

## Erratic power supply in Maijdee

NOAKHALI, June 29: Normal life in Maijdee Court frequent 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 a 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 reinstalled 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 are reinstalled 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

KUSHTIA, 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 Kumarkhali thana of Kushtia 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 Abul 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

MAIJDEE 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 Bochadha 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 Rupusi village on Hakimpur-Ghoraghat 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 route near Chuniapara 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, reports BSS.

The department source disclosed that 4,76,000 trees of various species will be planted at the number of areas in 11 thanas of the district.

Under this programmes 3200 trees at 2km roads of R and H Department, 12800 trees at 8 km embankment, 40,000 trees at 50 km approach roads and 20,000 trees at the premises of a number of institutions will be planted.

At the same time, the Forestry Department has provided 4 lakh saplings from their own nurseries.

## Young man stabbed to death

From Our Correspondent

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 Sahabuddin, 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 school boys 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 dacoity 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 Thana.

## 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 Sharfuddin, 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 men 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 lauded their role during the general elections.

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



PABNA: An artist's rendering song at the Rabindra-Nazrul Joyanti festival held here recently. — Star photo

## LPG crisis acute in 10 south-western dists

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 29: The unabated crisis of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in 10 south-western districts is disrupting normal life of the people.

The crisis-hit districts are Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Jessore, Narail, Jhenidah, Magura, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur.

Following the crisis, the consumers are being forced to use firewood and kerosene for their day to day household works.

Local consumers said, they have to buy gas cylinders at Taka 500 as against the normal rate of Taka 230 to 235 due to short supply.

It was learnt from the sources, Chittagong gas refilling factory was closed for last two months. Besides, the production was hampered due to non-stop non-cooperation movement. As a result, the LP gas crisis hits in 10 south-western districts seriously.

Officials said, the normal demand for LP gas in the 10 south-western districts is about 45,000 to 50,000 cylinders per month while the supply was about 5000 to 6000 cylinders till last month.

Three oil companies — Padma, Meghna and Jamuna — supply cylinders through their selected dealers. Cylinders are supplied in the 10 south-western district from Khulna despot. But the supply of LP gas to the dealers in the districts is much inadequate, according to the dealers.

Meanwhile, many private sellers of gas are seen to sell gas in the districts due to crisis.

Taking opportunity of the crisis, some unscrupulous dealers are now charging higher prices.

The sources also said that though the gas supply situation sometimes improves, but the price of gas does not come down from Taka 500.

Besides, the transportation of cylinders from Chittagong to the south-western districts has now become more costly as the transportation fare has increased manifold.

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

## 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 Bisarad, 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.

BPATC Rector AZM Shamsul Alam distributed certificates among the participants of week-long course, said a press release.

## Sirajganj Embankment yet to be repaired

SIRAJGANJ, June 29: The district town has been threatened with flood as the 500-feet area of the Town Protection Embankment (OLD), 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 necessary earth, the official said.

## JCD leader arrested in Barisal

BARISAL, June 29: Kotwali police arrested one Jatiyatabadi Chhatra 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 Brojmojan University College Students' Union (BUCSU) in 1994.

## Minor boy killed in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, June 29: A minor boy was killed allegedly by his uncle at Bahuli 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 Sujanager Shaheed Dulal Girls' High School, brought out a big procession in Sujanager Thana recently demanding immediate arrest of the culprits who threw acid at Fatema Parveen Shilpi, 14, a student of the same school.

The students also submitted memorandums to the concerned thana Nirbahi Officer, Office-in-Charge, Sujanager 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 Sujanager 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 Sujanager thana accusing one Tutul 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 Shahidur Rahman Bhuiya, Police Super. Kushtia, Eager Nurul Islam Engineering Adviser and Design Coordinator and Engineer A T M Abdur Rashid attended the meeting a special guest.

The meeting discussed threat-bear to finalise 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 Chourhash in order to reduce the pressure of passengers at Majampur gate and constant traffic jam in an around Kushtia town.

The leaders of Kushtia truck drivers Association, Minibus owners Association and Motor Sramic 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 Sadder of village Char Baniapara under Kumarkhali thana on Monday last from Harinarayanpur 14 miles from Kushtia town. The raid was conducted by ASP Mahmudur Rahman and assisted by Officer in Charge Kushtia police station Rabul 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 Talkies" 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 absentia to 20 years RI.

