

News snaps

Training course on Human Rights

RAJSHAHI, July 7: A training course on 'Fact Finding and Human Rights', organised by a local NGO — Association for Community Development, concluded here recently, reports UNB.

The course was conducted by the university teachers, researchers, lawyers, development workers, women's right activists, police officials and journalists. Some 30 people including grassroot level workers of the organisation, elite, UP chairmen and members and local journalists took part in the three-day training course.

TB treatment programme opens

MOULVIBAZAR, July 7: The programme of tuberculosis (TB) treatment and control was inaugurated here at Moulvibazar sadar thana recently, reports BSS.

The inaugural function, held at Moulvibazar Sadar Thana Health Complex, was presided over by Dr Satya Ranjan Roy, the Sadar Thana Health and Family Planning Officer. Sukumar Dasgupta, Director, Health Education and Economic Development (HEED), Bangladesh and Gowranga Chakraverty, Deputy Director, District Family Planning Department, were chief guest and special guest respectively.

Water problem in KMCH

KHULNA, July 7: Normal functioning of the 250-bed Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) has been hampered due to acute shortage of water, power and accommodation, reports UNB.

Official sources said erratic power supply and load-shedding in the hospital has been causing immense suffering to the patients as well as doctors and employees. Water supply is also hindered due to inadequate power supply. Water tanks of the hospital remain empty for most of the time in a day. Moreover, two deep tubewells out of three went out of order for long.

Literacy programme opens

NOAKHALI, July 7: State Minister for Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated a nine-month long literacy programme in Companyganj thana here on Saturday, reports UNB.

Under the programme, some 2,500 volunteers will provide literacy to 65,000 people between 11 and 45 years old, said an official handout. Earlier, the minister took part in a rally that paraded the thana headquarters. He called upon the participants to make the programme a success. The programme titled as 'Jagrata Companyganj' will be implemented at a cost of Tk 1.31 crore.

Children's fair concludes

BANDARBAN, July 7: A three-day children's fair concluded at local Shishu Academy premises on Sunday, reports UNB.

On the concluding day, Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Sakawat Hossain distributed prizes and certificates among the winners of different competitions. Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Atiqur Islam Chowdhury, the function was also addressed, among others, by District Organiser Nargis Ahsan and Farhana Bahar Mimi. In the fair, art and cultural competition were organised in which 500 children from different parts of the district took part. Of them, 150 children received prizes and certificates.

People urged to work hard for uplift

SYLHET, July 7: Parliamentary Affairs Adviser to Prime Minister Suranjit Sengupta recently called upon the people to work hard keeping away from greed and personal interest for the uplift of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a gathering at the local circuit house here. Suranjit said, the whole world is looking with enthusiasm to Bangladesh which is making tremendous development under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. District Awami League president Syed Abu Nasar, general secretary A N M Shafiqul Haque, joint secretary Iftakhar Hossain Shameem, and Meshbauddin Siraj were present on the occasion.



There are people who search and recover missing things from ponds — things like gold ornaments and trinkets dear to rural women. They do it with the help of different tools. Rural youths thus innovate new jobs as an answer to unemployment.

5-month special drive Only 28 terrorists nabbed in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 7: Only 28 out of 778 blacklisted terrorists of 57 police stations of Khulna division have been nabbed from January till May 15, 1997.

Police conducted special drives during the aforementioned period.

A total of 60 activists of different outlawed organisations were arrested during the same period, according to control room of Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Khulna range.

Police recovered seven SMCs, two sawed off rifles, one SLR, 14 SBL and DBL guns, 30 home-made and foreign revolvers, pistols, 425 pipeguns, 50 shutter guns, 2500 rifle ammunition, 500 cartridges, 93 bombs and 75 sharp weapons during their special drives.

But most of the recovered firearms were abandoned.

A unique self-employment venture for rural poor

CHHAGALNAIYA (Feni), July 7: The Chhagalnaiya Thana Central Cooperative Society for Landless People has taken up a five-year programme to create self-employment opportunities for 2,400 poor and landless families to improve their socio-economic condition, reports BSS.

Official sources said, the programme was taken up by the society under 'Greater Noakhali Rural Poor Cooperative Assistance Project' to help the poor and the distressed people of the thana to stand on their own feet.

The sources said, the society disbursed Taka 35,76,000 as soft-term loan among 833 men and women so far towards their self-employment ventures.

