

News snaps

Two kidnapped girls rescued

SYLHET, July 2: Police rescued two kidnapped girls in the district on Saturday, reports UNB. According to police, three youths abducted Ronjana Begum, 18, daughter of Aftab Mia from Majligan rail station of Fenchuganj thana at 9 pm on Saturday. She was waiting for the train to go to Kulara. Police rescued the girl at dead of night from Majligan and arrested three youths Halim, 20, Bhuban, 20, and Bilal 22. They were sent to jail hajat. In another incident Kaiser Ali, 30, abducted Syeda Rima Begum, 12, daughter of Syed Mimbora Ali of Alipur village from Balaganj thana on her way to school on Thursday. Police rescued the girl on Saturday following a case was filed in this connection.

Night coach looted

PABNA, July 2: Valuables worth Tk 10 lakh were looted in a daring night coach dacoity at Dashedura in Sadar on Pabna-lardari highway on Sunday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a gang of 10-12 robbers from Natore in the guise of passengers boarded the Dhaka-bound bus from Chapainawabganj and swooped on the passengers at the point at 10:15 pm. They indiscriminately assaulted the passengers injuring 20, five of them seriously, and decamped with the booty.

Stolen timber seized

COX'S BAZAR, July 2: Police seized stolen timbers worth over Tk 10 lakh from village Raja Palang in Ukhiya thana of the district on Monday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police with the help of forest rangers recovered the timbers from adjacent area of the house of a former MP. Police said an organized gang stored the timbers in the area by cutting trees illegally from the restricted forest areas. A gang of armed miscreants also snatched a timber-laden truck from the rangers in Ramu thana at gunpoint on Sunday.

Body recovered

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 2: The body of Sadek Ali, 28, of village Daulatpur in Nikli thana was recovered by the police from a haor near village Chhatirchar recently. He was missing since long.

Police sources said, Sadek Ali who was recently acquitted of a murder case used to live in his father-in-law's house at village Panchhat in Itna thana. On the day of incident, the victim was returning village Panchhat by a boat after visiting his ailing mother. He came under attack by a gang of miscreants. They seriously injured him and later threw him into the water. He remained untraced since then.

Girl dropouts on rise in schools

NARAIL, July 2: School dropout rate of girl students in the district has increased due to poverty, early marriage and superstitions of the families, reports UNB.

The government efforts to promote female education in rural areas by providing stipends and exemption of school fees up to Class VIII have failed due to these reasons. Parents of the poverty stricken families hesitate to send their daughters to the schools at distant places as girls' schools are yet to be established in most of the unions.

BCL wins students' union poll

NILPHAMARI, July 2: The ruling party's student front, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) swept the election of Nilphamari Government College Students' Union held on Monday, reports UNB.

Chhatra League bagged all the 19 posts of the students' union. Kanuruzzaman Kamrul was elected vice-president while Rabiul Islam Basunia the general secretary. Three panels of Bangladesh Chhatra League, Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal and Jatitya Chhatra Samaj contested the election.

Extortionists get 7-yr RI

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 2: Ten persons were sentenced to suffer seven years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) on charge of demanding illegal tolls, court sources said.

The prosecution story in brief is that the accused, Golam Gohar Kabir, Additional District and Special Tribunal Judge of Magura delivered the judgment. He also fined all the convicts amounting to Taka five thousand each in defaults, to suffer one year RI more. The convicts are: Rostom Molla, Golam Sorwar, Golam Rasul, Akram, Tabbar Kaybar, Bakker, Pikul, Mijanur (absconding) and Sabur (absconding) of village Chakulia in Muhammad thana of the district.

Smuggler gets 5-yr RI

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 2: One person has been sentenced to suffer five-year rigorous imprisonment (RI) with a fine of Taka 4,000, in default to suffer another six months' RI on charge of smuggling.

The prosecution story in brief is that the accused, Golam Mostofa of village Arukhali under Satkhira sadar thana was caught red-handed by the BDR jawans from village Mirganga with four Indian smuggled cows. Additional District and Sessions Judge of Satkhira after examining the witnesses pronounced the punishment.

