

### Arms recovered, 3 student activists arrested in Sylhet

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**SYLHET, Apr 21:** The Sylhet Kotwali police recovered one light gun, one pistol, several crackers and some other weapons in three separate raids in the town on Thursday. As many as seven activists of three student organisations were also arrested during the raids, police said.  
 Four young men — Juned, Sahel, Khairul and Javed — were arrested from Bagbari area along with one light gun, dagger, knife and some other weapons. They are stated to be the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.  
 Police arrested Lokman Ahmed, president, Madan Mohan College unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir from Shahjalal Upashahar. Police acting on his statement, recovered three crackers and a dagger from the college hostel.  
 Police also arrested Sunam, an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League, from Tlagarh area in the afternoon. Later, acting on his statement, police arrested Kabir Hossain Chowdhury and recovered a pipegun and a bullet.  
 Meanwhile, Sylhet Kotwali police arrested Abdul Hanif Kutu, a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Vice President of the Sylhet Government College students' union Thursday morning.

### Acid thrown on girl Teachers demand arrest of miscreants

**COMILLA, Apr 21:** Teachers of the district have demanded arrest and punishment of the miscreants who threw acid on a girl student of Chandpur Model Technical High School in Debidwar thana, reports UNB.  
 The teachers at a protest meeting on Tuesday also demanded of the authority for proper treatment of victim Sabina Yasmin, 15, daughter of Farid Miah.  
 Presided over by Thana Teachers' Association Organising Secretary Khorsheed Alam Sarcar, the meeting was attended by Headmaster of Chandpur Model Technical High School Harisul Alam, Headmasters of MUA Pilot Girls School, Chhottha School and Abdullahpur High School.  
 They submitted a memorandum to TNO to take action within a week. A protest rally was also brought out in the town.  
 Family sources said earlier one Waliullah of the same village gave a proposal to marry Sabina to her father who turned down the proposal.  
 On March 14, Waliullah and his two accomplices stormed her house and threw acid on Sabina at dead of the night, they said.  
 Meanwhile, physicians advised Sabina's father to shift her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for proper treatment as she has already lost her one eye. But Farid Miah had taken her home for his inability to arrange treatment in Dhaka. Her condition was stated to be critical.

### 165 posts of physicians lying vacant in CHT

**KHAGRACHHARI, Apr 21:** The health services in the three hill districts have been facing setback as some 165 out of the total 267 posts of physicians remained vacant for a long time, reports UNB.  
 Official sources said only five specialist doctors out of the total 15, are now working in the three hill districts — Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban.  
 In Khagrachhari, some 34 physicians are presently working while 51 posts including three specialists fell vacant.  
 In Rangamati, some 48 doctors are working while 76 posts including four specialists remained vacant.  
 In Bandarban, some 30 doctors are working while 38 posts including three specialists are lying vacant.  
 The people living in the remote hill tract areas are deprived of proper treatment due to lack of doctors. The people are suffering much as there is no alternative to government hospitals in the area.

### Tk 93 lakh project for drinking water supply in Pirojpur

**PIROJPUR, Apr 21:** Public Health Engineering Department has taken up a Tk 93 lakh programme to ensure supply of drinking water in the district during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.  
 Under the UNICEF-aided programme, some 89 deep tubewells and 118 shallow tubewells will be sunk in six thanas.  
 Of them, 15 deep tubewells will be installed in Sadar, eight in Kaukhali, 15 in Nazirpur, 16 in Swarupkathi and 15 in Bhandaria thanas, official sources said.  
 The department will also re-install 244 SST and 486 shallow tubewells.  
 The work has already started and is expected to be completed by June next. When completed, about two lakh people of the district will be provided with pure water, the sources added.

