

### All-party meet in Netrakona reviews law & order

NETRAKONA, June 19: An all-party meeting organised by district administration was held here Tuesday to review overall law and order situation of the district in the post-election period, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner Netrakona Shah Mahmood Mousuril Haque presided over the meeting. It was attended by newly-elected Parliament Members from the district, district level officers, thana nirbahi officers and officer-in-charge from the ten thanas, local elite and representatives of different professional groups including teachers, lawyers and journalists.

An hour-long discussion on crime and terrorism control method was held. The discussion was participated by others by Fazlur Rahman Khan MP-elect from Netrakona-2 constituency, Jalaluddin Talukder MP-elect from Netrakona-1 constituency, acting president of BNP Netrakona district unit Advocate Siddiqui Rahman, joint secretary of Awami League Netrakona district unit, Advocate Zinnatul Islam and vice president of Jatiya Party, Netrakona district unit, advocate Liaquat Ali Khan.

### 21 candidates lose security money in Manikganj

From Our Correspondent

MANIKGANJ, June 19: As many as 21 candidates out of 33 in four constituencies of Manikganj district lost their security deposits as they failed to secure one-eighth of votes cast in June 12 election.

Out of the 21 candidates who lost their security deposits, four are of Jamaat-Islami, four of Zaker Party, three of Islami Oikya Jote, two of JSD, Gono Forum, CPB and Janata Party each and one of Khelafat Andolon.

### Harassment of BNP leaders protested

NATORE, June 19: District BNP unit at a meeting in front of Nature Press Club on Sunday protested unnecessary police harassment and tortures of its leaders and workers on the general election day, reports UNB.

Among others newly MP-elect Advocate Ruhul Kuddus Talukder, organising secretary of district Abdul Mannaf, senior vice president Shakhawat Hossain addressed the meeting.

Presided over by district unit President, M Sirajul Islam, the speakers alleged that police and local administration failed to take any action against the AL activists who allegedly assaulted BNP leaders and workers and occupied polling booths forcibly during the election.

The speakers further alleged that about 200 leaders and workers of BNP are now in police custody despite any specific cases against them. They also demanded their immediate release.

The BNP leaders expressed their firm determination to build a terrorism and corruption free administration at all cost and called upon the people to maintain peace in the district.

In all the four constituencies of Nature, BNP bagged 3 seats and AL one seat.

### Workshop on support for fisheries training research held

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), June 19: A one day workshop on the Support for Fisheries Training and Research at the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was held under the auspices of BAU Faculty of Fisheries, says a press release.

BAU Vice-Chancellor professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk was the chief guest while Dean of the Fisheries Faculty Professor Dr Kirtunia Juran Chandra presided.

The workshop was jointly sponsored by Government of Bangladesh and Overseas Development Agency (ODA), David Clark, First Secretary, British High Commission, Dr Saimon K, Deputy Director, British Council, ODA Fisheries Advisor Nafi Mackferon, Saimon Bland and Assistant Director of Institute of Aquaculture of Stirling University, James Muir were present at the workshop.

Besides, summary of final project activities infrastructure development, teaching and research, curricula and syllabus development, research outputs, nutrition, disease, a lively discussion was held on effective support to fisheries training and research.

The participants were Dr Aig G Tollervey, Professor Dr Md Anwarul Islam, Professor Mr M Mohtsin Ali, Dr M Arshad Hossain, Professor Dr M B R Chowdhury, Professor Dr M A Wahab and Professor Dr K J Chandra.

Vice-Chancellor in his speech lauded the role of the teachers of Fisheries Faculty for their contribution in the advancement of scientific knowledge.

## Flood-hit people still not rehabilitated in N-districts

NATORE, June 19: About 30 lakh people of 16 northern districts hit by flood in 1995 are still living in subhuman condition under the open sky as the marginal allocation had not reached many of the affected people, reports UNB.

Official sources said over 24 lakh flood ravaged houses in the area are lying unrepaired. Tk 119 crore was sanctioned for post-flood rehabilitation as against the required amount of Tk 850 crore.

During the floods, about 111 thanas of 14 northern districts, including Natore, Naogaon, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra, Joypurhat, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, Panchagarh and Nilphamari were the worst hit.

But during the preparation of priority list, erosion and flood affected Kurigram, Lalmonirhat and Pabna districts were committed from the list due to unknown reasons, it was alleged.

The concerned authorities prepared priority list of 79,11,625 people of 16,93,836 families in 97 thanas under the 14 districts for house building grant, cash relief and post-flood agricultural rehabilitation programmes.

As per prior decision, Tk 1,000 was sanctioned for each totally damaged and Tk 500 for partially damaged houses. The amount came to no use of the affected people as the amount was too small for repairing of the houses.