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 2: One housewife committed suicide at Kamalapur area in the town recently.

According to police sources, Masuda Kabir, 22, wife of S M Rafique Kabir killed herself by hanging. Family feud is stated to be the cause behind her suicide. A case was lodged with Kotwali thana in this connection.

Property worth Tk 1.5 lakh gutted

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDBA, July 2: A devastating fire broke out at village Sinaidanga under Gobindaganj thana in the district in which property worth Taka one lakh 50 thousand reduced to ashes recently.

The fire originated from a cowshed of Mofazzal Hossain. He was driving out mosquito from the cowshed with a torch. Suddenly the shed caught fire. Soon the fire spread to the adjacent houses, in which eight cows, 11 goats and some poultry birds were roasted alive.

Bridge construction works progressing

RANGPUR, July 2: The Roads and Highways Department is executing the construction work of two major bridges over the Ghaghot river in Gangachhara thana under Rangpur district at a total cost of Taka two crore and fifty-six lakh, reports BSS.

Of the total amount, Taka one crore and seventy lakh is being spent towards the construction of 47 metre-long Kurshaghat bridge and the rest Taka eighty-five lakh and fifty-two thousand is to be spent for the construction of 21 metre-long Nabankias bridge.

4 arrested for possessing illegal drugs

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, July 2: Department of Drugs and Narcotics Control has conducted 18 raids in different parts of the district and arrested 4 persons including two women during January 1997 to May 1997.

Fourteen persons are remaining absconding and 18 cases have been lodged in this respect. The arrested persons have been identified as Rupa, a resident of Chuadanga poura area, Nipondra Nath Biswas, an officer of Carew & Co, Darsona of Damrudha thana, Alea Khatun of village Andulbari under Jibannagar thana and Shahazuddin of Munshiganj Bazar under Alamdanga thana.

Loan distributed among destitutes

From Our Correspondent

MEHERPUR, July 2: Harbhanga Nari Kalyan Samity of Gangni thana distributed loan amounting to Taka 90 thousand among 30 poor and distressed women. Each woman received 3,000. Under the auspices of Women Affairs Directorate of Gangni thana this loan money was distributed. Another Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) of Gangni, Association for Social Advancement (ASA) also distributed Taka 60 thousand among 20 distressed women recently. Taka 1,05,000 more were distributed among 15 women and 20 women.

Bridge over canal built by LGED

PATUAKHALI, July 2: The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has recently completed construction of a 64-metre iron bridge over a canal near Chapibazar in Kalapara thana under Patuakhali district, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the government sanctioned Taka 16.53 lakh for construction of the bridge in the 1996-97 fiscal. The LGED has taken up another project for construction of a road under Kalapara thana at a cost of Taka 10 lakh in the current fiscal year.

8 criminals surrender to police

SIRAJGANJ, July 2: Eight wanted criminals surrendered to police here on Monday at a meeting arranged by local people, reports UNB.

The eight are Jinnah Mandol, Farhad Ali, Sanwar Hossain, Hanif, Abdul Wahab, Abul Hossain, Shaheb Ali and Faizuddin.

Deputy Commissioner, Police Super, local politicians and UP chairman, were present at the meeting held at Kashiadaha Primary School premises in Sadar thana.

All the criminals, each accused in 8-10 cases, were sent to the district jail.

Hardinge Bridge may collapse any time!

PABNA, July 2: Hardinge Bridge on the river Padma, the strategic lifeline of communication between the northern and southern districts of the country, may collapse any time due to massive erosion on the western bank of the river with the onset of the rainy season, reports UNB.

The erosion at the bridge protection site began at a threatening speed following clandestine removal of about 80 per cent boulders worth several crores of taka for private gains in recent times.

Mentionable that the bridge was built back in 1915 with a foundation of 122 MSL. The bridge used to be protected by the boulders running from the bridge point to Damudaha.