Other dacoits arrested are, Badsha, 25, son of Abdur Rahman of village Sen of Pangsha thana of Rajbari district, Rajab, 27, son of Rabesh Pramanik of village Harisankarpur under Kushtia Poura area, Nazrul Islam, 28, son of Syed Ali of village Jugta under Kushtia sadar thana, Shiraz, 25, son of Mohsin Ali of same village, Sarwar, 28, son of Kasai Khan of village Radhanagar under Khokha area, Razzak, 26, son of Mobarak Hossain of village Gotta under Kumarkhali thana, Babu, 27, son of late Akbar Ali of village Haripur under Kushtia sadar thana, Kadu, 28, son of Tejarat Shaikh of Poura area, Nurul Islam Dulal of village Chauria under Kumarkhali thana, Shah Jamal, 29, son of Maieb Ali of village Paschim Abdalpur under sadar thana, Khalil, 30, son of Yead Ali of Marisankarpur under Kushtia Poura area, Akkel Ali, 25, of village Ghorar Ghat under Kumarkhali thana, Mostafa, 32, son of Kanaishahk of village Boruichar under Kumarkhali thana, Mesbar, 29, son of late Mokarram Ali of village Uttar Kaya under Kumarkhali thana.

People of the area said that Chandu Sadder used to live in the house of some identified persons and were committing dacoities in different areas. Police said that this gang of dacoits are linked with dacoities in various places of Kushtia Chuadanga, Rajbari and Jhenidah districts. They committed dacoities in Kushtia Polytechnic Institute, Kushtia Government University College Banks and medicines depots. Police recovered 3 rounds of 303 rifle ammunition and other instruments required for committing dacoities. Local people praised the action of the police and felt relief at their arrest.

## Minor girl killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 29: A minor girl Subarna, 8, daughter of Shababul of village Barkhada was crushed under the wheel of a speeding pick up van Near Palli 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.

Villagers later became angry at reckless driving and barricaded the road for a few hours and did not allow any vehicles to ply on the road.

Mirpur police station in this connection.

## First caesarean operation at thana-level

The Mirersharai Thana Health Complex which was upgraded to provide Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care, successfully completed the first caesarean operation at thana level, reports UNB.

A 25-year-old mother, Dipi Rani Das who had a stillbirth in 1992 after a prolonged labour, had two more miscarriages during the past two years, gave birth to a 2.5 kg healthy baby boy after the operation at the health complex recently.

Dr Jebun Nessa Rahman conducted the operation with the help of Thana Health and Family Planning Officer and other doctors of the health complex, said an ICDDR,B press release.

It also said after a well performance of the Caesarean Section Operation, the mother and the baby are doing fine.

Experience from this thana will be used to design similar intervention in other rural thanas of the country, and help reduce maternal mortality and morbidity as well as infant deaths.

Health and Family Welfare Ministry and the Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning (MCH-FP) Extension Project (Rural) of ICDDR,B assisted the health complex in its upgrading.

## Bangladesh Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority

## Invitation of letters of interest for construction supervision consultancy

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (DWASA) intends to employ the services of foreign, local or joint venture consulting firm(s) from member countries of the World Bank to provide consultancy services for "Construction Supervision of Intake Pumping Station (package-1); Connecting Culvert (package-3); Ancillary Structure of Treatment Plant (package-5); Primary Transmission Mains (Package 6); and Design & Supervision of Secondary & Tertiary Distribution System (package 7) under Saidabad Water Treatment Plant Project."

Interested firms may submit letters of interest together with particulars which best illustrates their capability in the relevant field, in 6 (six) copies. A shortlist will be prepared from among the interested firms. The evaluation criteria for shortlisting may be collected from the office of the undersigned from July 07, '96 upon request during office hours. For further information, the Planning Evaluation and Monitoring Division of Dhaka WASA may be contacted during office hours.

Letters of interest will be received in the office of the Managing Director, Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority, WASA Bhawan, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215 Bangladesh, on or before August 07, 1996 during office hours.

This notice supersedes the invitation of letters of interest for consultancy services for Design of Secondary & Tertiary Water Distribution Mains and Construction Supervision of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Distribution Mains published earlier.

