

News snaps

Bumper production of Irri-boro likely
 NARAIL, July 1: Bumper production of Irri-boro is expected in the district this year following favourable weather and proper use of fertiliser, reports UNB.
 According to Agriculture Extension Department, 10,284 hectares of land were brought under Irri-boro cultivation which is 10 per cent higher than the target. Meanwhile, the farmers are facing problems with their produces as they are not getting fair prices.

BCL wins landslide victory
 NETROKONA, July 1: Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Saturday won a landslide victory by securing all the 17 seats of the *chhatra sangsad* of Mohongonj Degree College, reports BSS.
 According to college source Abul Khair Talukder and Amiruzaman Talukder declared elected as Vice-President (VP) and General Secretary (GS) respectively. The district administration took necessary measures for holding peaceful election.

Road construction project completed
 RANGPUR, July 1: Rangpur Paurashava has completed construction and re-construction of 33 kilometres of roads and lanes in the 1996-97 fiscal year, reports BSS.
 A municipal source said an amount of Taka three crore was spent for implementation of the project.

Accommodation problem in post offices
 LALMONIRHAT, July 1: Forty-two branch post offices of the district are facing acute problems due to absence of office-rooms, reports BSS.
 The employees of these branch post offices are to work in such places as open shop or some one's house. There are 54 post offices in Lalmonirhat district which included head post office, 5 thana post offices, 5 sub-post offices, 1 ED Emu post office and 42 branch post offices.

Secondary School Employees Assoc meet
 FENI, July 1: The annual meeting of the Secondary School Employees Association, Sonagazi thana unit was held recently at Baktarmunshi M H High School premises recently, reports BSS.
 The meeting was presided over by Serajul Huq. Among others Kamal Hasan Chowdhury, Binode Bihari Nath and Manidra Kumar Chowdhury participated in the discussion.

Anti-Drug Day observed in Mymensingh
 MYMENSINGH, July 1: The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed here in a befitting manner, reports BSS.
 A discussion meeting was held in the local town hall on Thursday to mark the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner, Muhammad Rafiqul Islam presided over the meeting. Among others, Dr Akbar Ali, Civil Surgeon, Mymensingh, Principal Matiar Rahman, President of district Awami League and Dr Rahul Amin Jahangir participated in the discussion.

Body recovered
 MADARIPUR, July 1: Police recovered the body of a young girl from a pond of Shantinagar under Madaripur Poursava recently, reports BSS.
 The body was identified as Monira Begum, 17, daughter of Abdul Hai Munshi of the same village. Police later sent the body to Madaripur sadar hospital for autopsy.

Serious River erosion in Sirajganj
 SIRAJGANJ, July 1: Continuous erosion by the river Jamuna rendered 1,045 families of 10 villages homeless in Kazipur thana during the last 24 hours till Sunday, reports UNB.
 River erosion took a serious turn due to incessant rainfall and sudden rise in water level of the Jamuna during the period that rendered 5,200 people shelterless. TNO office sources said the situation aggravated since Saturday morning. A vast tract of cropland including four primary schools and three mosques were also washed away.

CSD workshop concludes
 COMILLA, July 1: A three-day workshop organised by the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD), a non-governmental organisation, concluded on June 28 in the diabetic centre auditorium here, reports BSS.
 Twenty local journalists and school teachers participated in the workshop.

Killer father gets 10-yr RI
 HABIGANJ, July 1: A father in Banachong thana of the district has been awarded 10 years imprisonment (RI) and fined Tk 2,000, in default of three months more for killing his four-year-old son, reports UNB.
 The prosecution story in brief was that the killer father Tavebur Rahman with a stick hit on the head of his minor son Zahidur Rahman on March 3, 1994. The boy died on the spot. The boy was playing on the bank of nearby pond. The District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Mozilul Islam after examining the records and witnesses awarded the punishment recently.

3 killed in lightning
 PATUAKHALI, July 1: Three persons were killed in lightning in separate incidents in Baufal and Dashmina thanas last week, reports BSS.
 Local people said, a villager of Jatrabad village, Babul Hosain, 30, was hit by thunderbolt while he was working in a canal and he died on the spot. Other victims, one of Honabad village and the other of Arajbagi village under Dashmina thana, died in lightning the following day.

Accommodation problem in Sub-jail
 BARGUNA, July 1: The century-old Barguna Sub-jail constructed during the British regime is beset with multifarious problems leaving the inmates in subhuman condition, reports UNB.
 The sub-jail having accommodation of 41 prisoners including two for women cannot accommodate the increasing number of convicted and under trial prisoners. As a result, the inmates are passing their days in great distress. It is learnt that the number of prisoners never come down below 200.

