

### 3 killed in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent  
JHENIDAH, Apr 20: Three persons including a boy were killed in separate incidents in Jhenidah.

Nazrul Islam, 25, of village Mingram in Sailkupa thana was chopped to death Friday morning.

Police sources said, a group of men numbering 14 to 15 attacked Nazrul at his house and hit with sharp weapons at about 7 am today. He succumbed to his injuries on the way to hospital at about 9 am.

According to another report, Jhenidah police arrested a young girl Sheuli, 12, from village Ganna in Sadar thana on Wednesday last on charge of killing Wares Ali, 55, of the same village.

Police referring her confessional statement said that she chopped Wares Ali as she was being raped by him in her house at about 11 am on the same day.

Another report says, a 11-year-old boy was killed when he was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus of Sohan Parbahana, near Sheikhpara bazar in Sailkupa thana of the district Thursday at about 9 am.

Local people seized the bus while the driver and helper managed to flee.

Separate cases were lodged with respective thanas and the bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy.

### 4 firearms recovered, 317 arrested in Comilla

COMILLA, Apr 20: Police, during the first 15 days hunt for illegal arms, recovered four firearms, four bullets and some bombs from 12 thanas of the district, reports UNB.

They also arrested 317 people from different parts of the district during the drive that began from April 1 to ensure free and fair elections.

During the period, police recovered one revolver and three pigeons, 5,616 Indian made chocolate bombs, two cocktails and rifle and revolver bullets.

Of the arrested, 161 people were rounded up under GR cases and 161 under CR cases, six convicted and 72 on other cases till April 15.

Besides, police also recovered 46 bottles of phenisidyl, wine and 400 gram ganja during the period.

Meanwhile, police, acting on a tip-off, seized a pistol and three pigeons from a pond at Burichrang thana Ananda Pilot High School on Tuesday.

### SSC examinee drowns in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Apr 20: An SSC examinee drowned in a pond at village Rahmatpur in Kalapara thana in the district last week, reports UNB.

The victim, Mumu, 16, hailed from Dhulswar, Shailapara in the thana, was staying at Rahmatpur to appear at the ongoing SSC examinations.

The girl who did not know how to swim, went to the nearby pond to wash her hands and face. Her body was found floating one hour after her disappearance from the house.

Another report says, a housewife allegedly committed suicide at village Andua in Mirzaganj thana recently.

The victim, Amina Begum, 28, mother of two children, hanged herself from a tree near her house.

Family feud was the reason behind the suicide.

Police arrested five people including her husband.

### 4 criminals arrested

From CHT Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Apr 20: The Khagrachhari Kotwali police has recently rounded up four persons in separate raids, who were wanted in connection with different cases, police sources said.

The arrested absconders are: Abul Kashem, 40, Mubarak Hussain, 45, Rafique Ahmed, 30 and Shawkat Anam Razi, 22.

## CER working on environment in Barind region

From Tareq Chowdhury

RAJSHAH, Apr 20: Centre for Environmental Research (CER) of Rajshahi University, an interdisciplinary research center for study of physio-biotic and socio-economic aspects of environment, has been playing an important role in the field of research in northern part of the country, especially in the Barind region since its inception.

The CER has already made a considerable progress in contacting national and international agencies and persons in the fields. The CER is run by high level professionals mostly University teachers and researchers with research/academic experience in the western universities. The CER, a non-profit, multi-disciplinary academic center to deal with the contemporary issues of environment and sustainable development started its activities in 1990 with the approval of Rajshahi University.

The main objectives of the centre are to provide research facilities at postgraduate levels, undertake research projects aimed at scientific contribution, create data base and de-



SYLHET: Rotary Club of Sylhet Surma brought out a procession in the town on the occasion of National Immunization Day on April 16.

### Drought affects aus, jute cultivation in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Apr 20: Drought, scorching heat, fertilizer crisis, inoperative irrigation pumps and set-back of Ganges Kobadak Project (GKP) are severely affecting the cultivation of aus and jute in four thanas including Siprur, Shalikha, Muhammadpur and Magura sadar of Magura district.

According to the reports, aus and jute cultivation in Magura district has been adversely affected due to the drought situation during the last one and half months.