## Chalan beel now almost dried-up

**NATORE, Apr 21:** Chalan Beel, the largest beel in the country, has mostly dried up due to continuous drought as scorching weather has made the lives of people of one thousand and five hundred square kilometres of the areas miserable.  
 At least 20 lakh people of 1.50 thousand villages of Chalan beel areas are facing pure drinking water crisis. Most of the tubewells are not operating smoothly.  
 While visiting Chamri, Bahadurpur, Shilpur, Hulhulia and Berabari villages of Shingra thana, Balsa of Gurudashpur thana of the beel areas this correspondent has seen many people fetching drinking water from "Tara" pumps from 10 to 12 kilometres away.  
 One Quamrul Islam, a school teacher of Chamri Union Parishad told this correspondent that "Tara" pumps may go out of order at any time due to excessive and rough use. Other farmers of Bahadurpur, Berabari and Balsa village told that better production will be affected as water is not available during this dry season.  
 A farmer of Hulhulia village, Shahidul Islam has cultivated boro paddy on 55 "bighas" of land. He said, though I run my shallow irrigation machine for 18 to 20 hours everyday I cannot get water to meet the demand. But, he added, only one month ago, I got the requisite quantity of water by running my machine 8 to 10 hours a day.  
 Farmers Entaz of Damdama village told that it has become difficult for him to run his electrical pump machine of 15 horse power due to loadshed-

ding and fluctuation of voltage. Entaz said, "Only two weeks ago, at least 20 bighas of land could be brought under irrigation facility by this machine which pumps up water from 5 to 7 feet below." But now, he added, "maximum 8 bighas of land is being irrigated with the machine as the water level has started going down."  
 Chalan beel region consists of eight thanas of Natore, Pabna and Sirajganj districts. About one thousand square kilometres of land in both sides of Chalan beel are cultivable. Earlier farmers of this region used local method of irrigation. There had been water in the beel throughout the whole season. Nowadays, water flow in River Atrai and River Baral — main branches of the River Padma — has so decreased that the vast beel has dried up during summer. Local people told that the beel was full to its brim during the last rainy season. But there is now knee-deep water at middle point of the beel. This water will also be dried up within a week or two," a young farmer Madhu of Baraigram thana said.  
 According to official

sources, at least 5 thousand shallow tubewells and one thousand deep tubewells are kept running to ensure smooth irrigation facilities on 50 thousand acres of agri land of Shingra, Baraigram, Gurudashpur, Tarash, Royganj, Vangura, Chatmohor and Faridpur thanas of Chalan beel areas.  
 But local people said that most of the tubewells have choked up during this hot season. The traditional ring wells have also mostly gone dry rendering tremendous problems for the villagers.



NATORE: The present condition of chalan beel where the waters are now only knee-deep. — Star photo

### Outgoing KU students observe concluding ceremony

**KHULNA, Apr 21:** Outgoing 2nd batch students of Khulna University (KU) observed the concluding ceremony of their four-year provisional course with much enthusiasm on Sunday, reports UNB.  
 The students, who completed their course without any session jam, took part in a colourful rally at 9 am with tabla, drum and various other musical instruments.  
 The rally brought out from the campus paraded the main roads of the town before ending it in the campus. Vice Chancellor Prof Golam Fakir Ali was also with them.  
 A seminar on "Progress and Development of Khulna University" was held at the campus auditorium on the occasion.  
 Sports events like 'lathi khela' and cultural function were also organised in the campus.  
 A total of 150 students of the 2nd batch from six departments of four faculties completed their course that began in 1992. The final examination of the batch was held in February but the results are yet to be announced.

### Drug addicts rise in Barguna

**BARGUNA, Apr 21:** The number of young drug addicts has been increasing alarmingly in different areas of the district causing grave concern to the guardians, reports UNB.  
 According to a survey, most of the drug addicts are students who are addicted with drugs like liquor, morphin, phensidyl, opium and various types of alcoholic drinks.  
 Taking the advantage, some dishonest medicine traders are doing brisk business by selling intoxicants to the young men without prescription.  
 With the increasing of drug addicts, anti-social activities are also on rise in the district. The law enforcing agencies are almost inactive to curb these, local people alleged.