The central cooperative society organised 1,520 men and women under different small groups and formed a capital of Taka 7,80,000 so far through

realisation of regular subscriptions from the members of the society, they said.

According to the sources, the society is imparting training to its members on dairy and poultry farming, pisciculture and cultivation of vegetables on monthly basis. They also are conducting mass literacy and human development programmes for the adults to make them conscious about their personal and social life. The cooperative society has already trained up 739 men and women to achieve these goals, the sources added.

The sources said, the Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) which started its activities in the thana in 1973 has so far organised 8,281 farmers and landless families under 89 cooperatives, and 1,280 women under 40 women cooperatives.

These cooperatives, formed a capital of Taka 37,73,231 so far through their savings. The BRDB disbursed Taka 23,71,000 among the cooperatives as soft-term loan to help them in their self-employment projects, they added. They have discontinued to take loan from bank with effect from the 1995-96 financial year, as they have already achieved their self-employment target.

The BRDB also helps the poor cooperatives to grow agricultural products through encouraging modern methods of cultivation opening marketing facilities to get fair price of their products. They have also ensured fair price of their products by preserving them in their own godowns. They already stored paddy worth about Taka 15,08,000 during the current financial year. Their present capital in the bank is now Taka 1,11,37,859, the sources added.

86,831 couples to be brought under FP programme

SHERPUR, July 7: District Family Planning unit has taken up a comprehensive programme to bring a large number of couple under different methods of contraceptives in five thanas in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said a target has been fixed to bring 86,831 people under the programme which will be implemented with the help of Sadar Hospital, thana health complexes, union health centres, clinics and non-government organisations.

Of the total, 4,280 people will be brought under sterilisation, 4,451 women under IUD and 17,341 under injection. Besides, oral pills will be supplied among 42,086 women and condoms to 18,084 men.

A total of 69,364 doses of injections, 6,31,290 cycles of oral pills and 27,12,600 pieces of condoms will also be distributed for the successful implementation of the programme.

Shortage of medicine in livestock centre

NARAIL, July 7: Shortage of necessary medicines in three thana livestock centres here has been hampering the treatment of cattle, goats and poultry birds, reports UNB.

The farm owners said a large number of cattle, goats and poultry birds died of various diseases due to lack of proper treatment.

People coming from remote areas to the centres are to go back disappointed as the centres can not provide the necessary medicines and other facilities.

The doctors prescribe medicines which are not available in the government livestock centres and the poor farmers who can not afford to buy costly medicines are the worst sufferers.

5 youths held from Manikganj bus terminal

MANIKGANJ, July 7: Five young men were arrested from a bus terminal in Dauldia thana of the district on Saturday, reports UNB.

Police, on suspicion, challenged Rahman, 14, Masud Rana, 12, Mizanur, 13, Sattar, 15, and Shahin, 18, and arrested them as they failed to give satisfactory reply.

They identified themselves as garment workers. Two knives and two kirch were also recovered from their possession.

Another report says: A group of armed dacoits swooped on a truck near Uthli truck terminal on Dhaka Aricha highway and looted cash from its driver on Friday.



SYLHET: Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury speaking as the chief guest in the installation ceremony of the office-bearers of Sylhet Law College Students Union here on Friday.

Murderer to die

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, July 7: One murderer was awarded death penalty in a judgement delivered by the Additional and District Sessions Judge, First Court of Kushtia recently.

The court convicted accused no. 1 of Anesuddin Murder Case Rabiul Hossain alias Rab of village Chandgram under Beramara thana in the district.

Seven other accused in the case are also convicted on the same charge. They were sentenced to life imprisonment and fined Taka 10 thousand each in default, to suffer another one year Rigorous Imprisonment (RI). Five other accused were acquitted on the charge. Before delivering Judgement of 38 pages Judge Alhaj Md Ainul Huq examined 20 witnesses. He was convinced beyond doubt about the allegations brought against them.

Seven other accused persons who were given life imprisonment are: Haider alias Alam, Jalal (absconding), Ala (absconding), Aba, Razzak, Majid and Siddique. The acquitted persons are: Akkas, Golam, Fazar, Khazmat and Majibur.

Punishment of the absconding accused will begin from the date of their arrest or surrender.

