

### Road mishap kills one in Dinajpur

DINAJPUR, June 23: A boy was killed and three others were injured in a road mishap near Nandarat village in Chiribandar thana on Dinajpur-Parbatipur highway Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said Zikrul Haque, 10, died on the spot when he was run over by a motorbike driven by Chairman of Chandipur Union Parishad Afzar Ali who himself was injured in the accident.

Witnesses said Zikrul's two other playmates and an unidentified boy sustained injuries in the accident.

They were admitted to Dinajpur General Hospital and Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

### Two jailed for kidnapping one person

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 23: Md Shahidullah, Additional Session Judge, third court, Kishoreganj in a judgement delivered on June 16 convicted Suruj Ali and Mia Hossain on charge of kidnapping and attempt of murder. The court found them guilty under section 364 BFC and sentenced them to suffer five years RI with a fine of Taka, 1000 or in default to suffer RI for another six months.

The court also found both of them guilty under section 324 BPC and sentenced them to suffer RI for six months. Both the punishment will continue concurrently. Another accused Zilu Mia was acquitted of the charge.

According to the prosecution story on the night of July 14, 1993, Zillur Rahman of village Piroipur in Bajitpur thana was called out of the house and was kidnapped. He was taken to Joyngar village, one mile from his house where the accused injured him critically using sharp weapons. They then left leaving him in an unconscious state in a field.

A case was registered with the Bajitpur police who after investigation submitted charge-sheet against three persons.

### Licence not renewed Screening movies in 11 halls suspended

From Our Correspondent

GABANDHA, June 23: District administration suspended projection of movies in eleven cinema halls in the district as the owners allegedly failed to renew the projection licence.

According to an official source the suspended halls are located at Tulshighat, Palaahbari, Gobindaganj, Kamorpur, Mohinaganj, Sadullapur, Fulchhari, Shaghata and Sunderganj.

A reliable source said that the defaulter hall owners still continued screening of movies despite issuing suspension order from concerned authority. The source further added that some of the defaulter owners could not renew their cinema-graph licence for the last two to three years. Besides, VAT and capacity tax worth about 30 lakh taka still remain unpaid by the hall owners.

### Housewife killed in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 23: Josna Khatun, 20, a housewife of village Khojura in Jhenidah, sadar thana was allegedly killed by her husband on June 19 last, according to family sources.

Police suspects Sona Mia, husband of Josna, may have pushed clothing into the mouth of the victim and killed her. But the motive of the murder was not exactly known, police said.

A case was filed with Jhenidah thana in this connection and the body was sent to morgue. The accused husband fled just after the incident, police said.

### Jatra at Savar Further violence apprehended

SAVAR, June 23: People here are apprehending further untoward incident centering gambling and housing which is going on in the Jatra pandal, reports UNB.

People are in panic due to frequent clashes between the rival groups, killing, robbery and terrorist activities since the month-long beginning of Jatra at the Uttar Para poura area.

A group of influential people organised the Jatra and introduced gambling, housing and obscene dancing reportedly in cooperation with the local administration.

Meanwhile, one person has been killed centering the Jatra.

Local people urged the administration to stop the Jatra without further delay to restore peace and security in the area.

## Prices of construction materials up in Pabna

From Our Correspondent



PABNA: High prices of bamboos in a local market invite a few customers. — Star photo

PABNA, June 23: Prices of all varieties of construction materials have gone up abnormally during the summer season when people belonging to almost all strata need those materials either for repair or for construction and reconstruction of their houses. The poorer people became worst-affected due to such abnormal rise in the prices of the building and construction materials — specially in the char areas adjacent areas of river Padma and Jamuna around Pabna district where recurring flood during the last year heavily damaged thousands of houses. Excepting few, most of those houses still remained un-repaired.

The poorer people who live in katcha houses, need tin or straw, bamboo, rope etc for repair, reconstruction or construction of their houses. But tin or C.I sheets are quite beyond their reach as their prices went up abnormally. Straw, though used as a very common item, are also rare now-a-days and its extreme scarcity has been created due to non-production of the item. Since its supply is meagre, its prices have also gone up and have, the poor people cannot touch this item too.

