

News snaps

Housewife killed by husband

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 21: A housewife of village Satakhalia under Shalikh Thana in the district was allegedly killed by her husband recently, according to the Police sources.

Police and eyewitnesses said, Liaquat Ali, husband of the victim, Fulbibi, 25, hit her with the handle of the tubewell when she delayed to give 'Bidi'. A case was filed in this connection.

Seminar on role of Islam

JHENIDAH, July 27: A seminar on 'the role of Islam in solving human problem' was held here recently to mark the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi, reports BSS.

Organised by Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh at its local office here the seminar was presided over by Prof Abdus Sattar, Principal, Jhenidah Government K C College. The Deputy Commissioner, Mizanur Rahman, among others, spoke on the occasion. The speakers called upon the Muslims of the country to follow the teachings of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) to make an ideal society.

Biennial confce of Kushtia Zila AL

BHERAMARA, July 27: The biennial conference of Kushtia Zila Mohila Awami League was held at Kushtia Circuit House on Thursday, reports BSS.

Begum Nurjahan Mina, convener of Kushtia Zila Mohila Awami League presided over the meeting. Nasima Mantu, Office Secretary of the central committee of Mohila Awami League attended the meeting as the chief guest. Advocate Ibrahim Hossain, Convener, Kushtia Zila Awami League was present as special guest. A 53-member committee of Kushtia Zila Mohila Awami League was formed in the conference.

Advocacy meeting on child right

COMILLA, July 27: An advocacy meeting on the development of child and woman's right was held here on July 24 at Deputy Commissioner's conference room, reports BSS.

District information office organised the meeting with the help of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Deputy Commissioner Chowdhury Golam Maala presided over the meeting.

Loan for youths

NOAKHALI, July 27: Government has taken up an inputs loan distribution programme amounting to Taka one crore and ten lakh to encourage the youths in self-employment, reports UNB.

Under the programme, two lakh youths trained up from the Department of Youth Development all over the country would be provided with dairy cow, goats poultry and animal feed as loan. Sate Minister for Youth and Sports, Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said this while giving away 12 dairy cows to 12 trained up youths at a function held at Companiganj Thana Council in the district recently.

Abducted trader rescued

CHITTAGONG, July 27: Police rescued an abducted trader from a residence at the city's Doublenooring thana and arrested a gang leader on Friday, reports UNB.

A gang of abductors picked up the trader, Abdus Salam, from Ishpani crossing on Thursday at 3 pm and demanded a ransom of Tk two lakh from the family members of the victim. Being informed, a team of plain clothes police with the victim's family members, went to a place near Jhumur cinema at Kazir Dewri as specified by the abductors and red-handed gang leader Ashraf Ali. However, his accomplices managed to escape the scene.

Child trafficker suspect held

SYLHET, July 27: Police arrested a man suspecting as a child trafficker and rescued three boys from Upashahar area in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

The rescued boys were identified as Nazrul Islam, 10, and Fayzul Islam, 8, sons of Golam Mia and their cousin Shahjahan, 10, of Master Colony at Sobhani ghat in the town. The accused was identified as Razu, a microbus driver. Witnesses said Razu while passing through the Upashahar Community Centre along with the three boys local people on suspicion intercepted them. But he could not give any satisfactory answer to their questions about the children. Then the people handed over them to the police.

2 killed in Ishurdi road mishap

ISHURDI, July 27: Two persons were killed in separate road accidents last week on Pakshi-Pabna highway near here, reports BSS.

The victims were identified as Hakim Mollah, 55. He fell from the top of a passenger bus and died on the spot, police said. Another victim, Mamun, a student of class eight and son of Abdul Mazid was run over by a passenger bus. He also died on the spot. Two cases were filed with Ishurdi Police Station in connection of the accidents.

Free eye camp concludes

TANGAIL, July 27: A free eye camp jointly sponsored by Bangladesh Dristi Kalyan Foundation and Huga Union Parishad concluded recently at the Union Parishad premises, reports BSS.

A total of 70 cataract patients were operated upon and more than 1200 ophthalmic patients operated in the week-long camp. The general patients were provided with medicines and the cataract patients will be supplied glasses free of cost. The eye camp was inaugurated by Alhaj Abdul Mannan, MP.

Violator gets life-term

SATKHIRA, July 27: A man was awarded life-term imprisonment for abducting and violating a teenaged girl, court sources said here Thursday, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution story, one Joyal and his accomplices kidnaped Farida, 16, daughter of Joyal of village Deara in Kalara thana on June 15, 1995. They confined her at Maftul's shop for three days and raped her repeatedly. Police rescued Farida following a case filed by her father and after investigation submitted chargesheet against the accused. After examining the witnesses and records Judge of Women and Child Repression Court Alauddin Sardar awarded life-term to Maftul recently.

