

News snaps

JCD submits memo to Bogra DC

BOGRA, July 29: District unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) gheraoed DC and SP offices and submitted a memorandum on Monday demanding arrest of the killers of JCD activist Masoom and withdrawal of false cases against BNP leaders and workers, reports UNB.

JCD worker Masoom was stabbed to death by terrorists in New Market area of the town on July 14. JCD blamed Chhatra League (S-P) for the murder. A murder case was filed accusing 10 people with the police. JCD has already observed a half-day hartal demanding arrest of the killers of Masoom. The DC, SP offices were gheraoed as part of their programmes announced earlier.

Indian sugar seized

SYLHET, July 29: Golapganj police have seized 39 bags of Indian sugar from a passenger bus bound for Sylhet from Jakiganj, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the bus on July 22 and recovered the contraband item. But the driver and helper managed to flee the scene. Police seized the bus. A case was filed in this connection.

Crimes on rise

GAZIPUR, July 29: Crimes are on rise marking the deterioration of law and order situation in the district, reports UNB.

Police sources said some 797 crimes were committed in six thanas of the district in the first six months of the current year till June which is more than the corresponding period of the previous year. Of the criminal activities, 24 murders, 13 dacoities, 14 abduction and 61 drug related crimes were included. Speakers at a meeting on law and order situation held here recently expressed concern over the increasing anti-social activities.

2 missing in Kholpatua boat tragedy

SATKHIRA, July 29: Two persons were missing in a boat capsized in the river Kholpatua near at Dighlarihat area under Assasuni thana of the district, on Saturday last, reports BSS.

According to witnesses, the Bichat Bazar bound engine-boat from Noabaki Bazar hit a fish boat in the evening on July 25, while the fishermen of the boat were fishing in the river, the boat sank in the river.

VGD programme progressing

RANGPUR, July 29: The Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) programme is continuing properly in the district, a relief department source said.

About 4 thousand and 9 hundred metric tons of rice has been allocated by the government towards running of the programme for the current fiscal year. Under the programme, 13,581 enlisted card holder distressed children and women will receive 30 kg rice each per month.

Kidnapped girl rescued

SIRAJGANJ, July 29: Police rescued a kidnapped school girl from village Tin Nandina in Raiganj thana on Wednesday after one and a half months of her abduction, reports UNB.

Family sources said Sabina Yasmin, 15, a Class VIII student of Tin Nandina High School, was kidnapped by some miscreants from her uncle's house on May 31 last. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the area and arrested Yunus Ali of the same village in connection with the abduction.

Girl rescued after 5 days of abduction

SAVAR, July 29: A school girl, abducted from Savar, was rescued from Bera thana in Pabna district on Saturday after five days of her abduction, reports UNB.

Police also arrested two brothers — Moqbul Hossain Polish, 23, and Ilyas Mridha, 26, in this connection. Family sources said Sajeda Begum, student of Class IX of Savar Girls High School and daughter of late Abdul Hamid was abducted from Arpara village on July 20 while she was going to school. Police first caught Polish on the basis of a case filed with the Savar thana by Sajeda's mother. Later police rescued the girl from Polish's village home in Pabna on the basis of his confessional statement.

Bauphal Press Club executives

PATUAKHALI, July 29: The biennial election of Bauphal Press Club for the 1997-99 term was held on July 20, reports BSS.

Prof Shahadat Hossain Khan (Dainik Inqulab) and GM Faruk Rahman (Dainik Ganadab) were elected as president and general secretary of the press club for the years 1997-99. The other office bearers and members of the committee are: Md. Younus Khan — Vice President, Kayes Mohmud — Assistant General Secretary, Bazul Karim — Office Secretary, AKM Zakir Hossain — Treasurer, and Sayada Akhter Jahan — member, Md Kamruzzaman — member.

Girl commits suicide

JAMALPUR, July 29: A young girl, Shakura, 14, daughter of Abu Taher committed suicide by hanging in a tree at village Nayapara under Hatibanga union of Dewanganj thana here on July 5 last.