Murderer gets life term
 KISHOREGANJ, July 1: A man was awarded life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) with a fine of Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer one year more, on Sunday for killing his neighbour, reports UNB.
 Additional District and Sessions Judge M Kader Newaj convicted Jalaluddin Ahmed of Bhatijagathar village in Kulliarchar thana for killing his neighbour Hasan Ali after examining the witnesses and records. According to prosecution, Jalaluddin Ahmed along with his accomplices attacked Hasan Ali with sharp weapons and killed him on the spot in a dispute over boundary wall of their house on January 12, 1994.

Plan to rehabilitate 3,600 farmers
 BANDARBUN, July 1: Local Agricultural Department has taken up a plan to rehabilitate 3,600 farmers of the district affected by the May 19 cyclone, reports UNB.
 According to the Deputy Director of the department, the plan has already been sent for the government's approval for which an allocation of Tk 17.50 lakh was sought. The sources said after the approval, seeds and fertiliser will be distributed among the affected marginal farmers free of cost during the transplanted aman season.

MPBS achieves target
 MANIKGANJ, July 1: Manikganj Pali Biddiyut Samity (MPBS) has achieved more than 80 per cent of its target on the basis of "no loss no profit" and "the consumers are the real owner," reports UNB.
 According to official sources, the samity established in 1991 started its commercial electrification in 1993 with Tk 66 crore of bank loan. Since then, MPBS completed work of 1,330 kilometre electric line out of estimated target of 1,675 kilometre in nine thanas including seven thanas of the district which is about 80 per cent.

Housewife commits suicide
 NARSINGDI, July 1: A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Bakultala in the town after being failed to meet the demand of dowry, reports UNB.
 Family sources said Sumon and his mother Gulnaha Begum used to torture Shahnaz Begum Shanu, 19, for dowry amounting to Tk 25,000 since the marriage of Shanu with Sumon. On the fateful day, they again tortured her and beat her mercilessly as she refused to bring money from her poor father. The helpless Shanu finding no other way took poison and committed suicide. She was rushed to the sadar hospital in a critical condition where she succumbed after a few hours.



MOULVIBAZAR: Manipuri Cultural Association arranged a cultural programme at Madhabpur under Kamalganj thana recently where Radhika Mohon Goswami, President of Moulvibazar Press Club spoke as the chief guest. — Star photo

Deadlock at IU continues

From Our Correspondent
 ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, July 1: The deadlock at Islamic University has been continuing.
 An indefinite strike began on Sunday demanding removal of Vice-Chancellor of corruption and nepotism.
 The Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) gave the call for the strike on June 28 accusing the Vice-Chancellor of corruption and nepotism.
 Meanwhile, the Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), university unit, in a press release on Monday demanded action against those who had ransacked the VC's office while demanding his removal.
 On the other hand, the Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) at a meeting called for an investigation into the allegations of corruption against the Vice-Chancellor.

Saidul murder case: 11 chargesheeted

From Staff Correspondent
 BARISAL, July 1: Eleven accused persons of sensational Saidul murder case were chargesheeted on Wednesday.
 Munshi Mofazzal Hossein, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Uzirpur thana framed the chargesheet against them under sections 302, 307, 326 and 109 of Bangladesh Penal Code (IPC).
 The accused persons are: Enayati, Mahabub, Alauddin, Matinul, Ratan, Anis, Moni, Humayun, Jahangir, Badsha and Sahajahan, a former Union Parishad (UP) Chairman. Eight of them are still absconding.
 These accused persons allegedly chopped Saidul, a BM College student to death at Uzirpur Thana Health Complex Hospital on December 23 last year following previous enmity between two rival families of Uzirpur.

One killed as train derailed in Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, July 1: An unidentified passenger was killed and eight others were injured in a train accident near Jamalpur Court railway station Monday/railway sources said, reports UNB.
 Local people, however, said two passengers were killed and some 50 others injured in the accident.
 Eight injured persons — Raquib, 20, of Rajshahi, and Raju, 16, Fazlu, 22, Subhash Chandra, 27, Rahim 30, Khairul 28, Ganesh Chandra, 24, and Latif 20, of Islampur thana of the district — were rushed to Sadar hospital.
 Witnesses said two boggies of a Dewanganj-bound local train derailed at the signal point of the station at about 8 pm.
 Rescue operation by fire-fighters along with policemen were continuing till filing of this report at 11 pm.
 The rail communication of 16 northern districts with Dhaka was disrupted due to the accident.

Gopalganj Poursava fails to provide basic amenities

From Our Correspondent
 GOPALGANJ, July 1: Gopalganj Poursava has failed to provide basic amenities to the town dwellers.
 The deplorable condition of roads, absence of proper drainage system, mosquito menace, frequent power failure, inadequate street lights, accommodation problem, unhygienic condition of toilets, traffic jam, mushroom growth of road side unauthorised shops, absence of play ground, unauthorised construction of houses do not testify that Gopalganj Poursava is a first grade one.
 The population of the Poursava has increased manifold, but amenities did not expand accordingly. Although the Poursava's area has expanded with increase of population, yet the basic amenities are yet to reach the inhabitants.
 Some of the roads have remained incomplete for months together. As a result, the people are suffering a lot. Munshibari Road, Molavipara Road and Khatra Nichupara Road in Gopalganj Poursava area need immediate reconstruction. Once the dwellers of Munshibari Road agitated due to delay in reconstruction of the road.
 The roadside ditches and garbages are not cleaned regularly.

