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Erratic power supply in Maijdee

NOARHALI, June 29 : Normal life in Maijdee Court has become miserable due to frequent power failure, reports UNB.

Frequent disruption in electricity seriously hampers production in mills and factories. School and college students were said to be the worst sufferers.

"We fall in an awkward situation when the power suddenly goes off," said a physician of a local hospital.

Local people urged authorities concerned to take an immediate step to assuage their sufferings.

PHED sinks 197 tubewells in Rangpur

RANGPUR, June 29 : Public Health Engineering Department has completed installation of 197 shallow tubewells and resinking of 58 till last month of the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

During the period, the department also set up 133 Tara deep tubewells and reinstated 169 shallow tubewells.

The department has also taken up a programme to sink and resink 107 and 58 shallow tubewells respectively, 179 Tara deep tubewells and 132 shallow tubewells and reinstall 270 in the floods affected areas and 57 Tara deep tubewells in the same period.

Besides, some 4,992 slabs and 3,540 rings of sanitary latrine were made by the department to sell at low prices while 5,485 slabs and 8,305 rings were sold to the interested people.

Some 3,013 slabs and 9,807 rings are lying in the stock, said an official handout.

Two held with smuggled Indian medicines

From Our Correspondent

KUSHITIA, June 29 : BDR Jawans of Chilmari BOP arrested two persons and recovered smuggled Indian goods from their possession. The goods seized mostly are medicines worth Taka 5 thousand.

Arrested persons are Shahidul Islam of Kumarkhal thana of Kushitia district and Idris Ali of Pabna district. They have been handed over to Daulatpur Police station which recorded a case against them, police said.

Pry Edn Week competition in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, June 29 : As part of National Primary Education Week 1996, a three-day competition of best personalities in various trades began at National Primary Education Academy (NPEA) premises on Friday, reports UNB.

Director General of Department of Primary Education Prof Aziz Ahmed Chowdhury inaugurated the competition with Director of NPEA Dr M. Anwarul Aziz in the chair.

Among others, Deputy Secretary of Department of Primary and Mass Education A Rouf and Abdul Kashem were present on the occasion.

Best officials, teachers, class teachers and students were selected on the inaugural day. During the competition best thana education officials, managing committees, schools, teachers and child artists will be rewarded.

Housing problem acute in Maijdee

MAJDEE COURT (Noakhali), June 29 : Housing and accommodation problem have become acute at the district headquarters due to price hike of building materials and shortage of credit facilities, reports UNB.

Local people said prices of construction materials including cement, iron rods, sands and bricks are on rise causing serious problems.

They said Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation failed to provide necessary loan facilities to the interested people for building houses in last few years and loan disbursement system has become so complex that it takes maximum time to avail the loan facility, they added.

People of the district urged the concerned authorities to extend loan facilities and simplify the existing system to solve the housing and accommodation problem in the town.

One killed by thunderbolt

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, June 29 : One Sirajul Islam, 45, a farmer of village Bodhachar under Gobindaganj thana was killed when a thunder bolt struck him on June 10. The victim together with his elder son were working in a jute field when the incident occurred. Suddenly a thunder bolt fell on the spot in which the victim Siraj sustained serious burn injuries and died within a few minutes. His son was saved miraculously. The victim was a father of four sons.

Three killed in separate incidents in Dinajpur

DINAJPUR, June 29 : Three people including a boy were killed and another one was injured in separate accidents recently, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a boy Yunus Ali, 12, was killed when a speeding microbus hit him at Rupus village on Hakimpur-Choraghata road.

The driver of the microbus was also injured and admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

In another accident, two unidentified youngmen were killed when a speeding train ran over them at two separate points on Parbatipur-Dinajpur routes near Chunipara and Parbatipur.

Separate cases were filed with the police.

Tree plantation programme in Bogra

Bogra, June 29 : Forest Extension Department, Bogra, has taken massive steps to implement the social forestry programmes in this season.

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Young man stabbed to death

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KISHOREGANJ, June 29 : A young man was stabbed to death by miscreants at village Nirahargati in Hossainpur Thana on the night of June 18.

The victim was identified as Sobhrabuddin, 23. He was returning home from the thana headquarters when a group of miscreants attacked him with sharp weapons, witnesses said.

