

News snaps

Farmers' rally held

LUXMIPUR, Aug 19: A farmer's rally organised by Bangladesh Chashi Samity was held on August 13 at the premises of Hajeerhat cyclone shelter under Ramgati thana, reports BSS.

Comrade Abdur Rouf, president of the central committee of Bangladesh Chashi Samity was present at the rally as the chief guest. Presided over by Nazir Ahmed, president of Charjalgala unit of the organisation, the rally was addressed among others, by peasant leaders Shafiqullah Miah, Dr Usuf, Hartik Mondal and Faiz Hossain.

Tree fair concludes

MEHERPUR, Aug 19: A ten-day long tree fair organised by the Forest Department on the occasion of the tree plantation campaign concluded at Zoha park here on Saturday, reports BSS.

The Deputy Commissioner, Meherpur M Shamsul Huq inaugurated the tree fair which was participated by 35 non-government organisations. Saplings of different plants were also sold in the fair.

Food exhibition held

PANCHAGARH, Aug 19: A day-long food exhibition was held at the Maldandigee Girls' High School premises in Boda thana on Monday under the auspices of Agriculture Extension Department, reports UNB.

Some 60 kinds of food, made of soybean, potato and maize, were displayed in the exhibition under AED's crop diversification programme. A rally was also held to make the exhibition a success. It was attended by Project Director Motakarram Hossain as the chief guest. About 300 farmers took part in the rally.

Two electrocuted

TANGAIL, Aug 19: Two persons including a 30-year-old woman of Tangail sadar thana were electrocuted in separate incidents, last week, reports BSS.

The victims, Uttam Kumar Sutradhar of village Pathalia and Asia Begum of Rahunathpur village were electrocuted while they came in contact with live electric wires, witnesses said. They died on the spot.

10 lakh attacked by fatal diseases in Pabna

PABNA, Aug 19: Some 10 lakh people have been attacked by fatal diseases like leprosy, goitre, TB, kala-azar and filariasis in 16 northern districts, reports UNB.

According to a survey conducted by a non-governmental organisation, some one lakh people have been attacked by leprosy, seven lakh by goitre and more than two lakh by TB, kala-azar and filariasis. The affected districts are Dinajpur, Rangpur, Nolphamari, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Rajshahi, CNawabganj, Bogra, Sirajgong, Joypurhat, Natore and Pabna. The study said immediate measures are needed to combat the diseases.

Huge quantity of hemp recovered

FAIRPUR, Aug 19: Police recovered a huge quantity of hemp plants and finished hemp from three houses in Bhanga thana of the district last week, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the houses of Abdur Rahim, Kader Munshi and Majid Khalifa and recovered the contraband item. Three separate cases were filed with the police.

Efforts on to uproot terrorism

BAGERHAT, Aug 19: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukdar Abdul Khaleque said that the present government believes in peace and order and as such it will make all-out efforts to root-out terrorism from society, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a meeting of a cross-section of people at Hizla High School premises recently, the minister said, terrorism in politics had its roots in the killing of Bangabandhu and members of his family in August, 1975.

Reception to meritorious students

NARSINGDI, Aug 19: A reception was accorded to the meritorious students of 10 high schools of the district on Monday for their excellent results in the last SSC examinations, reports UNB.

Local MP Rabindranath Shamsul Hossain attended the function as chief guest and distributed prizes among the students who secured first division with star marks. The reception held at Adibad Islamia High School and College premises was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Rafiqul Islam. Among others, TNO Rabindranath Sharma, District Education Officer Monwar Hossain, Shakawat Hossain and Salauddin spoke on the occasion.

Two bodies recovered

SAVAR, Aug 19: Two bodies of women were recovered from Jorpur and Shimulia in Savar thana on Thursday and Friday, reports UNB.

Patrolling police on information recovered the body of an unidentified woman from a field adjacent to Dhaka-Aricha highway on Thursday morning. Police suspected that the woman of 30 years of age might be a victim of an accident on the highway. The body was sent for autopsy. Another body of a housewife, Nagri Rani, was recovered from her house at Shimulia on Friday. Police said Rani, 20, wife of Digal Chandra Das allegedly committed suicide by taking poison following a family feud. Two unnatural death cases were filed with police.

