

Three sentenced to life for murder

From Our Correspondent
SATHKHIRA, May 31: Three persons were found guilty on charge of murdering one person and were sentenced to life in a judgement delivered recently by the Additional District and Sessions Judge of Sathkhira.

The accused, Arit Kumar Ghosh, Sadhan Kumar Ghosh and Sukumar Ghosh were awarded the said punishment for murdering one Santosh Kumar of village Habashpur under the sadar thana under Section 302 BPC.

The learned court also in the same case found the said Sadhan Ghosh and Basudeva Ghosh of Chanderi under Debbhata thana guilty and sentenced them to suffer 10 years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Taka 4000 in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment (RI) for further period of 9 months under Section 307 BPC.

The prosecution story in brief is that on the day of occurrence of the incident on September 24, 1990, Santosh Kumar Ghosh with his men while harvesting paddy in his field, the accused armed with lethal weapons attacked and beat Santosh mercilessly. He died on the spot.

A case was lodged with Sathkhira police station. Police sent the body to Sathkhira hospital for autopsy. On completion of investigation, police forwarded them to the court for trial on charge of killing Santosh Kumar Ghosh.

Girl raped, killed in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 31: A girl was raped and killed by a gang of miscreants at village Dhawachilla under Gaibandha thana on May 25 night.

The victim was identified as Kaper Hashda. Police recovered her body from a bamboo grove.

The gang of miscreants entered her room when she was asleep at dead of night and took her to a nearby bamboo grove where they violated the victim and killed her with sharp weapons. Police on getting information recovered the body and sent for post mortem. Her father Mareng Hashda filed a case accusing six persons in this connection. Following the filing of case, the miscreants attacked their house and set it on fire. They also created terror in the areas. Police super, Gaibandha on visiting the areas set up a temporary police out-post to bring the situation under control.

None was arrested in this connection so far.

2 Jamaat workers injured in bomb explosion

SATHKHIRA, May 31: Two activists of Jamaat-e-Islami were seriously injured in a bomb explosion at Kadianda village in Sadar thana on Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Police said Abdul Majid and Ahd Ali were hurt in the explosion while making bombs at a house of the village.

They were admitted to Sathkhira Sadar Hospital in critical conditions.

A case was filed with the local police.

Village doctor shot dead in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, May 31: A village doctor was shot dead by some unidentified armed miscreants in Horiakundu thana of the district on Tuesday night.

According to thana sources, the armed men numbering about 10 fired at Gopendra Nath Saha at his chamber in Horiakundu thana at around 8 pm.

He was rushed to Horiakundu Health Complex where the attending doctors declared him dead.

Police suspected that the armed activists of Purbanga Communist Party killed the doctor.

The body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with the local police.

134-yr old coin found

From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, May 31: A one hundred and thirtyfour year-old silver one rupee coin, dating back to British colonial times, was found by a labourer working at a construction site here last Thursday.

The coin, dating from 1862, with the profile of Queen Victoria engraved on one side and the words 'One Rupee India' inscribed on the other, was unearthed by a construction worker, Suruj Ali, while working at an extension of the Sadar Hospital this afternoon.

The coin is now in the possession of the Narayanganj Correspondent of the Bangla daily, Dainik Shakal Khabar, Nayan Sarkar, who bought it from Ali for Taka 100.

According to Sarkar, Ali was planning to turn the precious coin into a pendant for himself.

In Moulvibazar dist Women dominate in new voters' list

From Rajat K Goswami

MOULVIBAZAR, May 31: In the recent voter list count it was found that the district has a population having women in majority.

The new list of voters which was published here for the coming parliamentary election indicates the above mentioned situation.

According to the new list of voters, female voters are in majority in five out of six thanas of the Moulvibazar district. Only in Srimongal thana male voters were found to have majority.

Even after this opportunity for the women community of the district only one women candidate is contesting the ensuing polls.

In the meantime, district units of AL and BNP have decided to attract the women voters by deploying women teams of campaigners. Both the parties have constituted several number of women teams and these teams are visiting door to door to motivate the woman voters.

According to the new voters list which was prepared in 1995 and revised in 1996, number of female voters is higher by 7,096 than that of male voters. In the new list, number of female voters is 3,77,291 and male voters 3,70,195.

In the old list of voters, number of female voters was 58,329 less than that of male voters. According to the list (1991), male voters were 4,31,543 and female voters were 3,83,214.

The thanawise situation of female and male voters in the new list are as follows:

In Barlekha thana, number of female voters are 56,146 and male voters are 51,275. In Kulaura thana, 88,794 are female and 88,241 are male voters. In Rajnagar thana 47,875 are female and 45,737 are male voters. In sadar thana, 65,915 voters are female and 65,837 voters are male. In Kamalgonj thana, number of female voters are 54,071 where male voters are 52,751. In Srimongal thana 64,490 voters are female and 66,354 are male voters. Only in Srimongal thana number of male voters are higher than that of female.