Agriculture Extension Department has taken up a programme to cultivate aus including high yielding varieties (HYV) in 1,80,000 hectares of land in 10 southwestern districts including Magura during the current season.

Aus sowing season has already been started from March and will continue till end of April. But due to no rainfalls since March, cracks have developed in most of the agricultural lands.

Some farmers told this correspondent they are not preparing soil for aus and jute cultivation as the soil is not fit for ploughing due to lack of rainfall. They also said the production of aus paddy may fall short of target.

According to the official sources, 45 per cent agricultural lands in Magura district are under Ganges Kobadak Project (GKP). But, due to some set-backs of GKP, most of aus and jute cultivators in the district including Siprur and Magura sadar thana have to depend on rain water.

According to another report, a large number of shallow and deep tubewells in Shalikha, Muhammadpur and Magura sadar thanas have become inoperative due to drought and fall in ground water level.

The target of jute cultivation programme in the district is also likely to suffer a set-back this season.

### Sub-standard note books being sold in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Apr 20: A section of unscrupulous traders are publishing and selling sub-standard note books here despite government ban.

According to informed sources, a section of traders are doing brisk business at different markets, where note books are being sold at high prices.

Government has prohibited publication of note books up to class seven a few years ago.

Teachers and guardians alleged that these note books with numerous errors and distorted facts are being sold to the students.

Local people said due to lack of proper attention of the teachers in the classrooms and standard note books, the guardians are forced to appoint private tutors for their children while the poor students are compelled to depend on sub-standard note books.

Meanwhile, guardians and the local educationists have urged the concerned authority to take steps against publication of such note books.

### Sramik Dal worker killed in Feni

FENI, Apr 20: A Sramik Dal worker who was wounded seriously by armed miscreants at Fazlirghat in Daganbhuian thana on Tuesday died on the following day, reports UNB.

Mohammad Selim, 25, was seriously hurt when the armed miscreants attacked him at a restaurant.

He was admitted to Majdee Hospital but died at 11 pm on Wednesday while he was being shifted to Dhaka for treatment.

Meanwhile, angry local Sramik Dal workers put barricade on Feni-Majdee road for five hours from 9 am protesting the killing on Thursday.

BNP, JCD and Sramik Dal also held a protest meeting at a local school premises blaming Awami League for the killing. They also demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the killers.

### PDSA executives

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Apr 20: The annual general elections to the Executive Committee of Pabna District Sports Association (PDSA) was held on Friday in the PDSA auditorium here.

Nearly 100 voters participated in the elections.

The following candidates were declared elected by Election Commissioner Ehsanul Kabir, NDC, Pabna, who conducted the elections.

Vice-Presidents — Wazuddin Khan and Anjan Chowdhury Pintu, General Secretary — Firoze Md Shamsul Arefin, Joint Secretaries — Shahidul Haque Manik and Abu Ishque Shamim, Treasurer — Ahsan Habib Mithu, Members — Rabiul Islam Rabi, Alhaj M A Muhiit, Habibur Rahman, Rezaul Hossain Badsha, M Mustakin Sabuj, Akram Hossain Minoo, Mosaddique Ali Khan, Rezaul Karim Rajan, Shafiq Fattah, Ahsan Jan Choudhury, Istiaque Ahmed Mukul, Abdul Mannan, Umme Ayesha Huraiyah and Hosne Ara Khatun.

## Load-shedding in N dists causing huge losses

From Our Correspondent

Rangpur, Apr 20: The continuous loadshedding has shattered the economic prosperity across the 16 northern districts under Rajshahi division.

According to the reports, the electricity supply goes off for hours together almost regularly causing a great sufferings to the lakhs of consumers in the region.

Particularly during the peak hours of shoppings, just after sun-set the electricity supply goes off to the utter inconvenience of both traders and the buyers. The domestic consumers and the students had been similarly experiencing immense difficulties due to load-shedding.

The demand of electricity supply in these northern districts were around 135 megawatt, but at present only about 50 per cent of the total requirements of energy supply could be met.

At least 14 thousand deep and five thousand shallow tubewells remain idle for about 12 to 15 hours in a day due to inadequate electricity supply.