The heavy boulders were brought from Burma at the time of construction of the bridge and the site was meticulously reinforced with those boulders to protect the bridge from erosion. Erosion never occurred at the site since construction of the bridge.

Allegedly local vested groups utilised the boulders for carpeting roads in the areas plundering these in connivance with a section of local authorities from the bridge site.

Unless erosion at the protection site is checked on an emergency basis the Hardinge Bridge may face a disaster any moment.

AL meeting in Natore marking one year rule

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, July 2: The local unit of Bangladesh Awami League held a public meeting near Natore Press Club on Monday marking the first anniversary of the party's assumption to power.

Advocate Sajedur Rahman Khan, President of the local unit presided over the meeting.

Among others, Advocate Hanif Ali Sheikh, General Secretary of the local unit, Ahad Ali Sarker, President of the sadar thana AL, Advocate Shirajul Islam, Vice President of the sadar thana AL, Mohsinul Haq, Vice President of Natore district AL, Masudur Rahman Masud, President of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) local unit, Sariful Islam Ranjan, general secretary (GS) of BCL, Ruhul Amin Bilop and Masum and other local leaders spoke on the occasion.

The speakers called upon the people of Natore to extend their whole hearted cooperation to the present government for building a 'Sonar Bangla'.

3 killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, July 2: Three bus passengers were killed and 20 others injured in a road accident on the Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway Monday.

The accident occurred when a Chittagong-bound bus of 'Emdad Paribahan' plunged into a ditch near Jahillyadhala, 60 km from Cox's Bazar town, at 5:30 pm Monday.

The identities of the victims could not be known immediately.

Boat sinks in Bay of Bengal

CHITTAGONG, July 2: A boat carrying 10 people and some food sank into the Bay of Bengal, 45 km off the sea shore recently, reports UNB.

However, all the inmates of the boat were rescued by an Air Force helicopter.

Police said an engine boat, which was carrying 10 people and some food for a gas exploring company at Kutubdia, sank in the Bay due to strong current at 11 in the morning.

Two missing as boat capsizes in Jamuna

SIRAJGANJ, July 2: Two people were missing when a boat carrying 25 passengers capsized in the river Jamuna near Muradpur in Chowhali thana on Friday, reports UNB.

The missing passengers are: Beilal, 35, of Muradpur and Akkel Ali, 55, of Rohaitkassulia. However, the rest of the passengers swam ashore.

The mechanised-boat, which was carrying some 25 passengers from Bera thana in Pabna, became inoperative and capsized in the river due to bad weather at 3:30 pm.

Arrest, death of tribal terrorists People of Bandarban heave a sigh of relief

BANDARBAN, July 2: The people of Bandarban Hill District heaved a sigh of relief with the arrest of five tribal terrorists and death of nine more terrorists following Thanchi incident of May 3.

Official sources told BSS that Bangladesh security forces have so far arrested five terrorists in connection with the Thanchi incident.

Two terrorists and one BDR jawan were killed in the four-hour long fire exchange and two SMG one SLR and 500 ammunition were seized from the place of occurrence at Thanchi bazar BDR post in the early hours of May 3.

Seven terrorists of the tribal insurgents, including ring

leader Thui Thui Aung were killed in a series of internal feud in the group, the sources said adding that the arrested persons provided important information to the police about their insurgency.

Thana Nirbahi Officer of Thanchi, Mohammad Muslemuddin told that following the arrest and death of the terrorists, the law and order situation in the remote hilly region has improved further and now tribal people are moving freely.

Police Super Mohammad Majedul Haq told the news agency that peace has been prevailing in 95 per cent tribal populated regions of Thanchi, Ruma and Rowangchhari thanas of the district. He said

five policemen, one sub-inspector, one BDR jawan, and one army man were killed in different incidents during the last one year.

The tribal people, with the help of different law enforcing agencies are building up resistance unitedly against the insurgency, he added.