The case in brief is that on July 1, 1992, a gang of 13 armed dacoits attacked the house of Amiruddin Mondal of village Chandpur under Bheramara thana. They looted in cash Tk 30 thousand, one VCR and gold ornaments worth Taka one lakh 11 thousand 150. The inmates of the house shouted for help. Then Anesuddin Mondal, son of Amiruddin rushed to the house, but two dacoits caught him and took him inside a

Scarcity of fodder in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 7: Acute scarcity of fodder has been prevailing throughout Kishoreganj district for the last few days.

It was gathered that scarcity of fodder has been attributed to the heavy damage of grass and other kinds of fodder like straw in the recent incessant rainfall. All the fields, especially in the low-lying areas have gone under water resulting in acute crisis of fodder.

According to the District Livestock Department, there are more than nine lakh livestock in the district. There is officially no grazing field in the district. As a result farmers are facing difficulties in feeding their cows, goats and buffaloes.

This has resulted in the gradual loss of health of thousands of cattlehead on one hand and sharp fall in the supply of milk on the other.

Straw has become a luxury for the cattle. It is now selling at Taka 150 per maund in the markets. Prices of oil-cake, bran used as fodder have also gone beyond the purchasing capacity of farmers.

As a result, thousands of cattlehead throughout the district have become thin. A large number of cattlehead have fallen prey to various diseases due to starvation.

Many cultivators, being unable to feed their cattlehead and cope with abnormal situation are selling their cattle at a nominal price.

Strict enforcement of traffic rules in Narail urged

NARAIL, July 7: Traffic jam is a regular phenomenon in the district town hampering movement of the passersby, reports UNB.

The town comprising an area of one and a half square miles is crowded with a population of 40,000. Hundreds of local and inter district vehicles ply through this town from morning to night.

The town dwellers have urged the authorities to enforce the traffic rules strictly to ease the traffic problems.

Satkhira Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 7: A person was awarded 17 years Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) for possessing illegal arms.

The prosecution story is that the accused, Saiful Islam of village Mahadevpur under Keshabpur thana in Jessore district was arrested by Tala thana police on January 10, 1990.

After his confessional statement, police recovered a gun with 30 cartridges from village Chomorkhall in Tala thana on the same day. A case was filed with Tala thana afterwards. After investigation police submitted chargesheet against him.

Sk Rawnauqul Islam, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Satkhira after examining witnesses and documents awarded the aforementioned imprisonment under Section 19(A) and Section 19(F) of Arms Act.

Man killed by brother

One Kuddus Ali, 40, son of Anzar Ali of village Banshdaha under Satkhira Sadar thana of the district was allegedly killed by his younger brother Korban Ali, 35, after a family feud recently.

According to police sources, Korban Ali had a quarrel with his elder brother Kuddus Ali on a petty matter recently. At one stage of altercation, he hit his elder brother with bamboo stick. He died on the spot.

A case was filed with Satkhira Police Station. None was arrested.

Contraband goods seized

The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel raided several border areas of the district and seized various kinds of contraband goods worth over Taka 15.78 lakh within a week.

BDR members of 21 Rifles Battalion raided Kakkdanga, Bhomra, Jhhowdanga, Madra, Taluigachha, Shakhra, Rudrapur, Kaiba, Baikari, Debhata border areas and seized the goods.

The goods included motor cycles, mangoes, clothes, bi-cycle, spare parts of bi-cycle, sugar, salt, sarees, spices, pulse, cows, medicines and bid.

The goods were deposited to the Customs authorities. None was arrested in this connection.

Lightning claims 1

One person was killed and two others injured by lightning here at village Gadaipar under Assassuni thana of the district recently.

The victim identified as Azharul Islam, 35, of village Gadaipar of the same thana and two other persons while returning home from Budhata bazar were struck by thunderbolt at Gadaipar near their homes. Azharul died on the spot while two others sustained injuries.

Body recovered

Kalaroa thana police recovered the body of Sonia Khatun, 7, daughter of Abdur Rashid of village Tulshidanga under Kalaroa thana from a culvert of Sanapatpur after three days of her abduction recently.

According to police sources, the victim's Sonia went to the grazing field to bring back home their goat. Since then she remained missing.

Local people found the body lying inside the culvert. Police rushed to the spot and sent the body to Satkhira Hospital for postmortem.

A case was filed with Kalaroa police station. The cause of the murder could not be known immediately.

One chopped to death

One person was chopped to death by his son for trying to marry second time recently.