The target of irri-boro farming in the region was 21 lakh acres, but ultimately it was exceeded by about four lakh acres bringing around 25 lakh acres of land under its cultivation.

But due to loadshedding, the electrical pumps were not functioning well. On the other hand, the diesel pumps had been facing same fate due to high prices and scarcity of fuel.

There were many areas where the people had dug well for irrigations in their crop field, but it hardly covered one per cent area, it was gathered.

The continuous load-shedding has almost paralysed the economic prosperity of the region.

The industrial production was drastically reduced and the flow of the trade and commerce hampered resulting in unemployment. This has caused a serious impact on the economic prosperity.



JHENIDAH: An artistic performing dance at a function held at Sailkupa Shilpakala Academy recently. — Star photo

## Number of child workers rises in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Apr 20: The number of child workers are rising here alarmingly, a trend attributable to worsening poverty in the district.

An investigation by News Network's local correspondent reveals that an estimated 1,500 under-aged labourers are working in shops, motor workshops, restaurants, brick fields, bus and launch terminals and in construction sites in the district headquarter alone.

But these children, aged between 6 to 12, were hardly seen at work places barely six months back.

They are mostly from poor farming families. Many are school drop-outs. Teachers in schools at villages around the town admitted that the rate of dropout was on increase despite the lucrative 'Food for Education' programme.

Of the 13 lakh population in the district, 20 per cent are

### 1727 tons wheat for development projects in Barguna

BARGUNA, Apr 20: A total of 1,727 metric tons wheat were sanctioned under Test Relief (TR) and Food for Works (FW) programmes to implement 276 development schemes in the district's five thanas and two pourashava areas during the current fiscal years, reports UNB.

According to District Relief and Rehabilitation officials, the schemes include construction and repair of kutchra roads, culverts, digging of canals and earth filling of playgrounds of different schools and madrasahs as well as social organisations.

Some 297 metric tons of wheat were sanctioned under the TR programme. Area-wise breakdown of the sanctioned wheat and schemes are: 69 metric tons of wheat for the implementation of 35 schemes in Sadar, 79 tons for 42 schemes in Betagi, 39 tons for 22 schemes in Banna, 52 tons for 27 schemes in Patharghata, five tons for two schemes in Barguna pourashava and three metric tons of wheat for two schemes in Patharghata pourashava.

Under a special TR programme, a total of 115 metric tons of wheat were sanctioned. Of them, 41 tons were sanctioned for 26 schemes in Sadar, 23 tons for seven schemes in Betagi and 51 tons for 28 schemes in Amtali thanas.

Talking to The Daily Star correspondent, Professor Zuberi expressed his regrets on fund shortage, space constraint as well as undue interference from various corners in realizing various objectives of the CER. The Director of the CER hoped that the long term aim of the CER, i.e. to establish multi-disciplinary, adequately equipped and internationally recognized organization utilizing existing resource persons of the university to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment and natural resource management in the region.

The CER also working on 'Linkage between environment and poverty' with special emphasis on seasonal fluctuation of agricultural production.

The CER's current programme also includes land degradation and management of sustainable agriculture in Barind region. Land cover/use changes and erosion of bio-diversity in the north-western region; the conservation of medicinal plants, state of environment of Rajshahi city etc. Besides independent and collaborative projects on national issues, the centre is actively associated with other international programmes. The CER

## বাংলাদেশ রপ্তানি প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষ

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১। দরখাস্তকারীকে এম.বি.বি.এস ডিগ্রীধারী হইতে হইবে। উক্ত ডিগ্রীধারী/অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হইবে।

২। খন্ডকালীন মহিলা চিকিৎসকের মাসিক রিটেইনার ফি সর্বসাকুল্যে ৪,৫০০/- (চার হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র।

৩। দরখাস্তকারীকে অবশ্যই সুস্বাস্থ্যের অধিকারী, ব্যক্তিগতসম্পন্ন ও চরিত্রবান হইতে হইবে।

৪। একজন চিকিৎসক একই সংগে একাধিক সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের চিকিৎসক থাকিতে পারিবেন না।