The reasons behind her suicide could not be known. An Unnatural Death (UD) case has been registered with Dewanganj thana in this connection.

One held with phensidyl

FARIDPUR, July 29: Police seized 109 bottles of contraband phensidyl syrup and arrested one person in this connection on Monday from Alipur area of Faridpur town, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information, detective branch police challenged two passengers of a rickshaw on Monday night near Alipur graveyard, but one person fled away. Police arrested Azim Sardar along with the phensidyl syrup. Police said Azim was wanted by police since long. A case was filed with Kotwali police station in this connection.

3 killed in Pabna road mishap

PABNA, July 29: Two boys and a minor girl were killed and four others injured when their two rickshaws were hit from behind by a speeding bus in Sadar thana on Pabna-Nagarbari highway on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said two minors — Laily, 9, and Raushan Alam, 12, of Jalalpur — died on the spot when they fell down from the rickshaws and were run over by the Dhaka-bound bus from Nagarbari. They were going to the town with their relatives. Witnesses said the killer bus hit the two rickshaws on same line near Pabna Cadet College in the morning. Another boy Ruhul, 14, succumbed to his injury at Sadar hospital.

Ramgarh Press Club's foundation laid

RAMGARH, July 29: The foundation of Ramgarh Press Club building was laid at a function held here last week, reports BSS.

Samiran Dewan, Chairman of Khagrachhari Local Government Parishad laid the foundation stone as the chief guest of the function. A did the foundation stone as the chief guest of the function. A did the foundation stone as the chief guest of the function. A did the foundation stone as the chief guest of the function.

Workshop of engineers

TANGAIL, July 29: A four-day workshop of the engineers involved in the Tangail Infrastructure Development Project (TIDP) concluded in the conference room of the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) here, reports BSS.

Organised by the GTZ, a German organisation, the workshop was participated by 30 engineers. R Kunle, a German adviser of the TIDP, among others, conducted the workshop. They discussed various aspects of the TIDP for its successful implementation in stipulated time.

Biennial poll of Kulpad traders

MADARIPUR, July 29: The biennial election of Kulpad Bazar Traders Association was held recently at the Kulpad Bazar under Madaripur Sadar thana recently, reports BSS.

Ali Akbar Bepari and Md Motaleb Hossain Gharami have been elected President and General Secretary of the 11-member committee of the traders association.

Miladunnabi in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, July 29: In celebration of Eid-e-Miladunnabi, Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh, Mymensingh branch organised a literary and Islamic cultural competition among the students of schools, colleges and madrasahs in its premises here, reports BSS.

The competitions included recitations, debate, 'naat' qasid, Advocate Md Moslemuddin MP, was present as the chief guest, on the concluding day and distributed prizes and certificates among the winners.



GAIBANDHA: Erosion of the river Brahmaputra affected two unions of Fulchhari thana in the district recently. — Star photo

Lemon growers of CHT deprived of fair price

From A K M Zahoorul Huq

RANGAMATI, July 29: Lemon orchards spread over the plateaus of the south-eastern hill districts are turning to be fruitless ventures, according to growers and local representatives.

"We never thought lemons will be sold at such cheaper rate — Taka 5 for one hundred," said a grower-lessee casting a vacant look at the basket — full of unsold lemons.

Lemons are rotting for want of good price in the market — the desperation of the growers being compounded by *farias* who buy lemons at a very low price before it is time to carry the produce to the market, growers told The Daily Star.

More than 7,000 acres have been put under lemon cultivation in almost all the thanas of three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban, mostly government acquired plateaus leased to poor growers and some ambitious non-resident businessmen.

There had been high hopes of abundant yield and good profit in the last three years, but when the fruit appeared heavily laden in all the orchards, *farias* came in to deprive the growers of the expected benefit, said Aml Chandra Tanchangya, chairman of Chandraghona Union Parishad in Kapati thana of the district.

