

Two killed in truck collision

COMILLA, Apr 26: Two people were killed and three injured when two trucks collided head on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Noabazar in Choudhagram thana yesterday reports UNB.

Police said the accident occurred at about 4:30 am when a buffalo-laden truck bound for Chittagong crashed into a scrapped iron-loaded truck coming from opposite direction.

Abdul Majid, 50, the driver of one of the trucks, died on the spot while an unidentified truck helper, aged about 40, succumbed to his injuries at Choudhagram Thana Health Complex.

The three injured were admitted to Choudhagram Thana Health Complex.

Five buffaloes were also killed while seven others injured in the accident.

Police seized the trucks. A case was filed with Choudhagram thana.

Nor'wester hits Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Apr 26: Standing crops on 15,000 acres of land and many salt beds were washed away when a nor'wester hit Cox's Bazar town and six thanas of the district in small hours of yesterday.

Over one hundred thatched houses were damaged and at least 12 people were injured during the hour-long swirling accompanied by strong wind and heavy downpour.

According to district Met office sources, the highest speed of wind was 72 km per hour while 36 mm rainfall was recorded in the district from 3 am to 5 am.

10 injured in Sunamganj clash

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 26: Ten persons were injured in a clash between two groups of people at village Tilak in Jagannathpur thana of Sunamganj district on Wednesday.

Rival groups one led by Jahiruddin and the other by Abdul Matlib locked in the clash over attestation of lands. Both the groups used lethal and sharp weapons. Of the injured, Jahiruddin and his son Monu Mia and Abdul Matlib had been admitted to the thana health complex in critical conditions. Separate cases had been lodged.

Huge quantity of ganja seized in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Apr 26: A huge quantity of ganja and ganja plants worth Taka about one lakh was recovered by Narcotics and Liquor Department, Satkhira from different areas of Assasuni thana recently.

According to reports, acting on a secret information a group of officers and staff of Narcotics and Liquor Department led by Abu Taleb, Deputy Director, Narcotics and Liquor, Khulna Range raided the house of Faminidra Nath Sardar of Assasuni Sadar and recovered 500 kgs of ganja and 125 ganja plants. From his house on April 17 last. On the same day, they also recovered 1120 ganja plants from the field belonging to Aushuman Sarkar of Assasuni, 5 kgs of ganja and 15 plants from the house and field of Krishna Pada Roy of village Chaupful and 1360 ganja plants from the field of Rajan Roy of the same village. They arrested Faminidra Nath and Anshuman in this connection.

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AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of a field day for soybean production programme at the Bailer village under Trishal thana organised by the Bangladesh Seed Foundation. — BAU photo

Scarcity of quality seeds hampers jute cultivation

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Apr 26: With the beginning of raw jute consumption in paper mills for making pulp the farmers have responded with a new hope for earning more profit from jute and they have decided to bring more areas under jute cultivation.

But scarcity of good quality jute seed has dashed their hope. Taking the opportunity of jute seed crisis, smugglers have become active in procuring jute seeds from India and those Indian seeds have flooded the border markets of Meherpur, Chuadanga, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Khulna and Satkhira districts. "Mahamaya" and "Debdash", two varieties of Indian seeds are being sold in the hats and bazaars and villages of border districts.

When contacted, jute growers of the villages told this correspondent that they obtained good harvest from the HYV Indian jute seeds last year. The yield rose to five maunds per bigha while the local jute seed could produce only three maunds per bigha.

Jute seeds sell at an exorbitant price in the hats and bazaars of the districts. The local jute seeds sell at Tk 25 to Tk 30 while smuggled jute seeds sell at taka 50 per kg.

From Our Correspondent

Meanwhile, government efforts to manufacture paper from green jute has been welcomed by all concerned. All the paper mills of the country are now taking steps to produce paper from green jute. HYV jute cultivation will also bring about a change in the lot of poor cultivators.

Magura

Our Magura Correspondent adds: Jute cultivation likely to be hampered during the current season due to lack of improved seeds in four thanas of Magura.

Jute growers of the district are preparing land for jute cultivation and trying to collect high yielding variety seeds from the BADC offices in the district. But quality jute seeds are not available in sale centres of the BADC, some jute cultivators said.

Taking the advantage of the situation, unscrupulous dealers are selling seeds of last year in the name of high yielding variety seed (HYV) at a high rate. Most of the jute growers of

the district do not produce seeds locally due to lack of initiative of the Agriculture Extension Department (AED), sources said.