Bamboo, another item of very common use traditionally in the country for the above purpose, is also selling at abnormally high prices. One piece of bamboo of big size, straight and sufficiently matured, is selling at Tk 125 to 130. These are considered to

be high quality bamboos but due to such its abnormally high price, poor people can hardly procure it. Other varieties of bamboos are also available in the market but none is selling the item below Tk 75 per piece. But cheaper the price, lower becomes the quality of bamboo and hence more risky for their use in repair, reconstruction or construction purposes.

Knowing all these facts, the low quality bamboos are being widely used although the houses constructed or repaired with such bamboos, would in no way last for more than a year — after which either those would be required to be replaced by new ones or the owner would have to cover the risk of the house being blown away with slight stormy wind. Production of bamboo has taken abnormally and hence its scarcity and high prices.

Prices of ropes are also high as both, jute and coconut bagasse are also in short supply. The prices of cement have gone up from Tk 185 to Tk 235 per bag. Quality sand, needed for the construction or repair of buildings are also not sufficiently available and hence, their prices have also recorded sharp rise all over the district.

Bricks have caused another problem in Pabna district. Quality bricks are not available in the district. Although brick-fields are found in innumerable

number in almost every thana, the owners are not interested in producing quality items. Still their prices are too high — Tk 2,500 per thousand, it is learnt.

Contractors and the common people are being compelled to purchase such lower quality of bricks for their construction purposes and hence, roads, buildings etc are found to face distinction much earlier than their normal lasting period. The government, semi-government and local government bodies are allegedly using such bricks in violation of their rules in collusion with the contractors — most of whom are owners of brick-fields too.

Wooden pillars for the construction of houses virtually became matters of the past due to their non-availability and abnormally high prices all over the district. Although felling of trees are very much rampant and have been going on quite unabated, those are being mostly used for cooking purposes and also for the construction of furniture. Price of iron rods are also beyond the reach of the common people.

Moreover, masonry and labourers able to construct houses are not quite plenty in number. Their remuneration has also gone up to Tk 100 to Tk 125 a day.

All these factors combined, construction, reconstruction or repair of houses became extremely difficult and almost impossible for the poor people.



SHIBGANJ, (Chapai-Nawabganj): From top, Alleged smugglers wait at a place half a kilometer from border with plastic containers for boats with Kerosine and diesel to arrive. Bags of mangoes smuggled from India arrive by boats at Hasanpur char. Smuggled goods being carried to a local market. — Star photo

## Metropolitan

### Different bodies hail Hasina, new govt

Different organisations and individuals yesterday felicitated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of the office of the head of the government and for constituting a government on the basis of national consensus, report agencies.

#### BFTA

Leaders of Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) including the association's chairman Sheikh Amanullah and secretary general Kazi Farooque in a joint statement hoped that Bangladesh would be able to attain prosperity in all fields of national life including education through the proper functioning of the government of national consensus.

The leaders pledged to extend all out cooperation to the new government. The others signatories to the statement included Bangladesh College Teachers' Federation president Principal AKM Zahirul Islam and Bangladesh Government College Teachers' Parishad president Prof Ali Akbar Khan.

#### FBUTA, DUTA

The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) and the Dhaka University Teachers' Association have congratulated Sheikh Hasina, the newly elected Prime Minister of the country, said a press release yesterday.

Both the associations have also greeted the caretaker government and the people of the country to help conduct a peaceful election on June 12.

The associations hoped that the new government will institutionalise democracy and eradicate terrorism from this land.

#### Jhalakathi Jela Samiti, Dhaka

Syed Md Anwar Hossain and Md Matjur Rahman Talukdar, president and general secretary respectively of the Jhalakathi Jela Samiti, Dhaka, in a statement yesterday felicitated Sheikh Hasina on her appointment as the new Prime Minister of the country.

#### BJA

Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) felicitated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressing the hope that under her dynamic leadership jute would regain its glory in the world market.

The association assured its whole hearted co-operation to the new government in maintaining the interest of jute sector.

#### Shippers' Council

The leaders and members of Shippers' Council of Bangladesh congratulated Sheikh Hasina and the members of her cabinet.

The Council fervently hoped that the government under the dynamic and wise leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina would lead the country toward rapid social development and economic prosperity and fulfill the aspirations of the people of the country.