### Obituary

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Alhaj Mokaddes Hossain, a noted educationist and a social worker, died on April 11 at his residence in the village Banahgram under Kumarkhali thana, of Kushtia district. He was 100, says a press release.  
 He started teaching in 1921 and since then he taught thousands of students for last 60 years.  
 Hossain actively took part in the "Swadeshi Movement" of Mahatma Gandhi in the 30s and formed a "home guard" in his region in 40s.  
 Mokaddes Hossain played an active role in establishing madrasah, high school, college hospital, mosque and bazar in his village.  
 He left behind his wife, three sons, five daughters, grandsons, grand daughters and a large number of admirers.

### Rabi crop production falls short of target

**From Our Correspondent**  
**MAGURA, Apr 21:** The target of Rabi crops including mustard, masur and chola (gram) cultivation has not achieved in 10 south-western districts including Magura, Jehnidah, Narail, Jessore, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Kushtia, Meherpur and Chuadanga in the current season.  
 According to the sources, Agriculture Extension Department (AED) has taken up a target for cultivating mustard in about 62 thousand 6 hundred and 25 hectares of land in the ten districts, but about 43 thousand 8 hundred and 6 hectares of lands were brought under "sarisha" (mustard) cultivation.  
 A farmer of Magura Sadar thana said that production of mustard was not satisfactory due to heavy rain during the sowing season and crisis fertilizer.  
 M W Ali, a marginal farmer at village Nabagram under Sripur thana said that they were not able to sow mustard seeds in due time as weather was not favourable. He also said that many landless and marginal farmers of Sripur thana had to sow mustard seeds for the second time. And in that case, they usually do not get good production. Besides, fertilizer crisis has also hampered the cultivation, he added.  
 It was learnt that one lakh eight thousand hectares of lands had been targeted for mustard cultivation last year in these 10 districts. Sources said the target of mustard cultivation was not also fulfilled last year.  
 According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED), about 58 thousand hectares of land have been brought under rabi crop cultivation during the current season in Magura district.  
 The farmers of the district have cultivated wheat, mustard, lentil, pea, gram and "kheshari". But the target of some rabi crops including "masur" (lentil), chola (gram) have not been achieved due to various reasons including fertilizer crisis, attack of pest and bad weather, sources said.  
 M Geda Shaikh of Masalia village under Sripur thana told this correspondent that he had got only 60 kg of grams in his 30 decimals of lands. But he got 90 kg of grams in the same land last year. He said that one kind of pests attacked their crops during current Rabi season and most of the crops were damaged.  
 Sources said, 7100 hectares of lands had been brought under wheat cultivation. But the production of wheat also not satisfactory due to lack of irrigation facilities and fertilizer crisis.

### Husband gets life-term for killing wife

**MANIKGANJ, Apr 21:** A man was awarded life imprisonment here on Thursday for killing his wife, reports UNB.  
 The court also fined him Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for another year.  
 According to prosecution, the convicted Musa Sheikh of village Alokdair Char in Shibalaya thana used to torture his wife Shohagfuj, 22, mother of two children, for dowry. On the fateful day on April 20, 1994, he picked up a quarrel with his wife and beat her mercilessly. At one stage he got furious and strangled her to death.  
 A case was filed and police after investigation submitted a charge-sheet against him.  
 The District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Baharul Islam after examining the witnesses and records awarded the punishment.

### Minor girl killed as boats collide in Sirajganj

**SIRAJGANJ, Apr 21:** A minor girl was killed and 10 people were injured when a mechanised boat collided with another one near the local ghat in the Jamuna on Saturday night, reports UNB.  
 The victims was identified as Selina Banu, 12.