Sources also said, a small number of jute growers in Pangasa and Baliahandi thanas of Rajbari district produce jute seeds, but the quality of their seeds are not good.

A farmer of Nabagram under Sripur thana said that locally produced jute seeds do not grow properly. As a result production of jute is being seriously hampered.

For this reason, jute growers are not interested to sow locally produced jute seeds in their land. He said that jute growers of the district usually prefer Indian seeds which are being smuggled in due to non-availability of improved seeds in the markets.

According to different sources, Indian jute seeds including Krishi Sebayon, Krishan, Mahamaya, Bankim are being sold in the open market at a different rate. 'Krishi Sebayon', Krishan, Mahamaya and Bankim jute seeds sell at Tk 90 to Tk 100 per bag of 90 grams in different hats and bazars of the district.



MAGURA: The river Gorai is seen almost dried up at Langal Bandh ferry ghat. Now a bamboo bridge is used for crossing the river. — Star photo

SSC candidate commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Apr 26: One Firoj Iqbal, an SSC candidate of Radhanagar High School in Sripur thana of the district committed suicide by hanging recently, it was learnt.

According to police, Firoj Iqbal, committed suicide by hanging following family troubles.

A case was filed.

3,306 cases filed in Satkhira Tk 62.3 crore agri loan remain outstanding

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Apr 26: A total of Taka 62 crore 30 lakh 25 thousand agricultural loan distributed by different banks has been lying outstanding with the farmers of the district.

According to official sources, the bank authorities have filed 3,306 certificate cases against the defaulting borrowers to realise the outstanding loan of Taka 62.30.25.000.

According to sources, different branches of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Janata Bank, Sonali Bank, Agrani Bank and Pubali Bank under seven thanas of Satkhira district distributed agriculture loan amounting to Taka 95,560,000 among 44,062 farmers in the district till January '96 and during the period Taka 18.21.15,000 was realised

from the loanees. A total of 3,306 certificate cases have been filed against 23,709 defaulting loanees for realising outstanding loan of Taka 62,30,25,000 out of this filed cases, 82 cases have been settled and the rest of the cases are under trial in different courts of the district.

It is reported that having notices from the respective courts, the poor farmers are compelled to sell their land properties, cattle heads etc. to repay their loans. Many defaulting loanees are trying again to have loan at a high interest from the money lenders. Moreover, many farmers have already left their houses to avoid any arrest as the courts have already issued warrant of arrest against them.

Chicken pox breaks out in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Apr 26: Hundreds of people of the district have been attacked by chicken pox. The disease has turned into an epidemic from, according reports received from various corners of the district.

It is informed that at least two to three persons of each family have in the meantime, been attacked by the disease and it has been spreading very fast.

It is gathered that the Health Department has not yet taken any preventive measure against spread of the disease.

When contacted, a medical officer of Jamalpur sadar hospital said that they were aware of the matter and at present they have nothing to do. He informed that there was no vaccine in the store and they have no vaccination plan yet.

Acid-burnt victim fighting for life

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 26: An acid burnt victim, Farida Yasmin Popy, aged 18, of village Ambaria in Tarash thana has been fighting to escape death at Sirajganj General hospital since April 21 last.

It is learnt that one Fazlur Rahman of the same village and a student of Dhulal College earlier sent a proposal to Popy's father Abdus Sattar for marrying her. But the proposal was refused.

On April 21 night, the miscreants threw acid on Popy who was sleeping with her younger sister. Popy sustained serious burn injury in her face and upper part of the body. Her sister was also injured. Popy's condition is stated to be critical.

A case was lodged with Tarash police. No arrest was made till filing of this report.

Huge firearms recovered in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 26: Police of nine thanas in Sirajganj district have recovered huge arms and ammunition during last few days as a part of illegal arms recovery drive.

It is learnt that Police Super Golam Mostafa and Additional Police Super Shahabuddin Quraishi, police in sudden raids recovered one cut rifle, nine revolvers, five pistols, thana D.B.B.L guns, three shuttles, 13 pipe guns, 20 rounds bullets of rifle, 27 rounds bullet of revolver, 14 rounds bullet of Self Loading Rifle (SLR), seven rounds cartridges of gun, 54 cocktles and seven swords from different places of nine thana areas. Besides 108 according accused persons were also rounded up in connection with murder, dacoity, and other cases.

