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Huge quantity of contraband drugs seized in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Sept 1: BDR personnel from Daulatpur BOP (border outpost) of Sharsha thana in the district recovered 918 bottles of phensedyl syrup worth Taka 1,10,160 from the border and arrested one alleged smuggler during their anti-smuggling operation on August 25 last, said an official source.

According to source, all the seized bottles of phensedyl were deposited with Jessore office of narcotics and drug control.

The arrested person was handed over to local thana police. A case was also recorded with the thana in this connection.

When contacted, the Commanding Officer (CO) BDR, Jessore Lt. Col. Monjur Kabir told The Daily Star that the seizure was the biggest haul of phensedyl during the current month. He also informed that BDR, Jessore, also recovered huge quantity of phensedyl from a Dhaka bound bus coming from Benapole at Murali near Jessore town and arrested one woman named Farida carrying the contraband.

It may be mentioned here that local town has been flooded with phensedyl syrup following its smuggling being rampant at different border points of the district in recent time.

It is alleged that its marketing in the town is almost open like a common items. In various parts of the town including Chanchra, Raipara, Tolatala, Sankarpur, Barandipura, Khaldar Road, Arapurb, WASA Puratokashba and many shops have cropped up for wholesale and retail selling of this contraband.

Reports received from

sources say that children are crowding these shops day and night to drink the phensedyl without protest from any circle.

Sources also say that phensedyl packed in drums, are being smuggled into the country from different border points of

Benapole. It is further learnt that from there, it is being transported to Jessore either by coach or truck.

According to witnesses phensedyl are sent to capital on night coaches. These are unloaded at Mirpur side and car-

ried away by boat under cover of night.

What is most surprising is that this contraband along with other drugs is being openly sold at Benapole bazar drawing no attention of the authority concerned.



JESSORE: BDR from Sharsha thana BOP in a sudden raid recently confiscated 918 bottles of banned cough syrup - Phensedyl - while being smuggled into the country. One person was arrested, accused in the smuggling business. The haul was biggest during the month.

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Dr MAZ Khan
new director
of IBA, RU

From RU Correspondent
RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Sept 1: Dr M. Ameruz Zaman Khan has been appointed Director of the newly created Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Rajshahi University. IBA has been established to fulfill the managerial deficiency of the country and to give impetus to the potential managers of northern region. Admission to the first batch of MBA students will start from the current Academic year.

It is second institute in Bangladesh in Business Administration. Professor Khan was the first MBA from the Indian University of USA during '60s and served Alcorn State University and Winston-Salem State University of USA as Assistant Professor of Business Administration prior to his return to Rajshahi University. During the long 35 years of teaching at Rajshahi University, professor Khan held offices of Chairman, Dept. of Management, Provost of Sher-e-Bangla Hall, member of Finance Committee of Rajshahi University and Islamic University. Chief Editor of RU Studies Journal (Business & Social Science), member of Senate and Academic Council.

In the social service account, Rtn. Professor Khan founded their Rotary Club of Rajshahi and Bangladesh Family Planning Association, Rajshahi, as founder General Secretary.

Forest guard wounded in armed attack

From CHT Correspondent
ALIKADAM (Bandarban), Sept 1: An employee of the Forest Department was wounded when a group of armed illegal timber extractors stepped up attack on a Forest Protection Party at Babupara on the Matamuhuri river within the riverine belt of Alikadam thana in the district Thursday night, officials said.

Mohammad Muzib, 32 a Forest Guard of Alikadam Forest Range in Bandarban Forest Division sustained critical injury when the Forest Protection Party led by the Range Officer of Alikadam Forest Range was attacked by a group of an organised armed timber smugglers at Babupara on Matamuhuri river in Alikadam thana of the district Thursday night. The smugglers allegedly smuggling timbers reportedly extracted from the government reserved forests, officials said.

Forest Guard Muzib was admitted to Alikadam thana health complex with grievous injury.

A case was lodged with Alikadam thana police in this connection.

Two children drown in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Sept 1: Two children drowned in a pond adjacent to their dwelling house at village Shalmara under Gobindaganj thana recently.

The two victims namely Hous Begum, 5, and Azizur Rahman, 6, of village Shalmara were taking bath in a nearby pond with some other mates. Suddenly they fell into the deep water and drowned instantly. Soon after the disappearance of victims other mates began hue and cry. Local people, however, rushed to the spot and launched a vigorous search. Later they recovered bodies of the victims.

Addiction to phensedyl alarmingly increasing

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 1: Huge quantity of the drug, phensedyl, a cough syrup, are being smuggled into the country through some recognised border points of southern and western regions everyday and the demand for the banned drug is increasing alarmingly.

The drug is carried to some border areas in plastic containers or in drums. It is bottled in 114 ml. bottles for their consumers in Bangladesh.

Almost all the borders of Jessor, Satkhira, Jhenidah, Kushtia and Chuadanga are used as the transit for phensedyl smuggling in Bangladesh. Kaliganj town of Jhenidah district is most important place for whole sale trading of the

hotcake item. At least 200

young and unemployed persons in the town are allegedly involved with the business. A good number of them are students, it was learnt.

At Kaliganj one bottle of phensedyl syrup is sold between Taka 65 and 100. From here phensedyl is carried elsewhere in cartons or in gunny bags. These are usually sent for Dhaka, Barisal or other parts in passengers buses.

A good number of women are also involved in carrying phensedyl syrup.

Jhenidah police recently raided a house at Sher-e-Bangla Road in Jhenidah town and recovered 115 bottles of phensedyl syrup. Five young men were arrested from the

spot. Talking to a police officer it was learnt that most of the phensedyl addicts are college or university students.

Sher-e-Bangla Road, Hamdah, Beparipara, Modernpara, Arappur, Adarshapara, Chuadanga Standpara, Chaklapara and some other areas of Jhenidah town are well known spots for the trade of the drug. In these areas phensedyl syrup is sold through grocers.

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