Mayadhan Chakma, the president of Rangamati unit of Union Parishad Chairmen Samity, Kalachon Marma of Lama in Bandarban, Seabrota Chakma of Kagrachhari and several others, who assembled with their produces nodded in approval. They said the growers have lost their interest in plucking the fruits as the price did not even meet the transportation cost to the local markets.

Some Chittagong-based industrialists, who had taken big chunks of land on lease for lemon cultivation have almost abandoned their orchards or left them to their local associates to bear the burden.

Lemon orchards are widely dispersed in the highland of Balkhali, Beraichhari, Baza-sihali, Bethumia, Naniarchar, Borkal, Surachhari, Kaukhali and Baghachhari of Rangamati hill district, Aikadam, Lama, Naingkhongchhari, Ruma, Thanchi and Roangchhari of Bandarban hill district as well as at all the thanas of Khagrachhari hill district.

Journalists asked to uproot communalism

JOYPURHAT, July 29: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed said here on Monday that the anti-liberation communal forces and fundamentalists had been attempting to serve their political interests by using religion, reports BSS.

Exchanging views with the local journalists of national and local dailies and weeklies at Joypurhat at the press club here the state minister said that the journalists could play a pioneering role in moulding public opinions to root out religious fanaticism and superstitions from society and establish an exploitation-free one being imbued with the spirit of Liberation War.

Prof Sayeed said that the present government did not believe in controlling the press, but in its full freedom. He said that the journalists should discharge their professional duties objectively.

The state minister also called for resisting any attempt against the independence and paved the way for establishing 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by the Bangabandhu.

Presided over by president of Joypurhat Press Club Nripendranath Mondal, the function was also addressed by Deputy Commissioner of Joypurhat Mr Abu Nasir.

Diarrhoea claims 5 lives in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, July 29: Five persons died of diarrhoea in Amtalipara under Bandarban sadar thana of the hill district during the last week, said civil surgeon office sources here, reports BSS.

The sources said, nearly 700 people were attacked by the disease in different villages under the Sadar thana during the last few weeks.

Dr Ahmud Fakir, Civil surgeon of Bandarban told 44 emergency medical teams have been working in seven thanas including Bandarban Paurashava of the district.

Narsingdi AL's meeting

NARSINGDI, July 29: A public meeting was held at Narsingdi Suhrawardi Uddyan recently organised by Narsingdi District Awami League, reports BSS.

Awami League presidium member Abdul Momin was the chief guest while Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mohammad Hanif was the special guest in the meeting.

Presided over by the president of district Awami League Al-haj Moslauddin Bhuiyan, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Assistant Publicity Secretary of Awami League Nurul Fazal Bulbul, Cultural Secretary Alamgir Kum Kum and pourasada Chairman of Narsingdi Abdul Matin Sarkar.

The chief guest, Abdul Momin said, those who resorted to hartal after the unanimous passage of condemnation resolution of Jatiya Sangsad for dishonouring Prophet Mohammad (SM) are, in fact, working in favour of Zionists in disguise.

Lawyer killed in Gazipur road accident

GAZIPUR, July 29: One person was killed and three others injured when an autorickshaw collided with a bus in front of the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) on Dhaka-Gazipur road morning.

Police said Advocate Ehsanuddin, 48, of Gazipur Bar Council died on the spot as a bus hit the autorickshaw in which he along with his wife and son was travelling.

Ehsanuddin was returning to his residence in the town from Dhaka. The injured are: his wife Advocate Selina Begum, General Secretary of Gazipur Manabadhikar Bastabayan Sangsta, son Arnob, 12, and the driver. They were admitted to Gazipur Sadar Hospital.

Namaj-e-Janaza of Ehsanuddin was held at Joydevpur Rajbari Ground in the afternoon.

Faces of talents

By Staff Correspondent

Here are the faces of talents who scored top positions in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations from different education boards of the country this year.

Mithi wants to be an administrator



Jannatul Ferdous Mithi, a student of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College stood first in the combined merit list of Social Science group securing 845 marks with 5 letters from Rajshahi Board.