The other associations which felicitated the new government included Bangladesh Veterinary Association, Bangladesh Sammilita Bastrashilpa Sangram Parishad and Bangladesh Homeless Welfare Association.

#### Stranded Pak

Leaders and members of Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee warmly congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and expressed the hope that the country would march toward progress and prosperity under her leadership and her government would be able to translate the dreams of her illustrious father into reality.

The chief patron of the committee Ahaj M Nasim Khan also hoped that the Prime Minister would not forget the humanitarian issue of stranded Pakistanis, as solution of their problem lies in repatriation to Pakistan.

The Awami League General Secretary, Zillur Rahman yesterday said that a new journey of democracy has started at the cost of a lot of sacrifices and hardship, reports BSS.

Commenting on the formation of the new government, Zillur Rahman also a minister said the government would fulfill the commitments his party had made.

He said the primary job of his government would be to restore law and order and establish a society free of terrorism. Zillur said we have formed a government of national consensus and it is being done through coordination of political parties including the Jatiya Party and people of different shades of opinion.

#### Communist Party

Bangladesh Communist Party president Saïduddin Chowdhury and general secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim congratulated Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister. They hoped that the new government would go ahead with firmness in reestablishing the spirit of war of independence, deepening and broadening the democracy and democratic process, fulfilling the basic needs of the people, establishing an exploitation free system of socialism.

#### BCNC

Newspaper owners yesterday congratulated prime minister of the new government Sheikh Hasina and members of her cabinet.

The felicitation came in a resolution adopted after a meeting of the Bangladesh Combined Newspaper Council (BCNC), a platform of newspaper and news agency owners, which was held at the office of the Aker Gajog yesterday.

Kazi Shahed Ahmed, the owner-editor of Aker Gajog, presided over the meeting. The meeting, in another resolution, called upon the new government to immediately abolish the Press Trust as per its electoral pledge. It too asked for withdrawal of DFP's restriction on government's advertisement, decentralisation of advertisement distribution system and increase in advertisement rate by 300 per cent.

#### Sangeet Parishad

Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad president Samar Das in a statement yesterday congratulated Sheikh Hasina, on her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister.

Das on behalf of the Parishad said the nation would forever remember with gratitude the role, tireless effort and sacrifices of Prime Minister Hasina for the freedom and rights of the people and democracy.

Other organisations which congratulated Sheikh Hasina included Jatiyatobadi Ganotantrik Dal, Bangladesh Islami Biplabi Parishad, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Jana Party and Seedmen's Society of Bangladesh.

#### KU reopens

Classes of Khulna University resumed Sunday after a two-month closure, reports UNB. The university was closed since die on April 24 as the students went on strike protesting disciplinary action against thirteen students.

#### CEC's gratitude

Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena congratulated people from all walks of life for their cooperation in the successful holding of a crucial general election in the country, reports UNB.

The success was possible because of people's awareness, support and spontaneous participation in the election process," he said in a statement Sunday on completion of the elections for the 300 elective seats of the Jatiya Sangsad.

The CEC also expressed his gratitude to the President, the Chief Adviser and Advisers of the caretaker government for their cooperation.

He also thanked leaders and workers of all political parties as he said they showed tolerance, sense of responsibility and respect to the rules and laws.

Abu Hena further congratulated the members of law-enforcing agencies and armed forces.

#### Wahiduzzaman A Rahman

### Petrobangla Officers' Welfare Assoc apex body

The general election of Petrobangla Officers' Welfare Association for the year 1996-1997 was held recently. The following executive committee was elected at the meeting, says a press release.

President — A B M Wahiduzzaman Khan; Sr vice president — Md Nurul Islam; vice presidents — Md Anwar Ali, Md Yusuf Bhuiyan; general secretary — Md Ataur Rahman; joint secretary — Md Jamsadur Rahman; asst general secretaries — Md Jamirul Ahsan, Mokidul Haque; treasurer — Mohammad Hossain; office secretary — Md Aroz Ali; publicity secretary — A K M Nuruzzaman; sports and cultural secretary — Md Bodrudozza; organising secretary — Tofael Ahmed; welfare secretary — A K M Anwaruddin; women secretary — Azimunnahar; executive members — H R Lunel, Md Nasiruddin, Md Eakander Ali, Atiqur Rahman and Md Abdur Razzak.

