

## National

**UP chairman abducted, 8 houses set ablaze**

From CHT Correspondent

GUIMARA (Khagrachari), Aug 3: One union parishad chairman was abducted and eight dwelling houses along with a school were set ablaze by the tribal insurgents during the last three days at two different places in the insurgency-battered Chittagong Hill Tracts region, official sources said.

At mid night Sunday, Nagera Tripura, the chairman of Guimara union parishad in Matiranga thana of the district was abducted by the tribal insurgents at gun-point from his house at Ballyachhari village in the same thana while he was asleep. Matiranga thana police quoted the family members of the victim as saying.

Earlier, in the same night, the tribal insurgents set fire on eight dwelling houses at Narayanpara village in Matiranga thana of the district. Prior to set fire on the houses, the insurgents tortured the panic villagers physically with the barrels of the guns, police quoted the victims to have said.

Narayanpara is a village where the displaced tribal people were rehabilitated under the Jhumia Rehabilitation Scheme in Upland Settlement Project of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board.

The high school at Bora Mohaprunchhara in Kutukchhari of Kaukhali thana in Rangamati hill district was burnt to ashes when the tribal insurgents set fire allegedly for the refusal of the villagers to pay them tolls. Kaukhali thana police said.

Tense has been prevailing in Matiranga thana of the district and Kaukhali thana in Rangamati hill district soon after the abduction of the UP chairman and arson by the tribal insurgents.

**Bogra ASP files case against his son-in-law for allegedly murdering his daughter**

From Our Correspondent  
RAJSHAHI, Aug 3: Shahjan Ali, Additional Super of Bogra Police filed a case against his son-in-law accusing him of murdering his daughter.

Rajpara thana sources said, ASP Shahjan Ali alleged in his deposition that his son-in-law Abu Mohammad Dilwar Hasan Imam, ASI of Rajshahi Reserve Force of police, allegedly burnt his daughter Shahana Pervaen, 21, on July 4 last assisted by his family members.

She succumbed to her injuries on July 17 in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The couple, Delwar Hasan and Shahana Pervaen lived at Mahishthan under Rajpara thana in the city.

**One jailed for getting married second time**

From Our Correspondent  
PABNA, Aug 3: For performing second marriage without obtaining any permission from the first wife, Afas Ali Sarkar was convicted under Muslim Family Laws Ordinance and was sentenced to suffer simple imprisonment for a term of one year and to pay a fine of Taka 10,000.

Alkama Siddiqui, Magistrate First Class, Pabna, awarded the above punishment to the aforementioned accused.

Complainant Hasina Begum, the first wife of the accused, filed the above case against her husband, Afas Ali Sarkar of village Char Bhangora Khanpara under Bhangora thana of Pabna district alleging that she was married with the accused in accordance with the provisions of Mohammedan Law in 1979. When she became pregnant, she was sent to the house of her father for a safe care and delivery. But during her absence, her husband Afas Ali Sarkar held second marriage with Shamsunnahar Begum, daughter of Abdul Majid Khan of the same village without informing or obtaining any permission from her.

Meanwhile, on May 1, 1980, Hasina gave birth to a female child.

When the judgment was delivered, Hasina Begum, the complainant died. The case continued for long ten years.

**15 injured in two separate clashes**

JHENIDAH, Aug 3: At least 25 people were injured in separate clashes in two thanas of the district last week, reports UNB.

Police said a clash between the activists of ruling Awami League and BNP at Pukuria village in Kaliganj thana left 15 people injured.

The injured were admitted to Jhenidah sadar and Jessore general hospitals.

Witnesses said the clash, erupted when the activists of Awami League attacked a BNP worker, Amin Master, at the village.

In another incident, 10 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of people at Baniaband village in sadar thana.

**Tk 175 cr project to improve water supply system in nine dist towns**

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Aug 3: Works on a 43 million dollar (equivalent to about 175 crore taka) project aimed at improving the existing water supply systems in 9 district towns has been started. The ambitious 5 year project styled - Second Water Supply and Sanitation Project is being financed by the ADB.

The district towns included in the project are, Bagerhat, Dinajpur, Faridpur, Jamalpur, Kushtia, Pabna, Rangpur, Tangail and Sylhet.

While talking to this correspondent, an official source informed that of the total amount, 23.8 million dollars will be spent for improving the water supply systems, 4.3 million dollars for improvement of environment and sanitation systems, while 3.6 million dollars will be for project implementation and management and contingency and other miscellaneous spending would be 11.2 million dollars.

The official further informed that, total amount includes, 27.4 million dollars in the foreign exchange and the rest 15.6 million dollars in the local currency. The project works include,

construction of new production wells and repair of the old wells, construction of new pump houses and repair of the old ones, construction of water reservoir and renovation of the old ones and setting up of new water treatment plants. Besides, new water supply connections will be given to the town dwellers and the existing lines will be renovated. Hand-driven tubewells will also be sunk and low-cost sanitary latrines will be supplied. A good number of equipment and machineries will also be purchased, the source added.

While talking to this correspondent, Chairman of Sylhet Pourashava, Badar Uddin Kamran informed that, of the total amount, Taka 25 crore has been allocated for Sylhet Pourashava. He said, the main task for the pourashava will be to upgrade its water supply service. It will involve improving the operational efficiency and rectifying the existing deficiencies, he said.

Kamran also said that, the pourashava has now been supplying only 18 lakh gallons of water per day with the age-old system of water supply.

The Executive Engineer also informed that, construction of the new water treatment plant would cost a total of Taka 5 crore. Setting up of 61 kilometer new water supply lines would cost Taka 3 and a half crore while reticulation of 32 kilometeres would cost Taka 46 lakh, and development and repair of the 28.7 kilometer line would cost Taka 32.5 crore. The source further informed that, a total of at least 4332 new water supply connections will be given at a cost of Taka 86.5 lakh while 3000 old connections will be repaired and developed.

The project also includes, sinking of 1300 new hand driven tubewells. The Executive Engineer said adding 3000 sets of sanitary latrines will also be supplied at a cost of Taka one crore 35 lakh.

The source, however, informed that, all major and minor repair and renovation works will be completed during the first two years while the major construction works would be done later. The whole project would be completed within 5 years, the source added.

**Research museum to open new gallery**

From Our Correspondent

collect and display the historical backgrounds of Rajshahi city including its anthropological & archaeological specimens, political and social, monuments, agricultural, industrial and commercial development, its literature, mu-

sic, crafts etc.

Rajshahi City Corporation will bear all the cost for establishing the gallery and has already given an amount of about Taka three lakh.

A supervising committee including a representative

from Rajshahi City Corporation will look after the gallery, the sources disclosed.

Dr. Saifuddin Chowdhury, Director of Barendra Research Museum, told this correspondent in an interview that the museum will be a rich one of its kind in the subcontinent in ancient historical and archaeological perspectives, but it lacked in ingredients and specimen of the recent past.

"With a view to fill up this gap," he said, "We have already opened a gallery named 'Muslim Gallery' which has been able to attract the experts as well as the common people. The city gallery is being opened with same idea," he said.

Meanwhile, Mijanur Rahman Minu, Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation handed over a cheque of Tk. 2,92,774 lakh to Dr. Saifuddin Chowdhury for the first phase of establishment of the proposed city gallery in Barendra Museum in a simple function recently held at his office. He hoped in his brief speech on the occasion that the City Gallery would be able to attract people and help the experts to study, conduct research work and write history of Rajshahi region. The function was also attended by Abul Qasem, Chief Executive Officer of Rajshahi City Corporation.

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