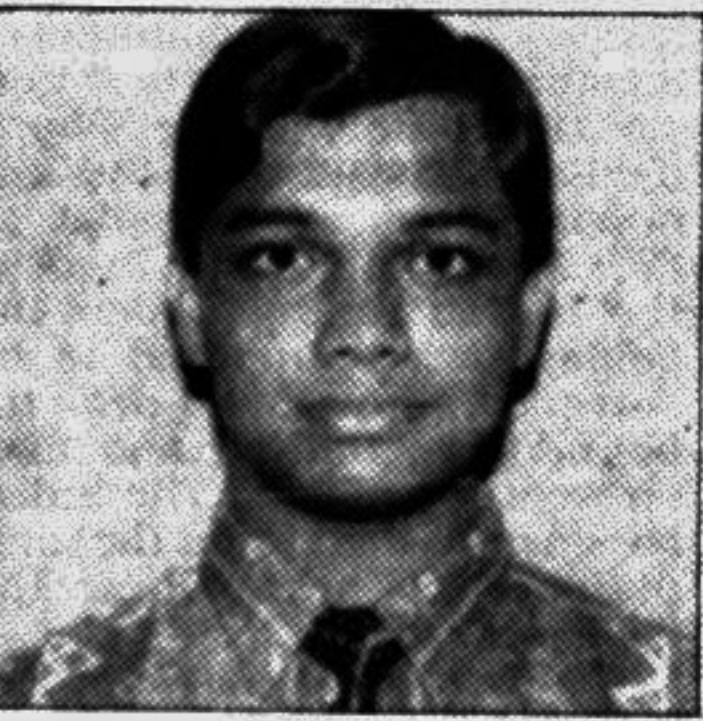
About her future ambition, Mithi said she wants to be an administrator after successfully completing her academic life.

Her father Shah Anisuzzaman is an advocate of Rangpur Bar and Editor of local daily Ranga Probbat. Her mother Rokhana Begum is serving under a non-governmental organisation (NGO) as a supervisor.

Mithi used to study for at least 6 hours daily before SSC examination. The inspirations and guidance from her parents led to her success. Mithi won gold and silver trophies by participating in the national level children's cultural competition held in Dhaka under the auspices of Shishu Academy, few years back. In 1992, she represented Bangladesh to 4th Asian Regional Children's Rally held at Fufua in Japan.

Her favourite poet is rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Cricket is her most favourite game. She was very happy at the success of Bangladesh cricket team in the ICC tournament.

Abir wants to be a doctor

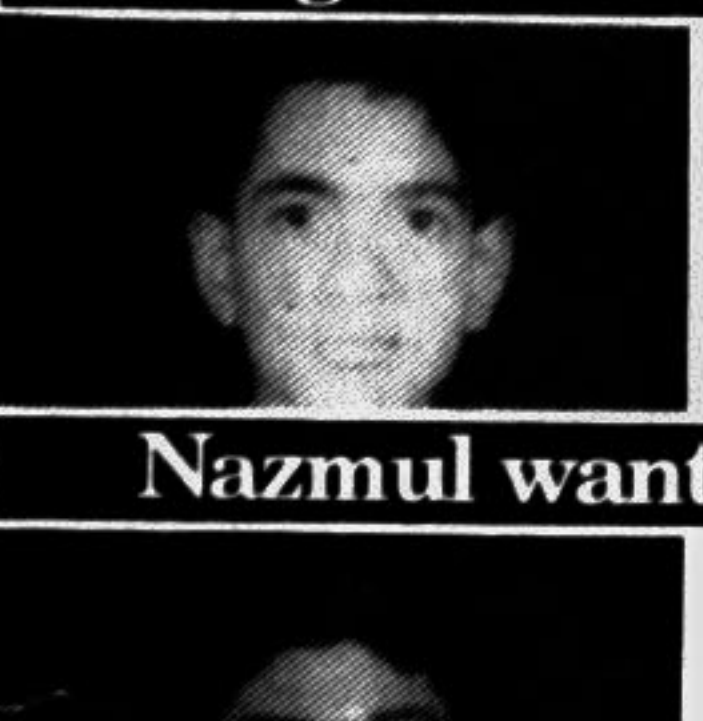


Our Staff Correspondent from Barisal says: Mashroor-Rahaman (Abir) of Barisal Zilla School stood 5th in the merit list of Science Group from Jessore Education Board securing 923 marks. He got letter marks in seven subjects.