### JCD-BCL gunfight in Mirersharai: Four injured

**CHITTAGONG, Apr 21:** Four people received bullet wounds in a clash between activists of pro-Awami Chhatra League and BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at Joraganj Bazar in Mirersharai thana, reports UNB.  
 Witnesses said the two groups exchanged gunshots and blasted bombs during the hour-long clash which disrupted traffic on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway for three hours from 5 pm.  
 Of the injured, two were rushed to Feni Hospital in critical condition and two others were admitted to the Mastangar health complex.

### Baishakhi festival ends in Gaibandha

**From Our Correspondent**  
**GAIBANDHA, Apr 21:** A five-day long Baishakhi festival organised in celebration of 'Pahela Baishakh' concluded here at Gaibandha on April 18.  
 Different socio-cultural organisations participated in the various programme. The programme included discussion, recitation of poem, drama show and cultural function.  
 On this occasion, a five-day long Baishakhi fair was held at Gaibandha Shisui Park where over sixty stalls were erected. Thousands of people including children visited the fair.

### Balashi river port implementation body meet held

**From Our Correspondent**  
**GAIBANDHA, Apr 21:** Balashi River Port Implementation Committee held a meeting at local Jubilee Primary School ground recently.  
 Presided over by Lutfar Rahman, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Anwarul Islam, Abdul Aziz Khan, Wazed Ali Sarker, Ruhul Huq, Shamul Huq, Rajendra Nath Sarker and Dr Ashok Sarker.  
 The speakers emphasised the need for the early implementation of a river port at Rasoolpur to ease the communication problems with the capital city as well as others port cities.  
 Besides, the speakers pointed out that the Balashi River port is a long-standing demand of the people of Gaibandha. Past governments have made commitments on this issue on different occasions, but the matter is yet to be implemented, they said.

### S'ganj varsity college closed

**SIRAJGANJ, Apr 21:** The Sirajganj University College was declared closed today for an indefinite period after a clash between rival student groups that left 10 people injured. The clash took place between the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and its rival student bodies — chhatra League, Chhatra Shibir and Chhatra Odika — on college campus today, witnesses said. Police resorted to lathi charge to bring the situation under control, they added, reports UNB.

## River erosion threatens houses, shops, bazaars in Sunamganj

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**SYLHET, Apr 21:** Hundreds of families have been rendered homeless due to the largescale erosion in the river Kushiya in Raniganj and Pailgaon unions of Jagannathpur thana of Sunamganj district. The situation is turning worse during the current season.  
 Repeated erosion in the river had caused serious damage to commercial establishments, mosques, shops and dwelling houses attached to the Raniganj bazar, an important commercial centre in the district. More than 200 shops and five hundred dwelling houses had already been eroded in the river passing through the bazar during the past few years. The affected houses and shops were in the villages — Bouail, Swadhin bazar, Bagmoina, Alampur, Balaisri, Pailgaon, Jalalpur and Dighalbak.  
 Besides, a good number of dwelling houses, educational institutions, shops and crop lands on several hundred acres around Fenchibazar area had already been devoured by the river. But, no effective measure has yet been taken by the authorities to check the erosion, local people alleged adding a number of representations were submitted to them during the past few years.  
 Local people observed that 'dredging of the river Kushiya and diversion of the course of the river is urgently needed to stop the continued erosion. They also opined for ensuring the normal flow of the river by filling earth at Tikhla where the rivers Surma and Kushiya join together near the Raniganj bazar.  
 Protective measures should also be taken immediately to save Raniganj bazar and adjoining villages, they said.

### 3 roads to be constructed in Bhola

**BHOLA, Apr 21:** The Roads and Highways Department has sanctioned nearly Tk 46 lakh for the construction of three rural roads in the district in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.  
 The roads to be constructed are Bangabazar-Khaer Hat road in Sadar thana, Daulatkhon-Hakimuddin and Borhanuddin-Tajamuddin via Monpara roads, official sources said.  
 The construction work is expected to be completed by June next. When completed, three thana headquarters will be directly connected with the district headquarters.

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