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20 injured in Rajshahi clash

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, June 22 : At least 20 persons were injured, seven of them seriously, in a clash between the students of Rajshahi Medical College and people of nearby Bilsimla village on Friday at about 10 am. All the injured persons had been admitted to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The clash occurred following a scuffle at a restaurant in Bilsimla when some students of Shaheed Pukur hostel went there for tea and the owner of the restaurant demanded dues from a student.

The students ran away when a group of villagers attacked them with lethal weapons.

The clash erupted when the villagers attacked the hotel. During the hour-long clash, several bombs were exploded. Later, police brought the situation under control.

Two cases have been lodged. However, nobody was arrested.

Khagrachhari dist budget

KHAGRACHARI, June 22 : A Tk 6.5-crore budget for Khagrachhari Hill District Local Government Council was announced Friday for the 1996-97 fiscal year, reports UNB.

Council member Arun Chandra Shingh announced the budget of Tk 6,50,98,000 at a session held at the council's conference room this morning.

Presided over by Council Chairman Shamiron Dewan, the budget session was attended, among others, by the chief executive officer, departmental heads and members of the Council.

Launch passengers robbed in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, June 22 : Passengers of two launches were robbed on the Maheshkhali Canal here on Wednesday afternoon.

A gang of armed dacoits riding on two speedboats intercepted and boarded two launches on the canal and looted the valuables of the passengers at gunpoint. They also beat up 10 passengers and snatched about Tk 2 lakh and 120 wrist watches from the passengers. They decamped with the booties by the speedboats.

The launches, ML Samata and ML Kulsum, were on their way to Cox's Bazar from Maheshkhali.

Meanwhile, police recovered the speedboats from Mudir Chara and arrested the pilots. They told the police that three persons had earlier hired the boats from them at Maheshkhali, at around 4:30 pm, and eight to nine more persons had boarded from Mudir Chara. The arrested are identified as Rafiq Ahmed and Giasuddin.

Young housewife commits suicide

SAVAR, June 22 : A young housewife of Kharagona in the thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Wednesday, says UNB.

Villagers said Sufia Akher (28), second wife of Jon Mollah was beaten by her step-son on the day following a quarrel.

Sufia informed the matter to her husband who took no action against his son Asu Mia (15). At this Sufia became angry and allegedly took poison.

Jon Mollah married her a year before without taking permission of his first wife, said the villagers.

Wild life threatened in CHT

From CHT Correspondent RANGAMATI, June 22 : Wild life in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region have been threatened by massive deforestation and other factors. Experts said eighteen species have already vanished from the country and 50 others are on the verge of extinction.

They said illegal hunting, cruelty, rapid increase in human settlements, industrialisation, extension of arable lands, besides deforestation, have led to this situation.

M Anwar Faroque, the Conservator of Forest of Rangamati Forest Circle, said the eighteen species which are lost include Nil Gai, wild buffalo, wild cows, Bora Shinga Harin, and three types of Gander of mammals group.

The species started disappearing mainly after the liberation of the country and went totally out of sight in the last eight years, he said. The

Added to this is the contin-

uous deforestation by illegal felling of trees and burning of jungles for shifting cultivation which are forcing the wild elephants, deer, boar, bear, monkey, wild fowl, tiger and the other rare species of animals to look for sanctuaries in the dense forest of neighbouring country.

A section of tribal hunters have become very much active in hunting in the hamlets animals adjacent to the headquarter of the three hill districts, local people said.

They are hunting deer and fowl which fetch good earning and easy market.

Local leaders said groups of law violator were seen poaching birds and animals with nets, bows and arrows as well as firearms frequently. Some of them even mix poison with food to catch the animals, they said.

Animal lovers and local leaders said that no step has yet been taken to stop the poaching of animals.

Tree plantation programme in Khulna

KHULNA, June 22 : As part of a countrywide drive, Forest Department has taken up a massive programme for tree plantation in the metropolitan city, reports UNB.

Under the programme, saplings will be planted by the road sides of seven km road of metropolitan area and on eight hectares of land of six organisations.

The organisations are Khalishpur Television Centre, BIL Shipyard, Armed Police Battalion Office, Police Training School and TCB godown area.

