

Two killed in truck collision

COMILLA, Apr 26: Two people were killed and three injured when two trucks collided head-on on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Noabazar in Choudhogram 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 Choudhogram Thana Health Complex.

The three injured were admitted to Choudhogram Thana Health Complex.

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

Police seized the trucks. A case was filed with Choudhogram 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 a 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 Aushman Sarkar of Assasuni, 5 kgs of ganja and 15 plants from the house and filed of Krishna Pada Roy of village Chaupaful and 1360 ganja plants from the field of Rajan Roy of the same village. They arrested Faminidra Nath and Anshuman in this connection.



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of a field day for soyabean production programme at the Bailor village under Trishal thana organised by 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 seed could produce only three maunds per bigha.

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

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.

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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 Krishibayan, Krishan, Mahamaya and Bankim are being sold in the open market at a different rate. Krishibayan, Krishan, Mahamaya and Bankim jute seeds sell at Tk 90 to Tk 100 per bag of 90 grams in different hats and bazaars of the district.

Soyabean production programme opens in Trishal

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), April 26: Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk stressed the need for crop diversification programme in order to augment agricultural production with a view to establishing agri-based industries in the country for the benefit of the people, says a press release.

Speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of a field day for block-wise soyabean production programme held at the Bailor village under Trishal Thana organised by the Bangladesh Seed Foundation, Vice-Chancellor said that use of bio-fertilizer would boost up soyabean production.

Presided over by Professor Dr Lutfur Rahman, Chairman, Bangladesh Seed Foundation, the inaugural function was attended by Mr Md Abdus Sattar, Director General, Agricultural Extension Department, as special guest.

Among others who spoke on the occasion were: Professor Dr Md Shamsul Haque, Professor Dr Noor Mohammad Talukdar, Professor Dr Md Abdus Siddique, Mr Rezaul Karim and Mr Mainul Islam.

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 dacoit was committed at Joykali Temple at Karotaoopur under Palashbari Thana at the night of April 21. The miscreants looted away four idols of Goddess including valuable 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, Ganesh and Mother of Kali.

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 Shill received bullet injuries. He was removed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

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

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

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 shotguns, 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 cocktails and seven swords from different places of nine thanas areas.

Besides 108 absconding 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 Magatala Ishwarganj thana was appearing in the Dakhil examination in place of Abdul 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 Joypur Comprehensive Village Cooperative Society, Comilla. The programme was organised by Md Mir Kashem, Joint Director, BARD.

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