He died on the way to the hospital. The incident was a sequel to a quarrel that took place between the two schoolboys of the village over a trivial matter on the day, villagers said.

A case was registered with Hossainpur police accusing ten persons. Police arrested one Abdul Zabbar in this connection.

Tk 20,000, gold looted from school

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 29 : An armed dacoit incident took place at Sripur MC Pilot High School adjacent to Sripur police station in Magura district on June 18. The miscreants looted away Taka 20,000 the cash and gold ornaments worth Tk 7,500, sources said.

According to the police, at deep night a gang of 15 to 20 miscreants armed with deadly weapons raided the office of Sripur MC High School and tied up the night guard. Then they entered into the office breaking the door and looted away cash and valuables.

The miscreants later ransacked files of the office. They also broke the door of Sonali Bank branch which is adjoining to the said school but failed to break the safe room.

A case was filed with Sripur.

Ansar-VDP rally held in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, June 29 : Members of the Ansars and VDP all over the country, after achieving proper training in various self-employment activities, will get adequate loans from the Ansar-VDP Development Bank for investing in the self-employment projects.

Muhammad Shamsul Haque, Deputy Director of Ansar and VDP Rajshahi Division, told this while addressing the Pabna district Ansar and VDP rally held at Kashipur recently.

Presided over by Muhammad Ishaque Ali, Deputy Commissioner, Pabna the largely participated rally was also addressed, among others, by Jamshed Uddin Bhuiyan, Superintendent of police, Pabna, Dr AKM Fazlul Haque, Civil Surgeon, and Golam Sharifuddin, Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Pabna.

The Deputy Director of Ansar and VDP said that although their prime duty was to help the people and the police maintain law and order in the society, the man and women serving in this department would also be integrated with the development activities, family planning, tree plantation programme, mass education programme, and primary health care projects. He also landed their role during the general elections.

Over 700 Ansars and VDP members from all the nine thanas participated in the rally.

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Sirajganj Embankment yet to be repaired

SIRAJGANJ, June 29 : The district town has been threatened with flood as the 500-foot area of the Town Protection Embankment (OLE), which was washed away in 1995, could not be repaired despite repeated appeals by the town dwellers, reports UNB.

"The town will be submerged if the water level in Jamuna crosses its danger mark," said an official of the Water Development Board.

He said some parts of the embankment near Ramgati, the southern part of the town, were damaged during the last year's flood onslaught.

Meanwhile, the Water Development Board has taken up necessary steps to reconstruct the embankment at a cost of Tk 3 crore, but it could not be repaired due to lack of necessary earth, the official said.

JCD leader arrested in Barisal

BARISAL, June 29 : Kotwali police arrested one Jatiyatabadi Chhhatra Dal (JCD) leader along with two of his companions and seized 15 rounds of ammunition from their possession on Thursday night, police sources said, reports BSS.

JCD activist Mir Rezvi, who was going to Dhaka from Barisal, was arrested from a Dhaka-bound motor launch at Barisal launch ghat, police added.

Rezvi was elected assistant social welfare secretary of the Brojmohan University College Students' Union (BUCSU) in 1994.

2 killed in Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, June 29 : Two people were killed at Raipur Bazar in Jibannagar Thana of the district Thursday, reports UNB.

They were identified as Bjsarad, 28, and Alam, 26, of Gupragachi village.

Witnesses said some unidentified gunmen attack them at the Bazar when they were taking tea at a tea stall on Wednesday evening. They were immediately rushed to the Jessore Sadar Hospital where they succumbed to their injuries Thursday.

Local people said the members of the outlawed parties were involved with the killing. A case was filed with Jibannagar Thana.

Course at BPATC ends

SAVAR, June 29 : The 7th team building and coordination course for field-level officers concluded at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre here Thursday, reports UNB.

Some LP gas dealers in Khulna Division alleged that the situation has worsened due to irregularities in supply of gas by the companies.

Minor boy killed in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, June 29 : A minor boy was killed allegedly by his uncle at Bahluli village in sadar thana last week, reports UNB.

Police said Humayun Kabir, 7, was found dead in a ditch with several injury marks on his body.

Police suspected that Kabir was killed following a dispute over land between his father and the uncle.

A case was filed with the sadar thana police.