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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed international Companies/Firms or their licenced agencies having experience of equivalent telecommunication work for supply and installation of Digital PABX in the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka. The participants must have experience of the job for at least five years and must have standard after sales servicing and back up and maintenance facilities of Digital PABX. Tender document will be available during office hours up to 9-9-97 at a cost of Tk. 500/00 (Five hundred) only (non-refundable), per set from this office on written request (supported with related catalogues, VAT registration, work experience & bank solvency certificates) and prior permission. If the sale of the tender document is not possible on that day due to unavoidable circumstances, the tender document may be had on the next working day in same terms & conditions. Tender with the Earnest Money of Tk. 10,000/00 in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Savar, Dhaka" shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned or Administrative Officer (Procurement), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka up to 12-30 PM on 10-9-97 and will be opened on the same day at 3-30 PM in the office of the undersigned in presence of tenderers (who may wish to be present). If the dropping & opening of the tender are not possible on the scheduled date due to unavoidable circumstances, the same shall be done on the next working day at the same time. No tender document can be purchased on the date fixed for opening the tenders.

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

Director

Case against 4 policemen for misappropriating smuggled sarees

KHULNA, Aug 19: District Anti-Corruption Bureau has filed a case with Dacope thana against four policemen, including a former OC of the thana, for misappropriating Indian smuggled sarees worth Tk 10 lakh, reports UNB.

The case was filed against former Officer-in-charge Syed Monjur Ahmed, Inspector GM Nazrul Islam, Habibullah Shah Mohammad Habibullah and constable Umesh Chandra Singha.

Earlier, the bureau prepared a preliminary report after investigating allegations filed by the then Police Superintendent in April, 1996.

According to the allegations, Syed Monjur Ahmed, now stationed at Bagerhat, with the help of GM Nazrul Islam, Shah Mohammad Habibullah and Umesh Chandra Singha misappropriated the sarees while preparing the seizure list after recovering those from a trawler at Chalna Bazaar pucca ghat in Dacope thana on February 8 of the same year.

5 girls rescued from Tanbazar

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 19: Five girls were rescued by police from Tanbazar brothel here recently.

Police said the girls identified as Selina, 20, of Barisal, Joshua, 18, of Gazipur, Seuli, 20, of Faridpur, Sampa, 20, of Dhaka and Rahima, 19, of Narail were rescued from the house of one Mainuddin following a tip-off given by the police headquarters.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Abdul Rahim led the police team during the raid.

One Madam Jasmin was also arrested in this connection.

Rivers' erosion renders 600 families homeless

BANDARBAN, Aug 19: About 600 families in the sadar, Lama, Alirkadam, Thanchi, and Ruma thanas of Bandarban district, have been rendered homeless by erosion of the Sangu and the Matumuhuri rivers during the last one month, according to official sources, reports BSS.

They said 12 unions under five thanas of the hilly district are affected by river erosion. Kohalong, Bandarbari sadar, Thanchi sadar, Lamai sadar, Alirkadam sadar, Shaikhampur, Ruma sadar, Pahudi, Balipara, Rupashipara, Sualok and Thindu are the worst affected unions of the five thanas in the district.

Girl killed in Comilla road accident

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 19: Students of Narayanganj Law College have demanded removal of the college principal Lutfor Rahman for his alleged involvement in corruption and negligence to duty.

They announced the demand at a press conference organised by general students at the local press club recently. They also urged the authorities concerned to shift the college building to another suitable place from its present location as some non-student terrorists and anti-social activists have been hampering the normal academic atmosphere.

Mahamuda Akhtar and Bivhika Karmaker Puja jointly read out the written statement. They district Chhatra League leader SM Sayem Mithu and law college students Alfaj Jamil, Quamruzzaman, Altaf Hossain Babul, Erfanuddin Kabir, M. Kamaluddin Kamal, SM Emom and Kabir Hossain Parvez were present.

The students alleged that the principal had taken Taka 1800 and Taka 2,500 fees from stu-

MoulvibazarNewsletter

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 19: Two persons were brutally killed in Moulvibazar district in separate incidents recently.

In an incident, Aminul Islam, 30, a worker of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) Baralekhia thana unit was stabbed by unidentified assailants near Bhabaniganj bus stand at Juri.

The victim ICS worker was returning home after attending a Siratunnabi conference at Juri. On his way, his motor-cycle was reportedly sent out of order. He brought it to a repairing shop near Bhabaniganj bus stand where he was stabbed by assailants. Aminul succumbed to his injuries on way to Kulaura Thana Hospital Complex.

Islam Chhatra Shibir and Jamaat-e-Islami, Baralekhia units blamed Chhatra League for the murder. But Chhatra League denied it. Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) of Kulaura circle, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Baralekhia and Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Baralekhia police station visited the spot. A murder case was lodged with Baralekhia police station.