In 1993, the Forest Department had taken similar programmes in four cities — Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi.

Under that programme, trees were planted by the side of 16 km roads and on 10 hectares of land of different organisations.

Besides, the department has taken up measures to sell 2,30,000 saplings from different nurseries.

Sanctuary for animals in Sunamganj

SUNAMGANJ, June 22 : Forest Department has taken up a massive programme for sanctuary on 3000 acres of land in two thanas of the district, reports UNB.

The hard grass lands of Chatak and Doarabazar thanas will be used for sanctuary for deer, rare animals, guest birds and different species of "gulasp" to maintain ecological balance.

An agreement was signed in this regard between Zoo Department of Dhaka University and forest department last year. Earlier, officials of Zoo Department conducted survey in the area.

A water reservoir will also be created with an expenditure of Tk 40 lakh for the guest birds and large ponds will be brought under pisciculture to boost fish output.

Dacoity in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, June 22 : A dacoit was committed at the house of Sukumar Das of village Dwandia under Tala thana on June 16 last.

According to Tala thana police, on the day of occurrence, at dead of night a group of armed dacoits numbering 15 to 18 attacked the house of Sukumar Das and while trying to enter into the house by breaking the windows the inmates of the house resisted the dacoits by pelting stones.

At this stage, the dacoits hurled two bombs on the inmates of the house. As a result one Kartik Chandra Das and his four year old son Khokhon sustained injuries.

Later, the dacoits entered into the house and looted away cash and ornaments amounting to about Tk 50,000.

A case was lodged with Tala thana.

One killed in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, June 22 : Suman Sarker, 20, of Kalagachi under Tala thana of the district was killed by the miscreants on Saturday, reports UNB.

Police said, some miscreants called Suman out from his house and took him to the nearby Dumuria Beel and slaughtered him. Police suspected that previous enmity might be the reason behind the murder.

His body was sent to Satkhira Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with the police.

5 highway dacoits arrested in B'baria

BRAHMANBARIA, June 22 : Police in separate drives rounded up five miscreants of a gang involved in inter-district highway dacoity and three women smugglers with phenidyl in the district on Friday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police rushed to the Ahraud area at night and nabbed Shahjalal, Dudu, Zakir, Sadek and Alam.

They were trying to commit dacoity on buses and trucks by creating road blockade.

The same gang of miscreants snatched Tk 17,000 from Syed Nazrul Islam, an official of the city corporation.

A case was lodged with Tala thana.

Construction work for goat-farming in Jhenidah nearing completion

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
Bandarban Hill District

Memo No : EE/LGED/B'ban/96/644

Dated : 10-06-96

Tender Notice
Notice No 11/95/6

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are invited from local Government Engineering Directorate enlisted financially capable valid contractor/contractor firm for the under-mentioned work under the project "Construction of Physical Infrastructure for Socio-economic Development of Cluster Village Inhabitants" undertaken during 1995-96 financial year in Bandarban Hill District under Local Government Engineering Directorate. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at (1) the office of Executive Engineer, LGED, Rangamati/Khagrachari Hill District (2) the office of the undersigned, (3) the office of the Larma Thana Engineer up to 1:00 PM of 30-6-96 and opened on the next day 01-07-96 at 1:30 hours at the office of the undersigned before the tenders (if any) present. All documents regarding the tender can be seen & purchased on cash payment of prescribed price (non-refundable) from the above offices up to 29-06-96 during office hours. Earnest money at the rate 2 1/2% of estimated cost in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any approved or scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Bandarban Hill District should be deposited with the tender. Overall rate in percentage above or below together on all items of tender should be submitted. Rate submitted should be quoted in words & figures. Tender quoting rate more than 5(five) per cent below shall be cancelled outright. In case of submitting rate more than 5(five) per cent above, itemwise rate analysis should be submitted.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Description of work

Serial No	Name of Thana	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money at the rate 2 1/2%	Price of schedule	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractor
1	Lama	Construction of reinforced earth retaining wall on Islamic Mission Road in Lama thana.	Tk 4,84,000/-	Tk 12,120/-	Tk 300/-	45 days	All class of LGED

Md. Nazrul Hasan
Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
Bandarban Hill District

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Valuables worth Tk 35,000 looted

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 22 : Dacoits looted valuables worth about Taka 35,000 from a house at village Fuldi in Katiadi thana on the night of June 15 last, witnesses said.