When contacted, chairman of the Local Government Council, Bandarban, Maung Kya Ching Chowdhury told the news agency that the restoration of peace and order in Bandarban district will strengthen the on-going peace process, initiated by the government and Parbatya Chaitagram Jana Sanghaty Samity.

Health complexes fail to render medicare service

BARGUNA, July 2: Scarcity of medicine in different health complexes of the district has been causing suffering to patients, reports UNB.

Local people alleged that simple medicines like detol and paracetamol are not available in almost all thana health complexes.

A large number of people coming from remote areas to thana health complexes every day are to go back disappointed for lack of proper treatment and admission facilities.

In the absence of physicians, compounder or staff members give prescriptions to the patients, it is alleged.

The doctors posted in the rural areas are mostly reluctant to carry out their responsibility as they remain busy to secure transfer to urban or town areas. Some doctors are seen busy with their private practices in

stead of attending patients in health complexes.

Some physicians of the thana and union health complexes are unwilling to attend outdoor patients due to non-availability of medicines, it is learnt.

Local people alleged that some dishonest officials of the health complexes are involved in selling medicines in the black market.

According to another report from Sunamganj, patients are lying on the floor for scarcity of bed in Sunamganj Sadar Hospital.

According to hospital sources, the hospital is operating with 50 beds since 1985. The demand for upgrading it into a 100-bed is yet to be fulfilled. Scarcity of equipment and physicians have been hampering treatment badly.

According to official sources, posts of two senior consultants, two senior consultants, two health education workers, one assistant nurse, one radiologist and one pathologist are lying vacant for a long time.

On an average some 250 patients come to indoor, outdoor and emergency departments daily who are facing problems due to shortage of doctors, equipment and medicine. Patients have to buy medicine at high prices from outside market.

The machines for ultra sonography, pathology and anaesthesia have been lying out of order since long. Only one of the two ambulances is in running condition, the only X-ray machine often goes out of order causing suffering to the patients.



SYLHET: The International Day Against Drug Abuse was observed in the town by bringing out a colourful rally on June 26.

Natore Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, July 2: At least 15 persons including a minor girl and two women were injured in a road accident at Duttapara area of the district on Natore-Pabna highway recently.

The accident occurred when a Pabna-bound bus (Dhaka-Ja-04-0046) coming from Rajshahi collided head-on with a Rajshahi-bound Dhaka coach 'Sugandha' (Natore-Ba-02-0001).

Seven seriously injured persons have been identified as Baby, 6, Suha, 25, Marjan, 25, Tarak Roy, 60, Idriah, 32, Shaheen, 30, and Salim, 35. They were admitted at Natore Sadar Hospital.

The hospital authorities, shifted Baby, Marjan and Salim Uddin to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

A case has been filed with Natore Sadar Police in this connection. However, the drivers and helpers of both the buses managed to flee.

Farewell to TNO

The students of Mishripura Ideal Primary School in Bagatipara thana accorded a farewell reception to Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) Azizur Rahman recently.

Ansar Ali, president of the school managing committee presided over the meeting while Azhar Ali, Union Parishad (UP) chairman Shariful Islam,

Unregistered clinics doing brisk business in Khulna

From Quazi Amanullah KHULNA, July 2: People are allegedly being cheated in the so-called private clinics and pathological laboratories of the city.

These clinics and diagnostic centres are also allegedly depriving the government by evading taxes. No legal action has been taken against these clinics till now.

Out of 50 clinics in the city, 15 are registered, said an official source. There are over 100 pathological laboratories and diagnostic centres. Out of these only four are within the knowledge of Health Department.

Most of the clinics are under staffed with inexperienced doctors and nurses. No modern apparatus and surgical instruments are available there. The operation theatres are untidy. The cabins are not properly maintained, alleged sufferers.

According to a circular of 1995 issued by the Director General (DG) of Health, a ten bed clinic should have at least three doctors, three nurses and three sweepers along with essential materials in a good house.