Ex-Rangpur AL VP buried

RANGPUR, July 27: Afzal Hossain, an eminent social worker and former Vice President of Rangpur District Awami League, was buried at Noorpur graveyard here on Friday, reports BSS.

Earlier, his namaz-e-janaza was held at the new Guptapara Jame Mosque in the town. Hossain who was a Commissioner of Rangpur Municipality died of old age complications at his Asadgate residence in Dhaka on Thursday. He was 90. His body was brought here from Dhaka for burial.

Fax service needed in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, July 27: Local people including journalists and businessmen have been facing problems for long in the absence of fax services in the telegraph office, reports UNB.

The old teleprinter system cannot cope with the urgent services required for sending messages and documents. Moreover, the teleprinter line remains disrupted most of the time due to mechanical trouble. Besides, due to poor knowledge in English of the teleprinter operators, the text of message goes wrong, over lapping and with full of errors. It is also very difficult to get a trunk-call line from the office, local people alleged.

Training for tax collectors

MANIKGNAJ, July 27: A training for Tax-Collector, Assistant Tax Collector and Surveyor concluded here recently, reports BSS.

A total of 40 Tax Collectors, Assistant Tax Collectors and Surveyors of 7 thanas of the district took part in the training course.

Virus fever in Thakurgaon

THAKURGAON, July 27: Virus fever has broken out in an epidemic form in Thakurgaon district, reports BSS.

People of all ages, particularly the children have been attacked with the disease. The main symptoms of the disease are high temperature, pain in the body and severe headache. Hospital sources said that everyday about 200 virus fever patients come to the hospital for treatment. The private practitioners are also treating maximum number of patients attacked with the virus fever.

Communication improvement plan

BHAIRAB, July 27: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman on Tuesday said a Taka 908 crore rural infrastructure development programme has been taken for the next one year to improve the rural communication system and socio-economic condition, reports BSS.

The programme includes construction of 3827 kilometers of rural roads, 7314 bridges and building of eight cyclone shelters. He said while inaugurating a 300-feet bridge on the Kodalkati river here.



Road accidents are on rise all over the country. Photo shows an overloaded bus plying from Brahmanbaria to Ashuganj. This is a common sight in almost all routes of the country. But the members of law enforcing authorities are indifferent to check the trend.

Overloading of buses behind road mishaps in N-dists

From K M Rezaul Haque

GAIBANDHA, July 27: Carrying of goods on roof-top of all the Dhaka-bound day and night coaches of northern districts has become a common practice resulting in frequent road accidents.

Over 50 day and night coaches run everyday from different points of northern districts towards Dhaka. All of the buses carry rice, seasonal fruits, chickens and eggs. The day and night coaches of such a long route usually run over loaded. As such very often road mishaps take place between Bogra-Nagarbari and Aricha-Manikganj areas.

A passenger bus usually carries goods weighing 100 to 150 maunds of goods on roof-top.

Due to overloading the driver of the vehicles usually lose control during the time of emergency. As a result the buses often plunges into road side ditches.

Most of the night coaches in this route have been carrying poultry birds and eggs on the roof. At least 15 to 20 large size cages are being loaded on roof. These are unloaded after reaching Dhaka. Passengers experience bad smell of poultry excretion. It causes serious health hazard of the passengers. The coach authority do not pay heed to welfare of the passengers.

With a view to carrying more money, drivers and conductors of the buses of northern route do not follow minimum traffic

rules. Generally all the local buses run over crowded with goods and passengers. The board and roof remain jam-packed all the time. The drivers and conductors of these vehicles earn more money in a single trip than the usual rate ignoring the risk of lives of passengers.

The condition of local buses is very pitiable. These are unfit for the travelling on highway. Most of the buses also discharge black smoke which pollutes the environment seriously.

The traffic control authority is indifferent to the well-being of passengers. They regularise the irregularities in exchange of bribe. It has been alleged.

Transport workers' call Shift Nagarbari ghat to Kazirhat

PABNA, July 27: Bangladesh Sarak Samik Federation threatened recently that it would stop movement of bus, truck and coach in the northern region of the country if the Nagarbari ghat is not shifted to Kazirhat, reports UNB.

Ferry services have become time consuming between the Aricha and Nagarbari route due to its unusual distance and strong current in the river Jamuna this rainy season.