According to the police source, the dacoits numbering about 20 equipped with firearms forced their way into the house of Abdul Rahim at dead of night. They first tied the male inmates of the house. The dacoits decamped with a cash amount of Taka 15,000 besides a TV, gold ornaments, clothes and other household articles.

A case has been registered with Katiadi police station in this connection. Neither noise was arrested nor any booty was recovered till writing of this report, police said.

Seminar on 'problems of admn'

SAVAR, June 22 : A seminar paper on "problems of administration in maintaining law and order (Bangladesh perspective)" was presented at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre on Monday, reports UNB.

The paper presented by Deputy Secretary LGRD Hatem Ali Khan highlighted the problems of administration to maintain law and order and recommended various suggestions to curb the problems. It laid emphasis on updating the existing laws and their implementation for the welfare of the people.

Chaired by secretary Jamuna Bridge Project Muyeed Chowdhury, centre's Member Directing Staff Mahbub Talukdar was present.



The turnout of female voters was quite high during the repolling on June 19. This photograph was taken from a centre in Comilla.

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Power disruption hits industries in Khulna

KHULNA, June 22 : About a hundred industries in Khulna division have been facing problem due to frequent load-shedding, reports UNB.

Local sources said disruption of power is a common feature in the areas which may cause closure of these industries leaving a large number of labourers and employees out of job.

The industries, particularly rice mills, jute mills, shrimp processing factories are now on the verge of closure for the problem.

Local people said they have been facing load-shedding for four to five hours daily and production is being hampered greatly.

Official sources attributed the frequent power failure to less supply against the demand. At present, 100 to 125 mw electricity are being distributed out of the demand of 300 mw.

The sources also said the six unit Khulna Gopalpara power Generation Centre are

Foundation stone of college building laid

COMILLA, June 22 : Adviser for Education, Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Prof M Shamsul Huq Friday laid the foundation stone of Alhaj Nur Miah College at Kankapatha at Chaudhogram thana, reports UNB.

Addressing a function on the occasion the Adviser said the literacy rate of the country is not satisfactory in comparison to population growth.

He said establishment of such type of educational institution in rural areas would greatly help to increase the literacy rate in the country.

The college was being established on three acres of land and the construction work of the administration building of the college has already been started at a cost of Tk 30 lakh.

The function was addressed, among others, by college founder M Mustafa Kamal, industrialist and journalist Muhammad Zakaria and Comilla Education Board Chairman M Anwarul Azim Siddique.

Later, Prof Huq visited Comilla University area which is being established on six and a half acres of land, adjacent to Comilla township.

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসির পক্ষ প্রিয়বন্দনে জাতীয় অঞ্চলিক অঞ্চিক

Sealed tenders in two envelope system on C&F (C), Chittagong basis are invited by the Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur vide tender No. JFCL/FP/MTS/MM/2.230/120 dt. 5.6.96 and JFCL/FP/MTSMM & INST /2.236/122 dated 5.6.96 for supply of Air Suction Filter for process air compressor & different types of Asbestos sheet & Gland Packing respectively. Tender will be received upto 11.00 AM. on 24-7-96 and be opened immediately afterwards. Tender documents with detailed description can be collected subject to cash payment of Tk. 200/- (Tk. Two hundred) and Tk. 25/- (Tk. Twenty five) only (Non-refundable) per set respectively from (i) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong (iii) Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Jamalpur. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

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Short Tender Invitation Notice

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Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are invited subject to undermentioned terms & conditions, Part 'A' on percentage basis & Part 'B' on item rate basis, from Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class/1st & 2nd class E/M contractor firm; manufacturing firms of tender stated items or their local agents or manufacturers' approved local agents for the undermentioned work.

Last date of selling tender: During office hours, 2-7-96.
Date & time of opening tender: 3-7-96 at 12:30 PM.

Date & time of receiving tender: 3-7-96 up to 12:00 Noon.