Moreover, the affected people did not get the amount due to malpractices by concerned officials, it was also alleged.

The district Relief and Disaster Management sources said that at least Tk 5,000 is needed to reconstruct a totally damaged house and about 80 lakh people of 17 lakh families required Tk 850 crore as house-building grant.

About 30 lakh people out of the total 80 lakh are still living on embankments and other public places under open sky or makeshifts.

The homeless people have appealed to the government and donor agencies to sanction minimum required house building grants for their early rehabilitation.

## 60 pc target of jute cultivation achieved in 10 S-dists

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 19: The target of jute cultivation could not be achieved in 10 south-western districts in the current season. The districts are Magura, Jhenidah, Narail, Jessore, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Kushtia, Meherpur and Chuadanga.

According to the sources of Agriculture Extension Department (AED), they had taken up a target for cultivating jute in about one lakh 34 thousand 45 hectares of land in the 10 districts but about 80, 253 hectares of land were brought under jute cultivation.

Sources said the target of jute cultivation in Magura district was 18,310 hectares but 10,275 hectares were cultivated. In Jhenidah district target of jute cultivation was 17,350 hectares but 10,602 hectares of land were possible to use for the purpose. Twenty-six thousand 330 hectares was the target of jute cultivation in Jessore district.

They cultivated 12,847 hectares. In Narail district the target of jute cultivation was 15,850 hectares. But 5,115 hectares of land had been cultivated. Eighteen thousand 310 hectares of land was targeted for jute cultivation in Kushtia district. But 11,754 hectares of land were brought under jute cultivation in this district. In Chuadanga district 13,030 hectares of land was targeted for jute cultivation. Eleven thousand 935 hectares of land were brought under jute cultivation here. Eleven thousand 515 hectares was the target of jute cultivation in Meherpur district. They were able to fulfill their target. In this district 11,951 hectares of land were brought under jute cultivation. In Satkhira district the target of jute cultivation was 10,150 hectares of land. But 5,005 hectares of land were cultivated.

Nine hundred hectares of land was the target in jute cul-

tivation in Bagerhat district this year. But only 53 hectares of land were cultivated. In Khulna district 2,300 hectares of land was targeted in jute cultivation. But only 221 hectares of land were cultivated in this district.

The 60 per cent of the target of jute cultivation in said 10 south western districts was achieved.

Talking to some established farmers in Magura district it was learnt that they are not interested to cultivate jute due to various causes. They face problems to decompose their jute due to water crisis. They have to spend more money for jute cultivation. On the other hand, the farmers are interested to cultivate paddy as they get reasonable price by selling paddy than jute. Usually the price of jute in the market is less during the harvesting period. For this reason they do not get fair price of their-cultivated jute.



TANGAIL: A weaver in the district, well known for its excellent sarees, is seen busy on his loom. High price of inputs, however, discourage many to take up the business despite its bright future.

## BSCIC in Chandpur yet to take shape

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, June 19: The industrial estate set up by the BSCIC at the district headquarters of Chandpur is yet to take shape due to manifold problems.

Administrative bottleneck, apathy on the part of investors and industrialists are among many problems hindering expansion of the industrial estate.

The industrial estate was set up in 1987 at a cost of Tk one crore. It is alleged that unnecessary delay in observing the formalities and sanctioning of the loans by banks and negligence on the part of the BSCIC officials has aggravated the situation.

The government acquired about 10 acres of land near Bobarhat five kilometres from Chandpur town for establishing an Industrial Estate of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) in 1987.

About 50 lakh taka were spent in phases for earth work in the project area. The BSCIC authorities later built an office building spending Tk about twelve lakh. A bridge was also constructed to connect the office from Comilla road for smooth communication.

Electricity and gas connection are yet to be given. There is no boundary wall in the Industrial Estate. Hundreds of cattle and other animals are seen grazing in the open field.

According to BSCIC, Chandpur office sources that

there are as many as 64 plots in the Industrial Estate. These plots are arranged in four grades. The grades are A, B, C, D. Besides there are some special grades of plots in the estate. These plots are kept for establishing larger industries.

Some industrialists complained that the price of the land in the Industrial Estate is very high in comparison to other lands. So industrialists are less interested to set up industries in BSCIC plots.

About 19 industrialists have shown interest in setting up small and cottage industries and they have been allotted the plots. Only two or three industrialists have started construction work in the estate. Due to administrative bottle neck and lack of bank loans the industrialists are yet to set up industries, it was learnt.

### Plantation programme opens in Tangail

TANGAIL, June 19: Forest Department raised 2.5 lakh seedlings of different plants from eight thana level and four forest department extension nurseries this year, reports BSS.