Acid thrown at school girl in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, June 29 : Over 700 girls of Sujanagar Shaheed Dulal Girls' High School, brought out a big procession in Sujanagar Thana recently demanding immediate arrest of the culprits who threw acid at Fatema Shilpi, 14, a student of the same school.

The students also submitted memorandums to the concerned thana Nirbahi Officer, Office-in-Charge, Sujanagar Thana and also to the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, Pabna.

Shilpi, a student of class eight of the Shaheed Dulal Girls' High School, had her face, neck and right eye burnt when some miscreants threw acid at her.

Shilpi was watching television at around 7:15 pm on June 3 along with her relatives at her home in Sujanagar Thana when the miscreants threw acid through a window.

She was rushed to the Thana health complex with serious burn injuries on her face. Her condition is still critical, according to the doctors of the health complex.

Her father Shahjahan Mridha a businessman, has lodged an FIR with the Sujanagar Thana accusing one Tufail and his group of throwing acid.

A case has been registered. However, none has been arrested till writing of the report. All the accused have gone into hiding.

Meeting discusses finalisation of proposed bus terminal at Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 29 : A meeting was held at Kushtia Poura auditorium on Tuesday last with Anwar Ali in chair AFM Serajul Huq, Deputy Commissioner Kushtia was the chief guest. Besides Shahidul Rahman Bhuiyan, Police Super, Kushtia, Engr Nurul Islam, Engineering Adviser and Design Coordinator and Engineer A T M Abdur Rashid attended the meeting a special guest.

The meeting discussed the site selection of proposed central bus terminal at Kushtia and site plan. Speakers laid emphasis on speedy construction of the central bus terminal on Kushtia Rajbari road at Chourashan in order to reduce the pressure of passengers at Majampur gate and constant traffic jam in and around Kushtia town.

The leaders of Kushtia truck drivers Association, Minibus owners Association and Motor Sramda Union were also present in the meeting. Anwar Ali Poura Chairman assured speedy construction of proposed Central Bus Terminal at selected site from Pourashava fund in response to the demand for the same as per discussion in the meeting.

Dacoit gang leader with 15 others arrested

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 29 : Kushtia police in a raid arrested 16 alleged inter district dacoits including their leader, Chandu son of Yeasin Saddr of village Char Banipara under Kumarkhal thana on Monday last from Kushtia town. The raid was conducted by ASO Mahmudur Rahman and assisted by Officer in Charge Kushtia police station Rabiu Islam.

Information reached police that the gang of dacoits were preparing for dacoity on the night in some of the houses and bazar shops. They had entered into new cinema hall "Panna Talkios" for enjoying cinema show. Police gheraoed the cinema hall and arrested 16 dacoits along with their leader Chandu who has been accused and sentenced in abetment to 20 years RI.

Other dacoits arrested are, Badsha, 25, son of Abdul Rahman of village Sen of Pangsha thana of Rajbari district, Rajab, 27, son of Rabesh Pramanik of village Harisankarpur under Kushtia Poura area, Nasrul Islam, 28, son of Syed Ali of village Jugia under Kushtia sadar thana, Shiru, 25, son of Mohsin Ali of same village, Sarwar, 28, son of Kase Khan of village Radhanagar under Khosha thana, Razzak, 26, son of Mobarak Hossain of village Gottia under Kumarkhal thana, Babu, 27, son of late Akbar Ali of village Haripur under Kushtia sadar thana, Kadu, 28, son of Tejrat Shaikh of Poura area, Nurul Islam, Dulal of village Cheuria under Kumarkhal thana, Shah Jamal, 29, son of Majeb Ali of village Paschim Abdalpur under Kushtia Poura area, Akkel Ali, 25, of village Ghorai Ghat under Kumarkhal thana, Mostafa, 32, son of Kanaishakha of village Boruichha under Kumarkhal thana, Mesbar, 29, son of late Mokarram Ali of village Uttar Kushtia under Kumarkhal thana.

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A case has been lodged with Mirpur police station in this connection.

First caesarean operation at thana-level

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KUSHTIA, June 29 : A minor girl Subarna, 8, daughter of Shababul of village Karkhada was crushed under the wheel of a speeding pick up van near Pali Biddut Samity office on Kushtia-Meherpur road recently.

She was crossing the road when the pick up hit her. She died on the spot. The driver of the van fled towards Kushtia after the accident police recovered the dead body and sent it to Kushtia General Hospital for Autopsy.

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