Gradually the places turn into a breeding ground of mosquitoes, the dwellers are plagued. Mosquito menace has made life miserable in the town. Most of the street lights in the town have no bulbs. As a result the area plunges into darkness just after sunset. The anti-social elements become active at that time.
 There are no public toilets or sufficient urinals in the town. As a result people have to defecate on roadside drains or some other places polluting the environment.
 Although Gopalganj Poursava has upgraded into a first class one, but there is no health officer or Sanitary Inspector to look after the health problems of the town dwellers. Unhygienic condition of hotels and restaurants of the town pose health hazards. Adulterated foodstuffs are freely sold in open places of the town. Narrow footpaths in the town area are usually encroached by various shops making the space more congested. Moreover, there is no adequate supply of drinking water. Scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing as some of the water pumps remain out of order due to negligence of Poursa authority for a long time.

There is a children's park in the town. But the children's park is also full of problems. The children's park has been encroached and occupied illegally by day labourers.
 The traffic jam caused by buses, trucks and other vehicles is very irritating for town dwellers. The problem has been aggravating everyday. But the authorities concerned are indifferent to this chronic problem. Though the number of vehicles has increased with population boom, yet it is inadequate to meet the demand of people. Traffic congestion is most acute in Kuadanga and Great Para where buses ply through different routes. The pressure of vehicles is heavy at the incomplete Kuadanga bus terminal. So the terminal needs to be completed immediately. As a result the bus terminal would be able to accommodate more buses there.
 The district administration has issued an order that trucks won't be allowed to enter into the town during certain hours of the day to avoid traffic congestion, but the order is being violated frequently.

Faridpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent
 FARIDPUR, July 1: A night-guard of Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries corporation (BSCIC) office at Kanaipur Industrial estate under the sadar thana met with an unnatural death on the night of June 11.
 According to police sources, in the morning the sweeper of the office found the victim, Shahid, 40, lying dead inside the bathroom of the office. At once the sweeper informed G N Paul, an engineer of the office guard. Observing the tragic scene the engineer informed the Kotwali police. Police rushed to the spot and after investigation sent the dead body to Faridpur General Hospital morgue for autopsy.
 The death of the night guard is still a mystery. The BSCIC Engineer, G N Paul when contacted said that a portion of the victim's lung was wrapped round his neck and the other portion was hanging from the rod of shower.
 An Unnatural Death (UD) case was lodged with Kotwali thana in this connection.

Bid to violate housewife foiled

A youth has lost his penis while attempting to rape a housewife recently.
 According to local sources one Alamgir, 26, entered into the house of Asia, wife of Aziz Ali of village Bidyadhar under Alfadanga thana at night during her husband's absence. He tried to violate her. There was a tussle between Asia and Alamgir. At one stage Asia took a weapon from the side of her bed. She cut-off his penis with it. She raised a hue and cry. People nearby rushed to the spot and napped Alamgir. Later Alamgir was handed over to Alfadanga Police. He was admitted to Alfadanga hospital.
 A case was lodged with Alfadanga thana in this connection.

Father, daughter killed in lightning

Father and daughter were killed in lightning in the afternoon of June 12.
 According to local sources, Khaleque Pramanik, 53, of village Adampur Molla Dangi under Kotwali thana along with his daughter Asma, 10, were taking back their cattle to the cowshed from the field during heavy shower. At that time a thunder bolt hit them. At once they were killed on the spot. Two other members of the house received serious burn injuries due to influence of lightning.
 Moreover, a low and a goal were also killed in the lightning at the same time, the sources said.

Woman arrested

A woman was arrested in connection with the death of her husband recently.
 According to police and family sources, Delwar Hosain, 45, husband of Shahida Parveen Pari, 35, of village Munshir bazar under Kotwali thana was an employee of Dhaka Industries in the capital city. In the afternoon of June 3 the victim came to his home from Dhaka. He was sleeping