The seedlings included those belonging to fruit, timber, and fuel yielding, and ornamental groups, the department sources said recently. There would be a roadside plantation on ten km of feeder road. Twenty thousand seedlings would be planted in educational institution premises and another twenty thousand seedlings in tornado-hit areas. Five thousand seedlings of different plants will be distributed free of cost among the tornado-affected people of the district.

The rest would be sold at a nominal price. The annual plantation programme of the department was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Tangail, Tuesday at local Shahid Smrity Paura Uddyan.

Among others, the divisional forest officer, Tangail spoke on the occasion.

### Programme taken to raise fish production in Khulna

KHULNA, June 19: A programme for releasing fish fry in water bodies of the district began Tuesday under the auspices of the Fisheries Department, reports UNB.

Under the programme, some 15 tons of fish fry will be released in 21 water bodies throughout the district with a production target of 300 tons of fishes.

Divisional Commissioner K M Nazmul Alam Siddiqui formally inaugurated the programme by releasing some fish fry in the Gollamari river. The inaugural function was presided over by district fisheries officer Ashraf Hossain.

### Traffic jam causing suffering to town dwellers in Barguna

BARGUNA, June 19: Traffic jam has become a regular feature in the district headquarters causing immense suffering to the town dwellers, reports UNB.

Most of the roads in the town and adjacent areas are narrow and in dilapidated condition. Moreover, fish and vegetable vendors occupy whatever space is left for vehicular movement.

In the recent years, population of the town has increased manifold and as a result the number of buyers and sellers have also gone up in the local markets causing road congestions.

Besides, hundreds of people from the rural areas who regularly gather to the local markets have been facing manifold problems due to shortage of space and necessary amenities.

Local leaders urged authorities concerned to take necessary steps to expand and renovate the markets to ease the traffic congestion and smooth functioning of the markets.

### Dacoity at jewellery shops in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, June 19: Three dacoities were committed in three jewellery shops at Sakhipur bazar under Debhata of the district on June 17.

According to Debhata thana police, a group of armed dacoits numbering about 15 came here at Sakhipur bazar by two microbuses at dead of night.

The dacoits, at first caught two night guards of the bazar and tied them with ropes with two separate electric poles. They broke into the three jewellery shops — Roy Jewellers, Sonali Jewellers, and Ruby Jewellers. They looted gold and cash money amounting to Taka about two lakhs and fled the scene.

A case was lodged with Debhata police station.

### Woman killed, two others injured in road accident

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, June 19: A newly married woman was killed and two others were injured in a road accident at Kaliganj bus stand here on June 10.

The woman identified as Selina Parvin, 18, got married only two months ago. She with her relative Jahangir were going to her husband's house at Noabaki of Shyamnagar thana by a rickshaw van from her father's house. The accident occurred when a speeding truck hit the tri-wheeler near Kaliganj bus stand.

Seriously injured Selina, Jahangir and rickshapuller Hasem Ali were rushed to the Satkhira hospital. Selina died on the way to hospital. The condition of the two is serious, the doctors said.

### Tk 40 lakh for two bridges in Patuakhali

PATUAHALI, June 19: Local Government and Engineering Department has taken up a programme to construct two iron-bridges over Dibuachora and Bererdhan canals in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said, Tk 40.05 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of the bridges — Tk 4.50 lakh for Dibuachora and Tk 35.55 lakh for Bererdhan bridges.

The construction work of the bridges will start soon.

## 18 dacoits arrested in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, June 19: some 18 dacoits were arrested and some lethal weapons recovered by Sadarpur police recently.

The dacoits were travelling in a trawler in the guise of passengers from Vagrakul under Sreenagar thana in Munshigonj district on June 5.

When the trawler, Talukder Paribahan, reached Shalepur under Chor Bhadrans thana, the dacoits took control of the trawler and looted about Taka one lakh from the passengers.

Immediately after this incident, the dacoits drove the trawler fast to catch another trawler, Monira, coming from Bilaashpur under Dohar thana in Dhaka district towards C and B ghat with 40 cattle traders on board. They intercepted the trawler and looted cash Taka 4 lakh from the cattle traders.

The dacoits sped away with the trawler of Talukder Paribahan after throwing its driver into the river. But the trawler went out of order when it reached Munshir char under Sadarpur Thana and it couldn't move. The other trawler was pursuing the dacoits. As the passengers raised a hue and cry, the local people gathered there and gheraoed the dacoits. On getting information, Sadarpur police rushed there and arrested the dacoits. The arrested are Sarder Abdul Mannan, 26, Abdul Huq, 24, Shahjahan, 21, Jamir, 21, Chinnu, 25, Eman Sharif, 20, Kalam, 25, Alauddin, 24, Selim, 19, Naimul Islam, 25, Mokles, 27, Manik, 32, Ansar Ali, 24, Shukur, 21, Ashraf Ali, 26, Altaf Hossain, 28, Abdur Rahim, 26, and Liton, 22, police said.