Besides this, number of total voters in the district has decreased by 67,271 than that of the old list (1991). In the list of 1996, total numbers of voters in the district are 7,47,486 whereas it was 8,14,757 in the list of 1991.

There were 1,20,551 voters in the old list at Barlekha thana but now the number is 1,07,421. In Kulaura thana, there was 1,88,974 voters in

old list, but in the new list total number of voters is 1,77,035. In Rajnagar thana, there are 93,612 voters in the new list, whereas it was 1,05,718 in the old list of voters.

There were 1,55,288 voters in Moulvibazar sadar thana in the old list but it has decreased to 1,31,752. In Kamalgonj thana there was 1,10,543 voters in old list which now decreased to 1,06,822. In Srimongal thana, according to old list number of voters was 1,33,683 but now the number has decreased to 1,30,844.

When contacted, the district election officials said, after publication of the new list of voters, major allegation was yet to be made by any quarter, but according to provision, new names of voters was enlisted in the list till the declaration of the election schedule of the Election Commission.

Leaders of district AL and BNP told The Daily Star that a large number of local people of the district are living abroad and they could not be enlisted as voters. Due to this, number of voters of the district has decreased and number of female voters appeared higher than that of male voters.



SHERPUR: The recent nor'wester damaged several buildings and similar structures in the sadar thana areas of the district. The photo shows a high school in Gazir Khamar adjoining the district headquarters. — Star photo

Cultural programmes to make people aware about voting rights

KHULNA, May 31: The local administrations are holding various cultural programmes based on the ensuing election in Khulna division with a view to making the common people aware about their voting rights, reports UNB.

Official sources said Divisional Commissioner KM Nazmul Alam Siddiqui were patronising the concerned Deputy Commissioners in initiating the programmes that included song, staging drama and recitation of poetry.

The officials hoped that such type of programmes will help maintain a healthy atmosphere to hold the June 12 election in a free and fair manner and enable the people to go to the polling centres without fear.

They said the cultural programmes are also being held in 10 thana headquarters of Khulna district.

The programmes will continue till June 10.

Two killed in road mishap in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent
JAMALPUR, May 31: Two persons were killed in a road mishap at Jamtoly, 12 km from Jamalpur town on Dhaka-Jamalpur highway recently. M. A. Jalil, age 35 was crushed under the wheels of a speedy minibus carrying newspapers, according to witnesses.

Another unidentified person died at Jamalpur General Hospital according to hospital sources.

Local people barricaded the road for three hours following the incident. The driver of the minibus manage to escape with the vehicle.

A case has been filed in this connection, with Jamalpur sadar thana.

Another report adds: At least two persons were killed when a nor'wester lashed the village Baluata of Titpallah union under Jamalpur sadar thana recently.

The victims were identified as Shamsul Hoque, 55 and his wife Safura Begum, 42. They were struck by thunder bolt and died instantly.

Training course for election officials

JHENIDAH, May 31: A training programme for holding free, fair and peaceful ensuing Jatiya Sangsad election was held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room here on Saturday, reports UNB.

All district and thana level election conducting officials were also present. Divisional Commissioner, Khulna, K M Nazmul Alam, attended the programme as chief guest.

DIG (Police) Khulna Ashraf Huda was also present on the occasion with Deputy Commissioner of the district Mizanur Rahman in the chair.

LDF for reform in land management

MUNSHIGANJ, May 31: Left Democratic Front coordinator Khalequzzaman on Thursday said if elected his Front will bring about a total reform in land management for achieving food-autarky, reports UNB.

2,549 freed from curse of illiteracy

From Our Correspondent
MAGURA, May 31: A total of 2549 people in 21 villages of four thanas in the district were freed from the curse of illiteracy under the mass literacy programme of Swanirvar Bangladesh, a voluntary organisation.

According to the official sources of Swanirvar Bangladesh, they selected six villages in sadar thana, five in Sripur, Shalikh and Muhmmadpur thana each for implementing the said programme and set up 122 mass education centres in the said villages to conduct the programme.

It was learnt that 835 people in six villages including Bozruk Srekundu, Korchandanga, Malikgram, Chandpur, Raiganj, Aralia of sadar thana, 737 in five villages including Purbasrikol, Chanjoka, Kochua, Sonatunadi and Goolbaria of Sripur thana, 448 in five villages including Kerinagar, Ranjitpur, Balbhatradpur, Bangram and Poal of Muhmmadpur thana, 529 in five villages including Uzgram, Boroichara, Bhorotpur, Pukuria and Kholabaria of Shalikh thana have been freed from illiteracy under the said programme.

According to the official sources, they also have taken a literacy programme in 60 villages of four thanas this year by establishing 480 centres.