50,000 fishermen of Pabna in miseries

From Our Correspondent
 PABNA, July 1: Over 50,000 fishermen living in nine thanas of the district have been living in miseries.
 They are being deprived of their occupation — fishing. They are also unable to change their occupation for survival.
 It is gathered from an official source that there are 214 jalmahals and 132 canals and beels covering an area of 1,050 hectares. There are 302 khas ponds of government with an area in total of about 391.5 hectares. There are 17,300 private owned tanks covering a total area of 3,257.5 hectares.
 Fish cultivation go on in 6,001 tanks and ponds on commercial basis. The remaining ponds and tanks are yet to be brought under the fish cultivation programme.
 According to a non-governmental organization (NGO), Pabna district requires a total of 16,500 metric tons of fish, but the total production is stated to be around 5,500 tons of fish annually. There is an annual deficit of fish to the tune of about 11,000 tons.
 The government and private hatcheries have, however, appeared in large number to meet the demands of prawns but still, for want of adequate surface water in the rivers, jalmahals, khals, beels, ponds and tanks, production of fish has suffered a serious setback. Most of the traditional sources of surface water have already been silted up and their beds have dried up. Insufficient rainfalls droughts and indiscriminate and un-planned digging of canals in the name of construction of flood

BNP's anti-budget rally in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent
 KUSHTIA, July 1: The activists of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) brought out a procession in the town on Thursday protesting the budget.
 The local unit of BNP protested the budget according to countryside programme of protest rally announced by the central committee of BNP.
 The processionists held a rally at Majampur gate which was addressed, among others, by Alhaz Shorabuddin, former MP, M A Shamim Arzoo, Mohsin Ali, General Secretary of town BNP, Firoz Aftabuddin, President Zilla Jubodai, Shahidulla Shahid, President Zilla Chhatra Dal and Rabul Awal. The speakers vehemently opposed the proposed budget and termed it as a budget to kill the poor.



FARIDPUR: The Director General (DG) of Ansar and VDP, Brigadier Enayet Hossain distributing a television as a prize to the Best Club Association of Azimnagar Ansar-VDP Development Village under Bhanga thana in the district on June 26. The prize distribution ceremony was held at Post Jasimuddin Hall in Faridpur town.

বাংলাদেশ রেলপথ
 বিক্রয় দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নম্বর: ৪ এস-৯৭০৬ তারিখ: ২৫/৬/৯৭ইং

সরঞ্জাম নিয়ন্ত্রক/পাকিমাল, বাংলাদেশ রেলপথ, রাজশাহী কর্তৃক নিম্নে বর্ণিত টেন্ডারের মাধ্যমে "যাহা" বোঝানো আছে, সেই অবস্থায় বিক্রয়ের জন্য দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইতেহবে।

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৫	সেল-৯৭২৭	অকেজো মেশিনারী মাসামাল = ২৫ দফা আনুমানিক ওজন = ৩০.১৪৫ মেঃ টন।	-এ-
৬	সেল-৯৭২৮	অকেজো মিশ্র মাসামাল = ১১ দফা আনুমানিক ওজন = ২৬.২৫ মেঃ টন।	-এ-
৭	সেল-৯৭২৯	অকেজো লৌহজাত মিশ্র মাসামাল এবং রং ও রং জাত দ্রব্য = ২৬ দফা আনুমানিক ওজন = ১২২.৯৯৩ মেঃ টন (মোট তিনটি লটে)	সৈয়দপুর টৌর ডিপো এবং রাজশাহী
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৯	সেল-৯৭৩১	অকেজো ৪০/৪৫ গ্যালন ধারণ ক্ষমতা বিশিষ্ট বিভিন্ন প্রকার বাগি ব্যাগেল = ২,৭০০ টি।	সৈয়দপুর টৌর ডিপো

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দরপত্র দাখিল হস্তান্তরযোগ্য নহে। নিম্নাঙ্ককারকারী অফিস, জেলা সরঞ্জাম নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ রেলপথ, সৈয়দপুর এবং সহকারী সরঞ্জাম নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ রেলপথ, ঢাকা অফিস হইতে দরপত্র খোদার তারিখ ব্যতীত যেকোনো হইতে বুধবার বেলা ১০.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১৬.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত এবং বুধ-শুক্রবার বেলা ১০.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নগদমূল্যে অথবা ডাকমাফলসহ (অফ-রয়েম্যান্স) মানিঅর্ডারযোগ্যে সম্মত করা যাইবে। সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র উক্ত দরপত্রমূল্যে রক্ষিত দরপত্র ব্যতীত খোদার তারিখে বেলা ০৯.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত ফেলিত হইবে। দরপত্র ঐ দিন বেলা ১১.০১ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত খোলা হইবে।

আবেদনকারিতা ৬৭-৬৭৭ ৩৭-২৬/৬/৯৭

সরঞ্জাম নিয়ন্ত্রক/পাকিমাল
 বাংলাদেশ রেলপথ, রাজশাহী
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Now the rural women are coming forward in large number to contribute their might for achieving self-sufficiency in our national economy. The above picture testifies the same. Here two female workers are moving *charkas* at Ataikula in Pabna district which is famous for handloom industries. The picture was taken by Ranesh Maitra recently.