### Old man killed during robbery

COXS BAZAR, June 19: An old man was killed by armed dacoits at Jomindarpara village in Chokoria thana on Monday night, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of about 16 dacoits stormed into the house of Mohammad Zakaria 65 and gunned him down as he tried to resist them.

The dacoits also looted valuables worth about one lakh from the house.

The body was sent to sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with Chokoria police.

### Boat capsizes One drowns

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, June 19: A housewife drowned in a boat capsized on the election day while she was on her way to the polling centre.

The victim, wife of one Ibrahim Miah of village Nagergon under Derai thana of Sunamganj met the tragic accident as the boat capsized while she was on way to the Suljanagar polling centre. Her body was recovered on the next day.

## Satkhira Deposit money of 21 candidates forfeited

From Abu Ahmed

SATKHIRA, June 19: Deposit money of 21 candidates who contested from five constituencies in Satkhira district in the June 12 parliamentary elections have been forfeited as they failed to get one eight of the total votes cast.

A total of 40 candidates contested from five constituencies of Satkhira district. The total amount out of the forfeiture of deposited money of the candidates amounts to Taka one lakh five thousand.

In Satkhira 1 (Tala-Kalara) constituency, the candidates who lost their deposit money are: Asadul Haque of Islamic Oikya Jote (1367 votes), S M Jalal of freedom party (76), Abdus Salam of JSD Rab (670) and Abul Kalam Azad of JSD Inu (382).

In Satkhira-2 (sadar) constituency the candidates who lost their deposit money are: Nazrul Islam of Islami Oikya Jote (63 votes), Advocate Saddarulla of Freedom Party (52), Kazi Sirajul Haque of Zaker Party (368) and Kazi Saidur Rahman of NAP (M) (282).

In Satkhira-3 (Assassuni) constituency the candidates who lost their deposit money are Prof Ali Ahmed of BNP (6459 votes), Abdul Hadi of Islami Oikya Jote (240), Mattar Rahman of Freedom Party (45), Shahadatur Rahman of Islami Shashantantra Andolon (391) and SM Saidar Rahman of JSD Rab (140).

In Satkhira-4 (Kaligonj-Debhata) constituency the candidates who lost their deposit money are Mahiuddin Ahmed of Islami Oikya Jote (524 votes), Sk. Abdur Rouf of Zaker Party (127), Kazi Sufulah Farooque of JSD Rab (148) and Shashanka Shekhar Sarkar of Left Front (144).

In Satkhira-5 (Shymnagar constituency) the candidates who lost their deposit money are Rezwani Karim of Islami Oikya Jote (3410), Mobarak Ali of JSD Rab (269), Ashoke Shankar Mondal of GanoForum (84) and Abdull Jabbar of Independent (140).

## Sonali Bank to give Tk 8 cr for dev of agriculture in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, June 19: The Sonali Bank has undertaken an extensive programme to distribute Taka 8 crore 28 lakh as agricultural loan in seven thanas of the district during the current financial year (95-96), according to official sources.

The bank will disburse Taka 2 crore 50 lakh for crop cultivation, Taka 4 crore 50 lakh for fish cultivation, Taka 1 crore for buying agricultural inputs and Taka 28 lakh for self reliant programme, the bank sources added.

## 36 firearms seized

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, June 19: The police recovered 36 firearms and 15 ammunition from different thanas of the district during the period of June 7 to June 11 last.

According to police sources, during the period, Kalara thana police recovered 14 firearms, sadar thana police recovered 5 firearms, Assassuni thana police recovered 5 firearms, Tala and Shymnagar thana police recovered 4 firearms each, and Debhata and Kaliganj thana police recovered 2 firearms each.

Police also recovered 191 firearms and 273 ammunition and arrested 11 people during the period of April 1 to June 6 last.

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Office of the Executive Engineer  
Comilla Public Works Division, Comilla

## Tender Invitation Notice

No. E/M-30/1995-96

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- A) Name of work : Repair & reconstruction of Comilla Judge's Court. Sub-head: Repair, replacement & renovation of electrical installations. Financial year - 1995-96.
  - B) Estimated cost : Tk 3,22,890/-
  - C) Earnest money : Tk 6,460/-
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2. Last date of selling : 25-6-96  
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1.	Supply, installation & starting of machineries for 150 KVA Electrical sub-station for the newly under-construction District Jail of Gazipur District and internal electrification of sub-station building.	Tk 16,54,529/-	Tk 33,100/-	5 (five) months

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