Police have also lodged 16 arms cases against 28 arrested persons.

While contacted, Police Super told that arms recovery drive in remote areas have also been intensified.

Fake examinee caught red-handed

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 26: A fake Dakhil examinee was caught and later handed over to the police recently.

Hossain Ali of village Magtala Ishwarganj thana was appearing in the Dakhil examination in place of Abul Kashem (Roll/20136) at Mangalbaria Alia Madrasa centre in Pakundia thana. Md. Obaidul Haque, Assistant Commissioner (Land), Pakundia challenged Hossain Ali in the examination hall who later admitted the fact. He was later handed over to the police.

A case was registered.

CIRDAP Director visits BARD

COMILLA, Apr 26: A V S Reddy, Director (Designated), CIRDAP visited the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla on 17 April, 1996, says a press release.

He met the faculty members of BARD in a session where Md Abdul Quddus, Director General, gave a brief introduction about BARD's activities and future plan. He exchanged ideas with the members of the BARD faculty.

Later they visited Joyprur Comprehensive Village Cooperative Society, Comilla. The programme was organised by Md Mir Kashem, Joint Director, BARD.

Technical edn courses introduced for school students

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, April 26: A programme has been undertaken for extending technical education in some selected secondary schools under seven thanas of the district.

The programme will be conducted by Vocational Training Institute, Gaibandha. Accordingly different technical courses are being introduced together with normal academic courses.

Under this programme, meanwhile, 60 students have been enrolled on general mechanics, building and maintenance, and agro-food (agriculture based). Besides, another course on dress making and tailoring opened at Sadullapur KM Girls High School where about 20 students took admission.

Meanwhile, technical education is getting popularity in the district and demand for increasing seat capacity is being raised from different corners.

4 held with arms in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 26: Jaintapur police recovered one pipegun and arrested four persons from the primary school at cluster village last night. The arrested are Jahangir of Brahmanbaria, Shahin and Selim of Chandpur and Abu Miah of Jaintapur.

However, another member of the gang managed to escape along with some ammunition, police said.

4 idols, valuables looted from temple

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Apr 26: A dacoity was committed at Joykail Temple at Karotapur under Palashbari Thana at the night of April 21. The miscreants looted away four idols of Goddess including valuables worth about Taka seventy thousand. During the raid one person received bullet injuries when the miscreants opened gun shot.

According to reports at 1 am a gang of miscreants armed with deadly weapons and fire arms attacked the temple and took away four images of Goddess Narayan, Padma, Gandeshari and Mother of Kalighat. The miscreants beat up the inmates of the temple and snatched away cash and valuables. While they were fleeing local people hearing hue and cry chased the gang. The miscreants opened three rounds of gun shots in which one Dipu Chandra Shili received bullet injuries. He was removed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Another report adds: One police personnel was killed in a road mishap at Kamarpur on Bogra-Rangpur highway at dead night on April 20.

Ramjan Ali, 35, a police constable was working at special branch in Panchaghat district. He was going to his home from working place while he was crossing the road a speedy bus knocked him down.

2 drown in boat capsized

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 26: Two people drowned in a boat capsized in river Jamuna at Sirajganj ghat during a nor'wester yesterday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Harmuj Ali, 45, and Rustom, 26, of Kawakhola village in Sadar thana drowned when their boat was overturned by the storm at about 7 pm.

Twentyfour other passengers of the ferry boat, however, swam ashore.

Some five hundred thatched houses of sadar, Kazipur and Kamarkhand thanas were damaged in the nor'wester.

Huge number of trees and electric poles were uprooted and crops on a vast tract also damaged in the storm which lasted about 15 minutes.

8 jailed for felling trees

CHITTAGONG, Apr 26: Chittagong forest court on Wednesday sentenced eight persons to different prison terms on charge of illegally felling trees at the reserved forest of Lakhini Chari here, reports BSS.

Three of the convicted persons were awarded two years rigorous imprisonment with fine of Taka five thousand each, in default, to suffer six months more RI.

Five convicted persons were sentenced to six months RI with fine of Taka two thousand each, in default to suffer three months more RI.