His father Dr M A Khalilur Rahman, associate professor, of Skin & VD of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College. His mother Raushan Ara Rahaman is a housewife. Abir studied 8 hours a day.

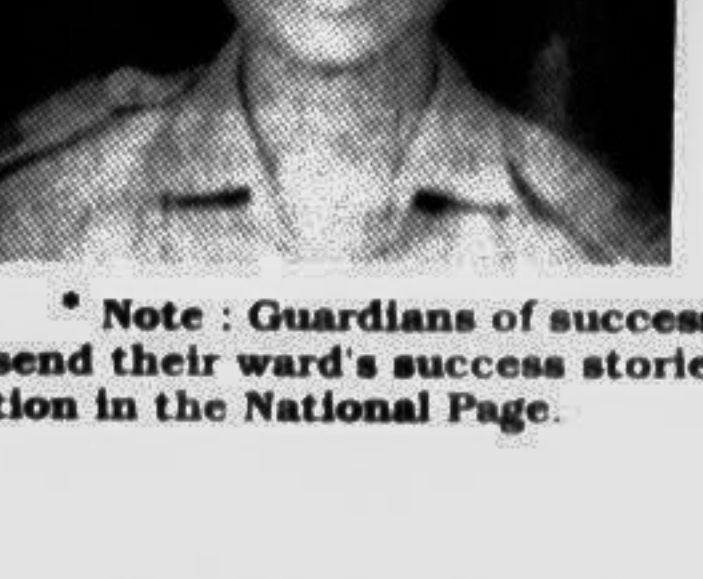
He wants to be a doctor like his father in future. He completed a 3-year course on Hawaiian guitar. His hobbies are listening songs and reading books.

Reza wants to be an Army officer



Our Jhenidah Correspondent says: Three candidates of Jhenidah Cadet College jointly bagged 18th position in the SSC examination from Jessore Board this year. All of them secured 905 marks with six letters in Mathematics, Geography, Islamic Studies, General Science, Agriculture and Higher Mathematics. Cadet Mohammad Rezaul Islam usually read for 8 hours. His father Nazrul Islam Sardar is a lawyer at Mugguni area in Khulna. His hobby is reading books. Reza joining the army.

Sagar wants to join Army



Shamsur Rahman Sagar wants to join the army to serve the nation. His father Akbar Ali is a businessman and her mother Farida Khatun a bank employee in Khulna. His hobby is reading books.

Cadet Mohammad Nazmul Alam wants to join the army in future to serve the nation. His hobby is reading books. His father Moslem Ali is the Accounts Officer of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC), Jessore.

Cadet Md Shaheen Reza secured 19th position from Jessore Board. He secured 904 marks with letter marks in Mathematics, Geography, Islamic Studies, General Science, Agriculture and Higher Mathematics. Reza's father Shahidul Islam is a businessman at Kallaganj in Jhenidah district. Reza's hobby is reading books. He wants to join the army.

* Note: Guardians of successful candidates are requested to send their ward's success stories and photograph for publication in the National Page.

107 persons killed in Khulna in 5 years

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 29: A total of 107 persons were killed in Khulna city during the last five years.

At least 6,000 crimes including dacoities, robberies, riots and rapes were committed during the period, said an official source of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP).

From January 1992 to June 30 of 1997, 107 persons were killed in different areas under Khulna, Sonadanga, Khalishpur, Daulatpur and Khanjahan, Ali thanas.

Out of these, 10 persons were killed in 1992, 23 in 1993, 14 in 1994, 26 in 1995, 24 in 1996 and 10 persons from January 1 to June 30 of this year.