Woman gets life-term for killing stepson

KISHOREGANJ, July 2: A woman was awarded life-term imprisonment for killing her stepson Monday, court sources here said, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution, the convict Nazma Khatun, 25, second wife of Muslim Mia of village Berabhanga in Sadar thana took her stepson Sujan, 7, to a pond adjacent to their house, strangled him and left the body in the water on August 30, 1992.

CID police arrested Nazma Khatun on May 14, 1993, and the next day she gave confessional statement before a Magistrate under Section 164.

After examining the witnesses and records, Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Shahidullah delivered the judgement.

Man killed by uncle

SYLHET, July 2: A man was killed by his uncle at village Sudistipur in Fenchuganj thana on Thursday following a brawl over uprooting a sapling police said, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the victim Mukim Ali protested his uncle Rezwam Ali for uprooting his mango sapling from his garden. At one stage of hot exchange Rezwam Ali stabbed his nephew with a 'dao' killing him on the spot.

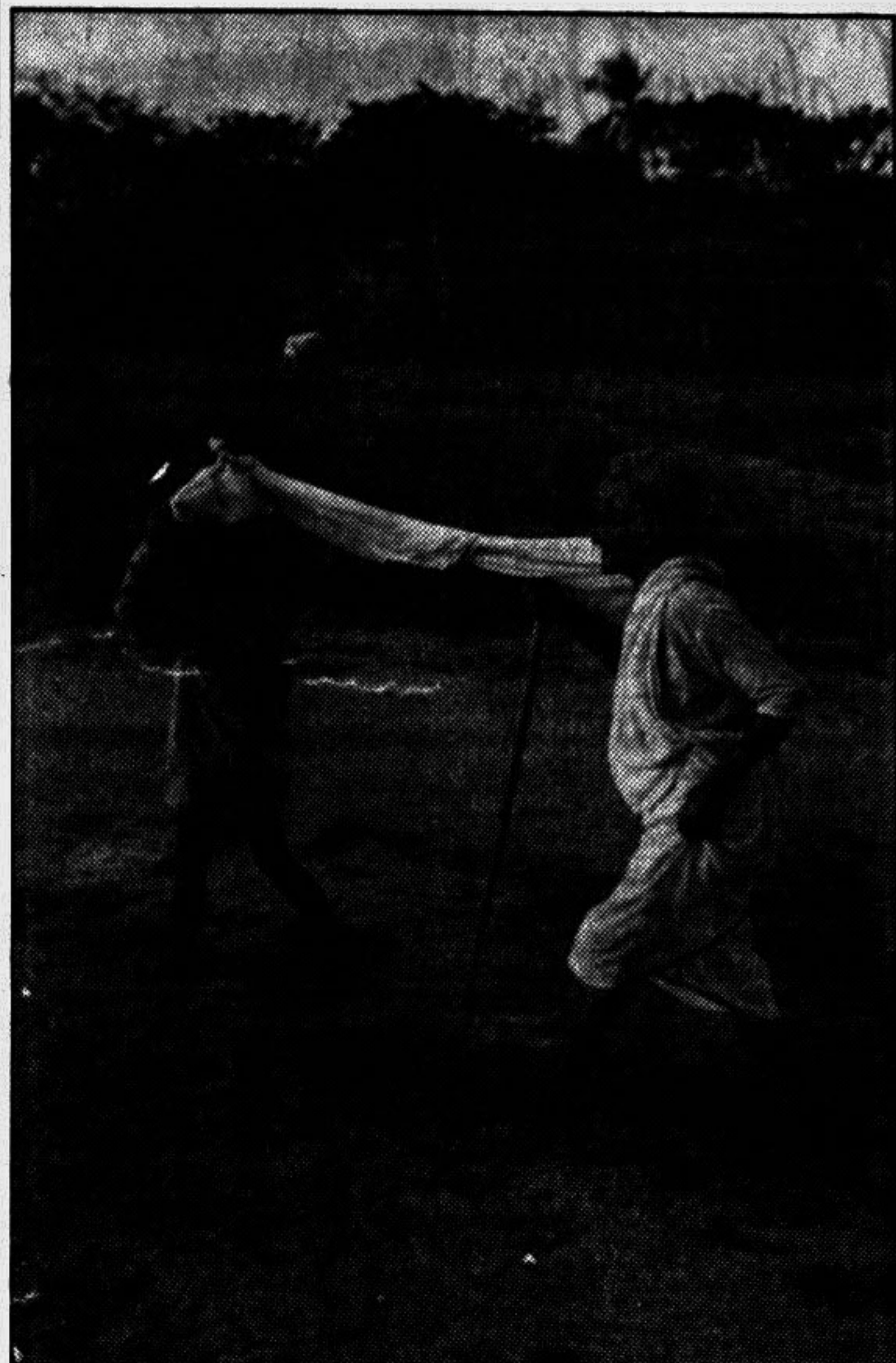
Police sent the body to Osmani Medical College Hospital for post mortem. The wife of de-