৫। দরখাস্তকারীকে যে কোন ১ম শ্রেণীর প্রজেক্টে অফিসার কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ১কপি চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি ও সদ্য তোলা ২কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি, স্থানীয় ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/সিটি কর্পোরেশনের ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যানের নিকট হইতে নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

দরখাস্ত নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, জন্ম তারিখ, বয়স, জাতীয়তা, স্বামী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা উল্লেখপূর্বক আগামী ৪-৫-৯৬ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট দরখাস্ত পৌছাইতে হইবে।

নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে দরখাস্ত না পৌছাইলে উক্ত দরখাস্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। অসমাপ্ত দরখাস্ত বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

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## Revised Re-Notice

Re-Extension of date for receiving applications for National Export Trophy (1994-95)

Notice inviting applications from the exporters for National Export Trophy for 1994-95 was published in The Dainik Bangla, The Dainik Inqilab and The Daily Star on 6 February, 1996 and in The Financial Express on February 5, 1996. Last date of receiving applications was 29-2-96. To facilitate large number of exporters to apply, the time for receiving applications was extended up to 28-3-96 through publishing the revised notice in The Daily Inqilab and The Bangladesh Times on 21-3-96. But due to political situation prevailing during the month of March, 1996 in the country, sufficient number of applications were not received. To facilitate large number of exporters to apply for the Trophy, the time for receiving applications is hereby extended up to 30-4-96. This is the final extension of time and all interested exporters are requested to apply within the above time.

2. All terms and conditions set forth in the earlier notice will remain unchanged.

3. Applications in prescribed proforma duly filled in must reach the undersigned within the specified time.

The prescribed proforma may be collected from all offices of Export Promotion Bureau as well as offices of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Bangladesh Chamber of Industry, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Dhaka & Exporters' Associations of Bangladesh and all Divisional Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

4. For detailed information, if necessary, Export Promotion Bureau may please be contacted.

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## Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Name of work: 1) Construction of boundary wall on Power Development Board's own land at Gopalganj town. 2) Construction of 2x74 square metre residential building on Power Development Board's own land at Gopalganj town. 3) Construction of 2x46 square metre residential building on Power Development Board's own land at Shariatpur town. 4) Construction of 30 square metre complaint centre at Shariatpur electric supply. 5) Construction of internal road at Narail Electric Supply. 6) Carrying of goods under 16-Town Jessore Office. Eligibility of contractor: Power Development Board enlisted A, B, C & D class Civil & Electrical contractors having valid licence renewed up to 30 June 1995-96. Estimated cost: 1) Taka 1,70,720/- (one lakh seventy thousand seven hundred twenty) only, 2) Taka 16,61,973/- (sixteen lakh sixtyone thousand nine hundred seventy three) only, 3) Taka 11,65,081/- (Eleven lakh sixty-five thousand eighty one) only, 4) Taka 2,31,595/- (two lakh thirty-one thousand five hundred ninety-five) only, 5) Taka 7,58,435/95 (seven lakh fiftyeight thousand four hundred thirtyfive & ninety-five paise) only, 6) Taka 4,43,250/- (four lakh forty-three thousand two hundred fifty) only. Price of tender: 1) Tk 200/- (two hundred) only, 2) Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only, 3) Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only, 4) Tk 250/- (two hundred fifty) only, 5) Tk 500/- (five hundred) only, 6) Tk 300/- (three hundred) only. (non-refundable) through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), Zonal Accounts Office, PDB, Jessore. Place & date of tender availability: From Chief Engineer, Distribution, Western Zone, PDB, Khulna/Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, PDB, Faridpur/Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, PDB, Jessore/Janata Bank, Chanchra Branch, Jessore up to 07-05-96. Date of receiving & opening : 08-05-96 up to 12-00 Noon & on the same day at 12-30 PM. All other rules & regulations of the tender must be properly complied with.

RAJSHAH, Apr 20: Police recovered the body of a young man from near Nohata College in Paba thana early Friday, reports UNB.

The body of Enamul Islam Mithu, 25, with bullet injury on his chest, was found in front of the residence of his maternal uncle Masum Ali Khan. Police said they were informed about the body by Masum.

Mithu, a resident of Devi Singh Para in the city, was a supporter of the BNP-backed Jatityatbadi Chhatra Dal.

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