Five police stations in the city recorded 27 dacoities, 266 robberies, 1,540 thefts, 316 riots and 235 bomb explosion cases during the same period.

Besides, 146 cases of rape and 87 kidnappings were recorded in five police stations during the last five years.

Police launched special drives from January 15 till July 17 of the current year. They recovered 169 different kinds of illegal firearms and 333 rounds of ammunition from different places under the five police stations.

Police further recovered 1668 chocolate bombs, 71 hand bomb, 6 cocktail bombs, two grenades and one rocket launcher from different places of the city.

RU Press Club election on August 7

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 29: The annual election of Rajshahi University Press Club will be held on August 7.

The schedule of the election was announced here by Election Commissioner Prof A M Moniruzzaman on July 22 last.

According to the schedule the draft voter list will be published on August 2 and the final voter list will be published on August 3. The nomination paper can be collected on August 4 and the final list of the candidates will be announced on August 5.

Voting will be held on August 7 from 5 pm to 7 pm at the club office.

Barisal polytech office ransacked

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 29: A group of angry students of Barisal Polytechnic Institute ransacked the office of the Institute and exploded hand bombs on Monday.

They were protesting the failure of some students in the examination.

Some 47 examinees appeared in the exam this year but 12 of them failed.

Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council
Airport Road, Farmgate, Dhaka
No ARC/27/84-Transport(Part-7) Dated: 17-07-97

Sale Notice (3rd Invitation)

Sealed auction tenders are hereby invited from interested buyers for 2 (Two) Nos. of condemned vehicles (No. Dhaka-Metro-Cha-6534 and Dhaka-Metro-Cha-6676) on "as is where is basis."

Tender schedule with terms and conditions will be available from the Transport Section of BARC during the office hours up to 20-08-97 on payment of Tk. 50/- (fifty) only in cash (not refundable). No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. Earnest money @ Tk. 50% of the total quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of "Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council" must be submitted along with the tender. Any tender without earnest money will automatically stand cancelled.

Tenders will be received in the office of the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon on 21-08-1997 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenders, if any. Only the highest auction tender(s) will be considered for acceptance. However, the decision of the council is final; if the highest tender(s) appears unreasonably low.

The condemned vehicles may be inspected in the office premises of BARC during office hours up to 20-08-1997 with the permission of authority.

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

Member-Director (A&F) BARC.

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Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, B'baria

Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No	: 05/EE RHD, B'baria during 1997-98.
2. Name of work	: Supply of Balaganj/Jaflong shingles, pea-gravels and 1st class brickbats at different RHD, stackyard of B'baria Road Sub-Division under Road Division, B'baria during the year 1997-98.
3. Estimated cost	: Tk. 9,96,550/00.
4. Earnest money	: Tk. 19931/- in BD/TC/Protirakha Sanchayapatra/5 years BD Sanchayapatra or Bonus Sanchayapatra to be deposited in favour of the undersigned.
5. Name of office in which Tender documents will be available for purchases	: The Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Comilla/Chandpur/Planning and Design Division, Comilla/The Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning (R&B) Division, Dhaka and all SDE's office under B'baria Road Division and office of the undersigned.
6. Name of office in which Tender will be received	: The Additional Chief Engineer (RHD), Comilla Zone, Comilla/The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla/The Superintending Engineer (RHD), Monitoring and Evaluation Circle (P&D), Dhaka and office of the undersigned.
7. Time allowed	: 45 days.
8. Last date of selling of tender	: 10-8-97 during office hours.
9. Last date and time of receipt of Tender	: Up to 12:30 PM on 11-8-97.
10. Last date and time of opening of Tender	: At 11:00 AM on 14-8-97.
11. Eligibility of contractor	: "A" to "D" general category of RHD contractor.
12. Date of lottery	: At 11:00 AM on 18-8-97.
13. Chargeable head	: 168-RF.

Executive Engineer (RHD)
(Current Charge)
Road Division, B'baria.

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