ceased filed a case with the police.

Local people caught Rezwam and handed him over to police.

Another report said: Local people rounded up six men from south Surma in the town suspecting them to be child lifters and handed them over to police on Friday.

A private car and a microbus used by the arrested men were also seized. The arrested were identified as Abdu Nur, Selim Mia, Saiful Islam, Habib, Iqbal and Helal.



Child leading his grandmother. An exhibit at Al-Mahmud's solo photo show held recently in Pabna. The show Banglar Nari, depicted the image of women of Bengal with sympathy and love and drew a large daily crowd.

Re-Auction Notice. It is notified for general information of all concerned that a large number of serviceable/repairable/unserviceable, empty soyabean oil barrels will be sold through open auction at 0900 hours on 11 August 1997 at "Base Supply Depot, ASC, Chittagong Cantonment". Interested bidders may inspect the lots on 3 and 4 August 97 at Base Supply Depot, Chittagong. All bidders shall have to deposit a Pay Order/Bank Draft amounting Tk 20,000.00 (twenty thousand) only as security deposit (refundable) before the commencement of auction. No cash amount will be accepted on the spot. The successful bidder will have to pay 3% income tax. Other rules and conditions will be intimated on the spot.

BCIC International Tender Notice. Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites International Sealed Tender No KNM/PD (F)-9/97 for purchase of Paper Machine Felt which will be opened on 6-8-97 at 3:00 PM. Tender documents will be available on payment of Tk 300.00 (Three hundred) per set from (1) KNM Ltd, (2) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka & (3) BCIC, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening. BCIC 547-26/6/97 DFP-15418-29/6 Manager (Commercial) Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd. G-1772