In another incident, a 10-year-old boy was beaten to death at Kazirgaon area of Moulvibazar town recently.

The ill-fated boy Shameem, 10, son of Abu Taher, a rickshawpuller was brutally killed when he refused to bring a stick of cigarette for one of his neighbour Md Suleman.

The seriously injured Shameem was admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital (SOMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries.

NAP founding day observed

The 40th founding anniversary of Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP-Muzaffar) was celebrated here recently.

A workers' meeting was held



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: A mourning procession was brought out here on Friday on the occasion of National Mourning Day. — Star photo

Indiscriminate use of fertilisers declining soil fertility

From Ratan Chowdhury

SHERPUR, Aug 19: Indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers and repeated cultivation of same crop on the same plot of land without interval are steadily declining soil fertility in five thanas of the district, according to a recent survey conducted by the Agricultural Extension Department and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Survey reports say that the cultivators having little knowledge about the soil component use fertilisers indiscriminately to get optimum production from the land. Thus fertility of soil is being destroyed completely.

Most of the farmers ignore the rules of using chemical. Most of the cultivable lands in five thanas of the district produce the same crop for years together applying chemical fertilisers.

A total of 55 to 70 kg of chemical fertilisers including urea and Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) are used on 30 decimals of land, according to the survey report.

The survey team consisted of

Md Wasiuzzaman Akand, Deputy Director, Agriculture Extension Department (AED), Sherpur in an interview with this correspondent on August 13 said, the field of paddy per bigha (30 decimals) was 28 to 30 maunds in the 70s decade in this belt.

From 1991 to 1996, the yield was only 14-18 maunds per bigha with the application of same quantity of chemical fertiliser.

The decrease in production was due to decay of particular components of soil owing to indiscriminate use of chemical fertiliser.

The Deputy Director of AED further said chemical fertiliser and low quality seeds

are the main causes of the problem which affected boro paddy last season. He also said all emphasis should be given for balanced use of fertilisers.

The farmers should be trained properly.

Md Fazlul Haq Mollah, Training Officer, AED, Sherpur

revealed 900 farmers were given

training in the district. They

were asked to use cowdung.

India Day reception

RAJSHAHI, Aug 19: Indian Assistant High Commissioner in Rajshahi K Muralidharan held a reception at the Nanking Community Centre here on Saturday evening, reports BSS.

The reception was hosted to celebrate the 50 years of India's independence.

Political leaders, high government officials, journalists and elite of the city were present on the occasion.

Certificates of 55 lawyers cancelled in Sherpur

SHERPUR, Aug 19: Certificates of 55 lawyers of the District Bar Association have been cancelled following expiry of their effectiveness last July, court sources here said, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Bar Council sent copies of the letter of cancellation to the District Judge, the Deputy Commissioner and the President of the bar Association on Wednesday.

Two brothers electrocuted

MADHUPUR, Tangail, Aug 19: Two brothers were electrocuted at their home at village Chalkpara on Monday reports BSS.

The two were identified as Azharul Islam, 35, and his younger brother Lablu Mia, 17.

Bangladesh Navy

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Notice for Enlistment as Supplier for 1997-98 financial year

1. Applications are invited for enlistment as supplier for NSSD during 1997-98 financial year. Intending supplier firms should drop their applications (in own pad) in the box kept at NSSD, Dhaka by 30 August 1997.

The undermentioned papers should be submitted with the application :

- A. Photocopy of current year's Trade Licence (attested by first class gazetted officer) as supplier.
- B. Photocopy of up-to-date Income Tax Certificate (attested by first class gazetted officer).
- C. Current year's bank solvency certificate.
- D. Affidavit.
- E. Filled in prescribed forms for enlistment (which should be collected from this office against payment of Tk 50/00).
- F. Pay Order/Bank Draft for Tk 10,000/00 as security money (refundable) in favour of NSSD, Dhaka.
- The words "Enlistment as Supplier" should be superscribed on the envelope containing the application.
- Suppliers enlisted during last financial year will be renewed on the basis of past efficiency subject to deposit of Pay Order/Bank Draft for Tk 100/00 in favour of this Sub-Depot and all certificates and forms described at para 1-A. Renewal should be completed by 30 August '97.
- Former suppliers who have not withdrawn their security money till date, must submit their application with proper documents by 20 September '97. No application received after the date will be considered.
- After completion of proper scrutiny of all the papers submitted, name of supplier will be included in the final list. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.

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