A total of 12,000 people have already been selected under the mass literacy programme, source said.

Erosion hits 500 families in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, May 31: At least 500 families of four thanas of the district were rendered homeless by the erosion of the river Jamuna, reports UNB.

The erosion intensified following heavy downpour that began on Wednesday midnight and continued till Thursday afternoon. Low-lying areas of 25 unions of the district have gone under water.

The erosion victim people of Sadar, Kazipur, Belkuchi and Chowdhali thanas have taken shelter at different flood control embankments and schools.

Official sources said six unions of Kazipur, two of Sadar, one of Belkuchi, five of Shahjapur, four of Ullapara and two of Royganj thanas have been affected.

Standing crops on 900 acres of land of the areas have also been damaged due to the heavy rainfall.

Workshop on Food for Edn in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, May 31: A day long workshop on Food for Education Programme was held recently at Saikupa thana Primary Teachers Association auditorium.

Gokul Krishna Ghosh, Assistant Commissioner, land chaired the workshop while Anis Ahmed, Project Director, Food for Education Programme attend as the chief guest.

Mujibur Rahman, Assistant District Education Officer Jhenidah, Rezaul Karim Khondakar, Thana Education Officer Saikupa spoke on the occasion. It was participated by 26 head teachers of different primary schools.

New 'Shishu Park' at Khalispur opens June 7

KHULNA, May 31: The newly built 'Shishu Park' (Children's Park) at Khalispur of the district will be inaugurated on June 7, reports UNB.

Official sources said Wonderland Ltd, a private organisation, has built the park with the assistance of Khulna City Corporation.

Tk 1.28 cr road development projects in Tangail

TANGAIL, May 31: Tangail district council is constructing 8 bridges, one box culvert and developing three roads at a cost of Tk 1.28 crore this year under annual development programme, reports BSS.

Official sources said under this programme the 8 bridges will be constructed at a cost of Tk. 50 lakh, one culvert at Tk. 2.70 lakh and develop three roads with the rest of the money.

Works would be completed within the year, the source added.

Daring theft

From Our Correspondent
MOULVIBAZAR, May 31: A daring theft was committed at a shop in the Moulvibazar district town located at only 50 feet away from Moulvibazar Sadar Police Station recently.

According to allegation, the thieves entered into 'Das Brothers' a shop of cycle-rickshaw parts on central road near Moulvibazar Sadar PS by breaking the door and lock of the shop and decamped with 3 China phenix bicycle, one country-made phoenix bicycle, 80 pieces of bearing and cash Taka 5600.

A case has been registered with the local police in this connection. No one has been arrested so far.



WOMEN AT WORK: Landless women in Tangail district are hired and are given contracts for execution of project works. This group of women are known as Landless Contracting Societies. In the picture a number of such women are seen doing earthwork in a village of Tangail district. Each group comprises about 30 to 35 women each of whom earn an estimated daily wages of Tk 80. There are more than 25 such groups who are working in various projects, being implemented in the district. — Star photo

Minor girl drowns

From Our Correspondent
SATHKHIRA, May 31: One Shamima Sultana Bedana, 4, daughter of Abdur Razzak of village Agardari under sadar thana, drowned in a pond near her house recently.

It is reported that the victim Bedana while playing by the side of the pond, all of a sudden fell into the pond and drowned.

One crushed under wheels

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, May 31: One person aged about 40 years was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding vehicle near Burujumdia in Kalliganj thana of the district on May 24 last.

According to police, the body of the victim was recovered and a case was lodged with Kalliganj thana in his connection.



BAU (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Shah Muhammad Faruk giving away prizes to Prof Raihana Faruk, president, BAU Mahila Sangha at the annual dinner and prize distribution ceremony of indoor games competition held at a local community centre. — BAU photo

2 bodies recovered in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, May 31: Police recovered the bodies of two youngmen from Bogra-Nagarbari highway in Ullapara and Raiganj thanas of the district on Thursday, reports UNB.

One of the bodies identified as Anwar Hossain, 30, was recovered from near Boalia bridge in Ullapara thana at about 12 noon.

Another unidentified body was recovered from near Dadour bridge in Raiganj thana in the afternoon.

The bodies were sent to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy. Separate cases were filed.

One gets life term for killing wife

JHENIDAH, May 28: A man was sentenced to life term imprisonment with a fine of Tk 5000, in default, to suffer six months more for murdering his wife court sources said today, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution story, on July 28, 1994 night Tyeib Ali at his village Magarkhal in Sadar thana beat his wife Futi Begum to death and tried to establish it a suicidal case.

District and Sessions Judge TIM Nurunnabi delivered the judgement on May 20 after examining 14 witnesses and records.

9 candidates sued in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, May 31: Nine candidates of three constituencies in the district were today sued for violating the rule for disclosure of the sources of election funds, reports UNB.