### BCU holds protest rally

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), Dhaka city unit Saturday held a rally demanding immediate release of BCU Mirpur Thana unit president Ruzuddin and member Abdul Wadud Babu, a press release said, reports BSS.

Addressing the rally held in front of the National Press Club, BCU leaders urged government to release the arrested party leaders and demanded a ban on the politics of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

### Police raid 14 parlours in city : 98 held

By Staff Correspondent

Detective police arrested 45 men and 53 young girls from massage parlours in Kakrail area of the city Saturday. A DB team arrested them during a raid on 14 parlours in the basement of a market in Kakrail under Motijheel thana in the afternoon, police said. According to police, young girls were engaged for immoral activities in these massage parlours.

বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ  
Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research

Memo No: Sect/Engg/112/79-91/P-1(832) Dated: 17-6-96

### Tender & Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted civil contractors of BCSIR for various works (as per schedule).

Tender documents may be purchased from the Cashier of BCSIR Sect., Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka during office hours on cash payment (non-refundable) up to 27-6-96 which will be received in the Tender Box kept in the office of the Superintending Engineer, BCSIR, Dhaka up to 29-6-96 before 12-00 Noon & the same will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of tenderers/representatives (if any).

Other necessary information may be known from the schedule.

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Project Coordination Unit  
North East Minor Irrigation Project  
714, West Nakhalpara, Dhaka-1215.

Memo No: NEMIP/PCU/MOA/121(P-1)/95/531 Date: 17.6.96

### Tender Notice

No 05/1995-96

Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of "North East Minor Irrigation Project" [Loan No 1125-BAN(SF)] and it is intended that part of the proceed of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and delivery of Diesel Engines for Shallow Tube Wells of capacity 1/2 cusec.

- Sealed tenders for supply and delivery of 55 nos. diesel engines to the different districts (Hobiganj, Sylhet, Sunamganj and Moulvibazar) of the project area are hereby invited by the undersigned from the bonafide importers / manufacturers / dealers / traders of diesel engines having up to date trade licence and other supporting documents.
- Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information on the bid from Superintending Engineer, North East Minor Irrigation Project, 714, West Nakhalpara, Dhaka-1215. Telephone: 9110189.
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested eligible tenderers on submission of a written application to the (i) Superintending Engineer, North East Minor Irrigation Project, 714, West Nakhalpara, Dhaka-1215 and (ii) Project Manager, North East Minor Irrigation Project, PCU, Sylhet / Sunamganj/Moulvibazar/Hobiganj and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 250 (Taka Two hundred and fifty) only. Money receipt will have to be enclosed with the tender documents.
- All tenders must accompany by earnest money of 2.5% (Two point five per cent) of total tender price in the form of Pay Order / Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Coordinating Director, PCU, North East Minor Irrigation Project, Ministry of Agriculture, 714, West Nakhalpara, Dhaka-1215.
- Income Tax and VAT will be deducted from the Bill amount at the time of payment as per existing rules of the Government.
- The total Nos of Engines tendered for may be increased or decreased.
- Places of purchasing and submission of tender documents:
  - Project Coordination Unit North East Minor Irrigation Project 714, West Nakhalpara, Dhaka-1215, Tel : 9110189
  - Office of the Project Manager North East Minor Irrigation Project House No 35, Block-A, Main Road Shahajalal Upashahar, Sylhet, Tel : 760437.
  - Office of the Project Manager North East Minor Irrigation Project District Council Office, Sunamganj, Tel : 313
  - Office of the Project Manager North East Minor Irrigation Project Dhaka-Sylhet Highway, Moulvibazar, Tel: 52297.
  - Office of the Project Manager North East Minor Irrigation Project Old Munsef Quarter, Hobiganj, Tel : 2614.
- Last date of tender purchasing : 7 July 1996 during office hours.
- Last date of tender submission : 10 July 1996 up to 12-00 Noon.
- Date & time of tender opening in presence of the tenderers if any : 10 July 1996 at 1-00 PM.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Mr Md Helal Hossain  
Superintending Engineer  
For Coordinating Director.

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