The cases were filed by concerned forest officers in June 1989 and April 1991.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
CHT Workshop Division, Rangamati

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

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| 1. Tender Notice No | 42 (Forty two)/RHD/1995-96 dt. 11-4-96 Eng/28-12-1402 Bangla. |
| 2. Name of work | Supplying of spare parts, engine overhauling and repairing of Toyota Land Cruiser pick-up Regi. No. Ka-1938 (Model HJ-47) under CHT Workshop Division, Rangamati during the year 1995-96. |
| 3. Estimated cost | Tk 1,25,645/- |
| 4. Earnest money | (In favour of EE RHD W/S Divin Ragi) : 2,513/- |
| 5. Time for completion of work | 25 (Twenty five) days from the date of issue of work order. |
| 6. Eligible class of general category contractor | 'A' to 'E' general category contractor of RHD according to their financial limit & rule/authorised agent of manufacturer. |
| 7. List of office where tender document available for sale | Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Rangamati/Chittagong/Road Division, Rangamati/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD Workshop Sub-Division, Rangamati up to 04-5-96 Eng/21-1-1403 Bangla. |
| 8. Office where tender will be received & opened | (a) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Workshop Circle, Chittagong. (b) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangamati. (c) Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Rangamati. (d) Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Chittagong. |
| 9. Last date & time of receipt of tender | 05-5-96 Eng/22-1-1403 Bangla at 12-00 Noon. |
| 10. Date & time of opening bids | 5-5-96 Eng/22-1-1403 Bangla at 12-15 PM. |
| 11. Charge to | 168-2 Repair. |

The tender will be opened in presence of interested tenderers (in any present) by the concerned authority.

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Tender Notice

Notice No.-10/FD/DZ/Pry/Unnayan/1995-96

Dated: 13/04/96

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted A-1/A-2 category contractors of Facilities Department & eligible contractor of Foreign Countries (World Bank Member countries only) for the following works under the "Re-Construction & Repair" head.

| Group No. | Description/Name of Work | Estimated Cost | Cost of Tender Schedule (Taka) | Time of Completion (days) |
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| 1. | Vertical extension and repairing works of Udayan Govt. Pry. School at Gulshan thana, Dhaka. | Tk 2,50,000/00 | Tk 400/00 | 45 (Forty five) days |
| 2. | Vertical extension and repairing work of Badda Govt. Pry. School at Gulshan thana, Dhaka. | Tk 2,50,000/00 | Tk 400/00 | 45 (Forty five) days |
| 3. | Vertical extension and repairing work of Kuril Govt. Pry. School at Cantonment thana, Dhaka. | Tk 2,50,000/00 | Tk 400/00 | 45 (Forty five) days |

Tender schedule and all connected papers may be obtained from the office of the undersigned at 17, Outer Circular Road, Razarbagh, Dhaka, Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Mymensingh/Faridpur/Tangail/Narayanganj/Kishoreganj/Madaripur/Savar/Narsindi Zone and office of the Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Room No. 1825, 18th floor, Building No. 06, Bangladesh Secretariat Dhaka, up to 05/05/96 on all working days during office hour on cash payment of Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred only) non-refundable) for each set of tender documents and relevant papers.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned at 17 Outer Circular Road, Razarbagh Dhaka, office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Mymensingh/Faridpur/Tangail/Narayanganj/Kishoreganj/Madaripur/Savar/Narsindi Zone and office of the Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Room No. 1825, 18th floor, Building No. 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, on 07/05/96 at 1-00 PM and will be opened on the same date at 1-15 PM in presence of the tenderers if there be any. No tender will be entertained after the expiry of the receiving time as mentioned in the tender notice.

Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order from any nationalised/scheduled bank of Bangladesh for an amount 2% (two) percent of the quoted/tendered amount for each group as earnest money in favour of "THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, DHAKA ZONE, DHAKA".

INSTRUCTION OF TENDERER:

- Before purchasing tender documents contractors shall have to produce enlistment Registration Book (Up to date renewed).
- Contractor shall have to produce the VAT Registration Certificate before purchase the tender documents.
- Value Added Tax (VAT) and Income Tax (IT) will be deducted as per Government Rule.
- If the quoted rate is more than 10% (Ten) percent above the estimated cost itemwise analysis must be submitted along with the tender documents.
- Less than 5% (Five) of estimated cost tender will be rejected.
- No claim should be entertained for any change or omit of the school/site/work.

The tender committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Executive Engineer

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Dhaka Zone, Dhaka.

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