Officials said the Returning Officer and local DC, Sikandar Ali Mondal, filed the cases against the candidates as they failed to submit their income sources reports within seven days of the last date for withdrawal of candidature.

The cases were filed under Section 74/2 of the Representation of the People Order 1972.

The candidates are Prof Shahidullah Pradan (Independent), M Nuruzzaman (Jaker Party), Moshleuddin Murad (NDP) and M Motahar Hossain (Awami League) of Lalmonirhat-1, Nuruzzaman, Ahmed (Awami League) M Abdul Mannan Sarkar (BNP) and Rezaul Karim Manik (Jaker Party) of Lalmonirhat-2, and Dr Ansar Ali (Jaker Party) and Asadul Haque Dulu (BNP) of Lalmonirhat-3 constituencies.

BNP, JP activists clash in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, May 31: At least 18 persons were injured in a clash between BNP and JP activists at Mehendiganj of the district.

Witnesses said, the Jatiya Party supporters brought out a procession to mark the opening of an election campaign office. The BNP supporters also brought out a procession at the same time and when the two sides met face to face then a clash erupted.

Maid servant killed in Habiganj

HABIGANJ, May 31: A maid servant was killed and a policeman injured allegedly by another cop at Harashpur police outpost in Madhabpur thana of the district Wednesday morning, reports UNB.

Police sources said two cops — Shyamal Barua and Abdus Salam — had a hot exchange over talking to Nihar Begum, 27, pointing guns to each other.

At one stage, Salam allegedly triggered his gun. Shyamal was injured and Nihar Begum died on the spot. Police arrested constable Salam in this connection.

A two-member enquiry committee was also formed to investigate the incident.

Hearing about the killing, angry people put barricade on Dhaka-Sylhet highway disrupting movement of vehicles for about three hours.

Lightning kills 4 in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, May 31: Four day labourers were killed and two others injured when struck by lightning at Saidong reserve forest in Chokoria thana. Sunday police said, reports UNB.

Abdul Kader, 55, Dano Mia, 45, Mohammad Harun, 30, and Abul Kalam, 40, all of Purbokarara village, died on the spot as the lightning struck at about 2 pm while they were working in the forest.

Critically injured Golam Kader, also a labourer, was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

132 projects completed in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, May 31: The works of various development projects, involving about Tk 3.28 crore, in Raiganj thana of the district are nearing completion, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, 132 projects have been completed at a cost of Tk 93.22 lakh under Annual Development Programme (ADP).

Officials said Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) started construction works of 22 primary schools in the thana at a cost of Tk 1.3 crore in July, 1995. The works are expected to be completed by June this year.

On completion of the schools, some 20,000 students of the area will be provided with educational facilities.

They said construction and reconstruction works of 19 bridges, some culverts and roads, undertaken by Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), costing Tk 98.36 lakh, are also expected to be completed by the month of June.

27 accused with arms, ammunition held in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, May 31: Police arrested 27 accused and recovered arms and ammunition from their possessions on May 27 last.

According to police sources, among the arrested one was allegedly involved in arms case. Police also recovered five pipeguns, one gun and four rounds of bullets.

In Natore Three old faces to contest coming polls

From Our Correspondent
NATORE, May 31: Only three among 15 old faces who lost their security money in 1991 election, are again contesting in the coming parliamentary election.

Sirajul Islam Choton a Jaker Party candidate in 1991 election from Natore-2 seat had lost his security money securing only 782 votes while the total votes cast in the centre was 1,34,735.

He is again contesting from the same seat. In this seat, nominees of AL, BNP, JP and Jamaat are all very strong contestants.

Jamir Uddin Molla a NAP (Bhasani) nominee is contesting this year from Natore-3 constituency. In 1991 election, Jamir also a candidate of the same political party from same seat bagged only 196 votes against a total of 05,942 votes cast in the centre.

Jaker Party nominee, Saifuddinul Sabu is contesting from Natore 4 constituency for the second time. In 1991 election, Sabu lost his security money securing only 876 voter while the total votes cast was 1,53,351. He was then also a Jaker Party nominee.

Firearms, bottles of Phensidyl recovered

KHULNA, May 31: Police recovered illegal firearms, 250 bottles of phensidyl and arrested four convicted people from different parts of the district from May 27 to 29, reports UNB.

Recovered arms included three pipe guns with three rounds bullets, 144 chocolate bombs from Khalispur and Doulatpur thana during arms recovery drive by the local police.

Arms recovery in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, May 31: Police recovered 24 illegal firearms and arrested 172 wanted criminals during the last two days, reports UNB.

The recovered arms include pipe gun, sawed-off gun, single barrel gun and LC, police sources said here on Thursday.



SYLHET: Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet Md Habibur Rahman speaking at the prize distribution ceremony of the annual sports competition of Sylhet Law College held on May 25. — Star photo