The Authority reserves the right to make and select a shortlist of consultants who would be invited to submit proposals, without assigning reasons for either accepting or rejecting applications.

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## Madaripur child welfare centre facing setback

MADARIPUR, June 29: The only mother and child welfare centre in the district headquarters is beset with manifold problems causing suffering to the patients, reports UNB.

Local people said in the absence of ambulance in the centre serious patients from remote areas cannot be brought to the hospital for treatment.

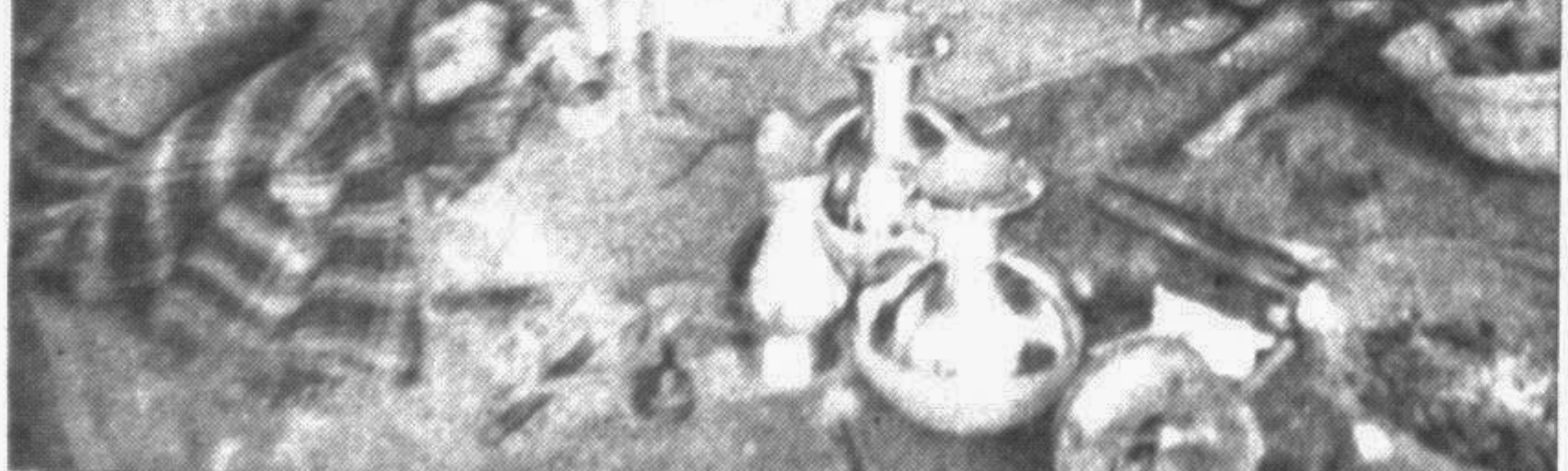
Lack of telephone facilities in the centre has been causing much suffering to the critical patients who needs special care. Besides, the centre's security is also at a stake due to absence of night guard.

At present two posts of Medical Officers are lying vacant. The mother and child care centre runs round the clock but the on duty Family Welfare Inspectress has no accommodation facilities. Absence of power supply is also hampering normal functioning of the centre.

The centre is suffering much due to acute shortage of water supply. Local elites said steps should be taken to ensure water supply in the centre.

Inadequate supply of medicine is also hampering the treatment at the centre. Moreover, the transportation of the fatally injured patients is also hampered as the link-road was not yet constructed.

Local leaders urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to solve the problems of the centre.



Artisans making brass-metal utensils at village Kagmara in Tangail. Nowadays, these kinds of utensils have become obsolete in urban areas. — Star photo by Monirul Islam Manik

## Two killed in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 29: Two persons were killed in two separate incidents in Jhenidah on June 25.

Police sources said, Abdul Khalek, 35, of village Kadikhal in Harinakundu thana was chopped to death by some unknown miscreants while he was operating his shallow machine. The motive of the killing could not be known.

Another report says, Anil Haq, 23, an armed extortionist of village Bogura in Saikupa thana of the district was shot dead at village Goyaspur in Sreppur thana of Magura district on the same night.

Police said, the unknown gunmen killed him on the spot and left the body there.

Separate cases were filed with respective thanas