According to police sources, Korban Ali, 48, of village Digong under Kalaroa thana was killed by his son Rabiul Islam, 23, when Korban Ali asked his son to seek permission from his mother Jobeda Khatun, 40, for a second marriage. Rabiul Islam became angry and attacked his father with a sharp weapon. As a result he died on the spot.

A case was registered with Kalaroa Police Station. But the killer son managed to escape.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

National Board of Revenue
ETAC Data Computerisation Project
Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000

C.No 1 (20) DIR(ETAC)/96 Dated: 30/06/97

Tender Notice

- Sealed Tenders are being invited from the reputed mapping firms for the preparation of separate maps of all Value Added Tax (VAT)/Commissionerates Divisions and circles of Bangladesh. The maps will be prepared for ETAC Data Computerisation Project financed by IDA Credit No. 2393-BD.
 - Bidders may collect tenders information from the office of the undersigned during the office hour, the tenders must submit sample maps of at least 5 (five) VAT circles of Bangladesh along with tender within fifteen days from publishing of the notice on the newspapers. These sample maps must incorporate the locations and positions of important VAT registered firms and shops within the circle & also other relevant informations.
 - The successful tenderer must have to complete all the mapping jobs of all the VAT division and circles within the two months after the issue of work order.
 - It is mentioned that 75% of the fund will be transferred to the bank account of the successful firm and rest 25% fund will be transferred to that account from relevant fund of the Bangladesh government.
 - 2.5 per cent of total quoted value will have to be deposited through Pay Order/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, ETAC Project, National Board of Revenue along with the tender.
 - Bids will be opened in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 12:00 hrs. on 24.07.1997 at office of the Project Director, ETAC Project, National Board of Revenue, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
 - The National Board of Revenue, Dhaka reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and cancel the bidding process without thereby incurring any liability to the bidders.
- Condition**
- Preparation of separate 6 VAT commissionerate 29 VAT Division and 105 maps and must incorporate the important geographical locations, symbol colors and position of all the VAT registered units, specially VAT offices including important govt. offices the distinct identification of the boundary line of concern circle and division and all types of Communication System including Detail Roads.
 - The Bidders must submit sample maps of at least five VAT circles of Bangladesh along with the tender.
 - VAT map will be prepared based upon proper field survey.
 - The Bidders will have to submit their latest publications of Bangladesh map, Dhaka and Chittagong guide map. These will be treated as added qualifications for the intending tender.
 - The intending tenderers may contact ETAC Project Director and other relevant NBR officials and VAT field officials for the relevant informations, if required.
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- Dr. Md Rafiqul Islam**
ETAC Project Director

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

North East Minor Irrigation Project

Project Coordination Unit

Ministry of Agriculture

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Tender Notice

No. 01/1997-98

Memo No. NEMIP/PCU/MoA/ENG/02/96-97/563 Dated: 2.7.97

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of 'North East Minor Irrigation Project' [Loan No. 1125-BAN (SF)] and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and installation of Low Lift Pumps at selected sites in the project area. The project is being executed by the Project Coordination Unit of Ministry of Agriculture.

Sealed tenders for the supply and installation of 100 (one hundred) Low Lifts Pumps (LLP) in the different unions and thanas under the districts of Sunamganj, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Hobiganj, Netrakona and Kishoreganj, are hereby invited by the undersigned from the genuine supplier/manufacturer.

The tender schedule containing detail specification, description and terms of conditions of the tender may be obtained at a non-refundable fixed price of Tk 750.00 (seven hundred fifty) only by submitting an application in their pad with valid papers of qualification and trade licence. Money receipt will have to be enclosed with the tender at the time of tender submission.

The tender should be accompanied with an earnest money equivalent to 2.5% (two and half per cent) of the quoted amount against in favour of the Coordinating Director, North East Minor Irrigation Project, 714, West Nakhalpara, Dhaka-1215 in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.

Place of tender: The office of the purchasing, submitting undersigned, and opening

Last date & time of: 21st July 1997 up to 2 PM. tender purchasing

Last date & time of: 24th July 1997 up to 2 PM. tender submission

Date & time of tender: 24th July 1997 at 2:30 PM. opening

Any other relevant information may be obtained from the Superintending Engineer of NEMIP during office hours.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

DFP-15751-3/7 A S M Rezaul Karim
Coordinating Director

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