Sources said a ferry takes about four hours to reach Nagarbari from Aricha, but if the ghat is shifted to Kazirhat the distance would be reduced to half as well as saving fuel of Tk 50 lakh each month.

Local people said road communication would become more easy reducing traffic congestion if a pontoon is set up at the approach road of Kazirhat highway which is 12 km into the downstream.

Moreover, the large heliport in the area would be a good place for parking the waiting vehicles there.

The plan to set up a permanent ghat at Natibpur, at the opposite side of Aricha, is yet to be implemented though works on the 13 km metalled road and 9 km kutcha road for the planned ghat completed in 1982.

Apology

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 27: Saiful Islam Rashel, president of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P), Rajshahi University unit has apologized for his misconduct with N M Jahangir Alam, university correspondent of Damik Sangbad recently.

Rashel came to the press club and said he unwillingly misbehaved with Jahangir Alam. He regretted for the incident. He assured a good relationship with the journalists. The press club president, Tareq Chowdhury reciprocated the sentiment of BCL leader and withdrew all programmes of press club protesting Rashel's alleged misbehaviour.

Ransacking of Kushtia College Principal's room condemned

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, July 27: The activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Kushtia Government University College unit recently declared the principal of the college as *persona non grata*.

The BCL activists declared it in an emergency meeting held here recently.

Earlier the principal, blamed BCL activists for creating disturbances in the college and declared the college closed since die the activists of BCL allegedly ransacked his chamber.

It may be mentioned, the principal of the college, Provat Kumar Mani in a meeting held recently with 62 teachers condemned the activities of BCL.

The meeting decided to close the college sine die in view of the situation created by BCL activists. The meeting demanded arrest and punishment of those responsible for ransacking principal's room. The meeting also demanded to establish a police outpost in the campus to protect the lives of teachers and students and properties of the college. It decided to bring out a silent procession.

It decided to hand over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia.

Meanwhile, Chhatra Majlis workers have condemned the act of ransacking of the Principal's chamber. They demanded arrest of those responsible for the same. Samaj Tantric Chhatra Front, Kushtia Zilla Branch president and Secretary in a press statement condemned the act of ransacking and demanded arrest and punishment of those responsible for the act. They also demanded reopening of the college immediately in the interest of general students career.

Govt officials not living in Ruma, Ruangchhori

Rangpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, July 27: A 7-year-old boy was allegedly killed by his step-mother at Chengmari union under Mithapukur thana recently.

According to allegation, Manjor Ibrahim Ali, a trader of the area have two wives. The victim, Pearul Islam, 7, was his only son by his 2nd wife. He kept him along with his mother in a separate residence. On the day of incident, Pearul and his mother Pearsu Banu came to Manjor's house and stayed at night. During their stay over the step-mother of the victim offered him sweet mixed with insecticide. As a result he died instantaneously.

The body of the victim was later on recovered from a near-by pond. The police of Mithapukur thana arrested Arefa Begum, first wife of Manjor and sent her to jail *hajat*. Further investigations have been going on, police sources said.

Rice of FWP misappropriated

At least 125 metric tonnes of rice worth over Taka 15 lakh allocated for Food for Works Programme have been misappropriated in Pirganj thana of the district.

Reliable sources alleged, the Relief and Rehabilitation Department allocated the aforementioned quantity of rice for the constructions of roads, bridges, culverts and re-excavations of canals, ponds and repairings of the embankments under Food for Works Programme (FWP) during the current season. But the project chairman and the members in collaboration with the officials of the thana administration and the Relief Department had misappropriated the entire rice without executing the scheme of the area.

People of the thana areas submitted complaints with the authorities concerned to immediately enquire into the alleged scandal and bring the cul-

prits to book. Meanwhile, in a press conference, held in local press club recently the students demanded to hold the English 2nd paper examination as early as possible.

They said that general examinations were not responsible for the incident.

Boy killed

A teenager Mashur Rahman of Shyampur under Badarganj thana was slaughtered by unknown miscreants recently.

Police sources said, victim Mashur, son of Moslem, on the night of the incident was returning from his grocery shop at Shyampur Bazar. He was brutally killed by some unknown assailants. The killers kept his body concealed inside a jute field adjacent to the Shyampur Sugar Mills. On the following morning the body of the victim was recovered by the police who acted upon a tip-off by the local people. But none was arrested so far.

The incident had triggered a great panic among the people of the locality since the victim was the only earning member of the family.

Housewife gang raped

A newly married housewife was gang raped by miscreants at gun-point at village Ashratpur under Sadar thana recently, police said.