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার. নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়. গণপূর্ত ই/এম বিভাগ-১, ঢাকা. সংক্ষিপ্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি. নং-১৪৫(৯৬-৯৭ইং). তারিখ: ২৬-৬-৯৭ ইং. ১২-৩-১৪০৪ বাং. ১) গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের বিশেষ প্রথম শ্রেণী এবং ইএডএম কাজের ১ম ও ২য় শ্রেণীর টিকাদারী লাইসেন্স ও মূল্য সংযোজন কর নিবন্ধন সন্থিক্রমে রহিয়াছে তাহাদের নিকট হইতে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯০৮ এ সীলমোহরকৃত খামে আইটেম রেইট ভিত্তিতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ অপারী ১০-৭-৯৭ ইং তারিখ হইবে এবং একই দিনে বেলা ১২:০০ মিনিটে বিভাগ/গণপূর্ত ইডেন ভবন বিভাগ, ঢাকার অফিস চলাকালীন সময় গণপূর্ত ই/এম বিভাগ ১/২/৩/৪/৫/৬/৭/৮/৯/১০/১১/১২/১৩/১৪/১৫/১৬/১৭/১৮/১৯/২০/২১/২২/২৩/২৪/২৫/২৬/২৭/২৮/২৯/৩০/৩১/৩২/৩৩/৩৪/৩৫/৩৬/৩৭/৩৮/৩৯/৪০/৪১/৪২/৪৩/৪৪/৪৫/৪৬/৪৭/৪৮/৪৯/৫০/৫১/৫২/৫৩/৫৪/৫৫/৫৬/৫৭/৫৮/৫৯/৬০/৬১/৬২/৬৩/৬৪/৬৫/৬৬/৬৭/৬৮/৬৯/৭০/৭১/৭২/৭৩/৭৪/৭৫/৭৬/৭৭/৭৮/৭৯/৮০/৮১/৮২/৮৩/৮৪/৮৫/৮৬/৮৭/৮৮/৮৯/৯০/৯১/৯২/৯৩/৯৪/৯৫/৯৬/৯৭/৯৮/৯৯/১০০/১০১/১০২/১০৩/১০৪/১০৫/১০৬/১০৭/১০৮/১০৯/১১০/১১১/১১২/১১৩/১১৪/১১৫/১১৬/১১৭/১১৮/১১৯/১২০/১২১/১২২/১২৩/১২৪/১২৫/১২৬/১২৭/১২৮/১২৯/১৩০/১৩১/১৩২/১৩৩/১৩৪/১৩৫/১৩৬/১৩৭/১৩৮/১৩৯/১৪০/১৪১/১৪২/১৪৩/১৪৪/১৪৫/১৪৬/১৪৭/১৪৮/১৪৯/১৫০/১৫১/১৫২/১৫৩/১৫৪/১৫৫/১৫৬/১৫৭/১৫৮/১৫৯/১৬০/১৬১/১৬২/১৬৩/১৬৪/১৬৫/১৬৬/১৬৭/১৬৮/১৬৯/১৭০/১৭১/১৭২/১৭৩/১৭৪/১৭৫/১৭৬/১৭৭/১৭৮/১৭৯/১৮০/১৮১/১৮২/১৮৩/১৮৪/১৮৫/১৮৬/১৮৭/১৮৮/১৮৯/১৯০/১৯১/১৯২/১৯৩/১৯৪/১৯৫/১৯৬/১৯৭/১৯৮/১৯৯/২০০/২০১/২০২/২০৩/২০৪/২০৫/২০৬/২০৭/২০৮/২০৯/২১০/২১১/২১২/২১৩/২১৪/২১৫/২১৬/২১৭/২১৮/২১৯/২২০/২২১/২২২/২২৩/২২৪/২২৫/২২৬/২২৭/২২৮/২২৯/২৩০/২৩১/২৩২/২৩৩/২৩৪/২৩৫/২৩৬/২৩৭/২৩৮/২৩৯/২৪০/২৪১/২৪২/২৪৩/২৪৪/২৪৫/২৪৬/২৪৭/২৪৮/২৪৯/২৫০/২৫১/২৫২/২৫৩/২৫৪/২৫৫/২৫৬/২৫৭/২৫৮/২৫৯/২৬০/২৬১/২৬২/২৬৩/২৬৪/২৬৫/২৬৬/২৬৭/২৬৮/২৬৯/২৭০/২৭১/২৭২/২৭৩/২৭৪/২৭৫/২৭৬/২৭৭/২৭৮/২৭৯/২৮০/২৮১/২৮২/২৮৩/২৮৪/২৮৫/২৮৬/২৮৭/২৮৮/২৮৯/২৯০/২৯১/২৯২/২৯৩/২৯৪/২৯৫/২৯৬/২৯৭/২৯৮/২৯৯/৩০০/৩০১/৩০২/৩০৩/৩০৪/৩০৫/৩০৬/৩০৭/৩০৮/৩০৯/৩১০/৩১১/৩১২/৩১৩/৩১৪/৩১৫/৩১৬/৩১৭/৩১৮/৩১৯/৩২০/৩২১/৩২২/৩২৩/৩২৪/৩২৫/৩২৬/৩২৭/৩২৮/৩২৯/৩৩০/৩৩১/৩৩২/৩৩৩/৩৩৪/৩৩৫/৩৩৬/৩৩৭/৩৩৮/৩৩৯/৩৪০/৩৪১/৩৪২/৩