers for the supply of any or all the items mentioned below (05 items) as per details/specifications mentioned in the schedule:

01. Black Tie (8000 Pcs).
02. Local/KPP White, 61 Grams (500 Ream).
03. Ivory Board White, 190 Grams (500 PKT).
04. Folder (200 Pcs).
05. a) Tumbling Racer Wind Up Power Toy Car (19200 Pcs).

b) Mac Guyver Pull Back Toy Car (19200 Pcs).

Tender Schedule mentioning full details/specifications of items, terms and conditions will be available from the Accounts Officer, Cash Payment Unit of Finance Directorate, Admin Building, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka and Asstt. Manager (Cash & Banking), Biman, Motijheel, Dhaka on payment of Tk: 100/- (Taka One Hundred-Only) per set (for each group) (Non-refundable) by applying self letterhead pad during any working day up to 28-02-96. Some items are to be supplied in two years contract which have been mentioned in the schedule.

Sealed tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in Local Purchase Section, Stores & Purchases Directorate, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka and Biman Head Office Reception Counter, Biman Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka latest by 1100 hours on 29-02-96 and will be opened on the same day at 1400 hours (BST) at the premises of Stores & Purchases Directorate, Admin Building, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman Management reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity in the items and can accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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PATHOLOGIES: In Narayanganj district are allegedly doing business without registration. A number of such pathological laboratories were reportedly found functioning without receiving registration. — Star photo