The victim, Dulaly Begum, 20, married to Ruhul Amin of Kurigram about six months back. On the day of the incident she came to her father's residence at Ashratpur. At midnight three miscreants broke open the *kutcha* door of the house and took her to a lonely place at gun-point where they raped her. Later on they left her on the spot.

A case has been lodged with the Kotwali thana, but none was so far arrested by police in this connection, it was alleged by the guardians of the victim.



MUNSHIGANJ: The river erosion victims of village Randia under Lauhajong thana in the district shifting to safer places

Call to introduce digital tele system

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, July 27: The telecommunication system in Chandpur can note cope with the growing demand of about 20 lakh people of the district recently.

People of the town urge the government to introduce digital system in the town as soon as possible.

Fate of 934 HSC examinees uncertain!

BHOLA, July 27: Fate of 934 HSC examinees of the government Shabajpur College centre in Lalmothan thana are uncertain as the postponed English 2nd paper examination is yet to be held in the centre, reports UNB.

The English 2nd paper examination was scheduled to be held on May 10 last according to the board's programme. But it could not be held following a clash was ensued between the students and police when an examinee was caught red handed for adopting unfair means in the examination hall.

Following the incident, six police personnel and a magistrate were injured while agitated people set ablaze to the official cars of TNO and ADC of Bhola.

As a result, authorities postponed the said examination and ordered to shift the examination centre to Bhola Zila School.

Accordingly the other examinations were held in the Zila School centre where only 400 examinee attended.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer

Faridpur PWD Division

Memo. No. 1394

Dated: 15-7-97/31.3.1404 Bang

Notice Inviting Tenders No. 4 of 1997-98

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the approved Class-I E/M contractors of PWD and Class-II E/M contractors of PWD, Khulna Zone, Khulna holding ABC/BC licence from Licensing Board for construction of 3-storied Barrack for 200-Prisoners in the Dist. Jail at Faridpur (SH- Providing Internal Electric Installation work) during the year 1997-98" and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn, Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Narail, Meherpur, Chuadanga and Rajbari in their respective offices up to 12.00 Noon of 5.8.97. The estimated cost of the work is Taka 2,05,564/00 only and the earnest money is Taka 4,115/00 in TC/PO/BD from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh or Praratrakha Sanchaya Patra, Bonus Sanchaya Patra, 5 yrs BD Sanchaya Patra must accompany each tender duly endorsed to the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur. Otherwise his/her tender shall be declared informal. No tender form, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. will be sold after 4.8.97. The tender paper, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. may be obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn, Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Narail and Rajbari on all working days during office hours on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/- (Taka four hundred) only per set of tender schedule and a sum of Tk. 25/00 (Taka twenty-five) per copy of Tender Form No. 2911 (Both non-refundable).

Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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North East Miniature Irrigation Project

Ministry of Agriculture

714, West Nakhalpara, Tejgaon, Dhaka

Memo No. NEMIP/PCU/MOA/Eng/08/96/97/1022 Dated: 20-7-97

Tender Notice for Repair of Vehicle No 02/1997-98

Sealed tenders are invited from private repairing workshops enlisted with the Ministry of Establishment for repair of the undermentioned vehicle.

- (A) The vehicle : Head office of the Project maintaining authority : Coordination Unit, 714, West Nakhalpara, Tejgaon, Dhaka of Asian Development Bank-assisted North East Miniature Irrigation Project under the Ministry of Agriculture.
- (B) Type, group & year of manufacture of the vehicle : Jeep, trooper, 1993 respectively.
- (C) Manufacturer : Isuzu Motor.
- (D) Reg. No : Dhaka Metro-Gha-02-2293
- (E) Chassis & Engine No : 7108423 & 24934 respectively.
- (F) Type of engine & number of cylinders : Petrol & 4 (four) respectively.

Tender schedule with detailed description of required repairs and terms & conditions can be collected at Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) each from the office of the undersigned. Attested photocopy of necessary papers in favour of enlistment with the Ministry of Establishment & up-to-date trade licence should be submitted with the application.

2.5 (two point five) per cent of total quoted amount should be deposited as earnest money with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Director, Coordination, North East Miniature Irrigation Project, Ministry of Agriculture, 714, West Nakhalpara, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

- (1) Place of purchasing & submitting tender : Office of the undersigned.
- (2) Last date & time of purchasing tender : 3rd August/97 up to 5-00 PM.
- (3) Last date & time of submitting tender : 4th August/97 up to 3-00 PM.
- (4) Date & time of opening tender box : 4th August/97 at 3-30 PM.

The tender box will be opened in presence (if any) of the tender submitting firms. The authority reserves the right to reject & accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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