

News snaps

AL leader's noble gesture

KHULNA, Aug 24: Naikgacha thana Awami League General Secretary Prof Afsar Ali has set a good example of showing respect to the law of the land by handing over two of his brothers to the police, reports BSS.

Two brothers of Prof Ali implicated in a terrorist incident at village Putimari under Lata Union Parishad of Naikgacha thana here were absconding. Police arrested eight of 21 absconders. The two brothers were among 13 absconders. Being convinced of his brothers involvement in the terrorist incident he handed over his brothers to the Naikgacha police a few days back.

Bridge on Nandakujia river opens

NATORE, Aug 24: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman has said Tk 908 crore infrastructure development programme is being implemented to change the lot of rural people, reports UNB.

Inaugurating a 90-metre bridge on Nandakujia river at Halsha on Friday, the minister said the money will be spent for poverty alleviation, environment and generating self-employment opportunities. He said farmers got bumper production of crops this year as the present pro-liberation government ensured fertilizer, seeds, pesticides and other agricultural inputs to the peasants at fair prices.

Anti-drug trafficking measures

FARIDPUR, Aug 24: A meeting of the leading people of East Khabashpur area of this town was held recently to build up social resistance against the drug addicts and phensidyl trafficking, reports BSS.

The meeting, presided over by Abdul Hye Mia, an elderly social worker, was addressed, among others, by Md Moktar Molla, Md Mozaharuddin, Md Shahidul Islam, Abdul Kadir Molla and Rezaul Karim. Speakers observed that phensidyl trafficking and its use have taken an alarming turn in this area of the town. If preventive measures are not taken urgently then all the young boys would be ruined.

2 killed in Feni road accident

FENI, Aug 24: Two people were killed and 20 others injured when a passenger bus plunged into a roadside ditch at Mollaghata in Dagonbhuian thana recently, reports UNB.

Police said the Sonapur-bound bus from Chittagong fell into the ditch when its driver lost control of the steering. The driver, Mohammad Iqbal, 32, and an unidentified youth, aged about 20, died on the spot. The injured were admitted to Dagonbhuian Health Complex. A case was filed.

Brickfields polluting environment

KUSHTIA, Aug 24: Brick-manufacturing enterprises have mushroomed all over the district posing threat to the environment and fertility of arable lands around the brickfields, reports UNB.

Witnesses said about 20,000 acres of croplands are being used for manufacturing brick, and the brickfield owners use trees indiscriminately as firewood. Farmers said agricultural productivity around the brickfields had declined in recent years due to loss of fertility of croplands. They allege that they are compelled to mortgage their lands to the brickfield owners as farm production has been on the decline.

Peasants rally at Dohar

DOHAR, Aug 24: State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf has said father of the nation Bangabandhu was the greatest friend of farmers as he did a lot for the welfare of them, reports UNB.

The minister was addressing as the chief guest at a peasants rally at Jaypara in Dohar thana of Dhaka district on Friday. Bangladesh Kriksak League organised the rally in observance of the national mourning day. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Mizanur Rahman, Manu MP, Marium Begum, M A Mannan, Harun-or-Rashid Hawlader, M Wadud, Advocate Mohammad Ali and Hashem Ali.

Prize giving ceremony held

DINAJPUR, Aug 24: State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy has called upon all to project correctly the struggle for independence and the contribution of Bangabandhu to the present and future generation, reports UNB.

He was addressing at a prize-giving ceremony of an art competition organised by Dinaipur district unit of Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela in observance of the 22nd death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Presided over by Moniruzzaman Jewel, the function was addressed, among others, by Amjad Hossain, Deputy Commissioner Azizur Rahman, Police Super Sajjad Hossain and Altafuzzaman Mita.

3 violators get life term

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 24: A court here awarded three people, including a police constable, life term imprisonment, in absentia, in the Raushan Akhter rape and murder case on Thursday, reports UNB.

The court also fined police constable Abdul Malek of Ramu thana, Shahidul Haque and Nurunnabi Tk 5,000 each, in default, to suffer six months more. According to the prosecution Raushan Akhter became pregnant following an illicit relationship with Nurunnabi. When Nurunnabi along with Raushan was going to a doctor to make abortion police constable Malek and Shahidul intercepted and abducted her. They violated her repeatedly and after murder threw the body into a canal.

Farmers get agri-loan

NETRAKONA, Aug 24: Sonali Bank, Netrakona region under took a special agricultural loan disbursement programme in 10 thanas of Netrakona district during the last financial year.

Regional Manager of Sonali Bank Gulier Ahmed told BSS that under the programme, the bank disbursed Tk 2,90,11,000 as special agri-loan among over 10,000 farmers of the district. The bank disbursed the aforesaid agri loan through its 10 branches under the region.

Training on coop leadership

MANIKGANJ, Aug 24: A five-day long training course on 'co-operative leadership and management development' concluded here at the office of Manikganj Van Driver Cooperative Society Ltd on August 20, reports BSS.

AFM Yahya Khan, District Cooperative Officer was present at the concluding function as the chief guest and distributed certificates among the trainees. The training course, organised by the Mobile Training Unit of district cooperative department, was participated by 47 members of Manikganj Bus Stand Van Driver Cooperative Society.

Rice mills causing health hazards

NARAIL, Aug 24: The rice mills in rural and urban areas of the district have no boilers to pass smoke, reports UNB.

There are 100 rice mills at Rupganj, Tularampur, Hajipara, Singia, Naldi, Mithapur, Lohagora, Laksmi Pasha, Lahuria, Erava, Bordia, Digholia, Chenchuri, Kharalia, Peralia, Agdia, Kalia, Mirajpur, Singashole pur, Jamdia and Bhanguara bazar on Narail district. These mills, located in roadside and residential areas, have been causing health hazards to the inhabitants, pedestrians and school children. The smoke, bran, dust, flame and ash of the ovens have been polluting the environment. Only one rice mill at Rupganj bazar has boiler.

Contraband Indian goods seized

ISHURDI, Aug 24: Ishurdi thana police seized contraband Indian goods worth about Taka fifty three thousand from Ambagan near Ishurdi bazar on August 20, reports BSS.

Police sources said, acting on a tip-off a police team raided Ishurdi bazar and seized the Indian goods from Ambagan. The Indian goods included 245 pieces of cotton clothes, 7 blouse pieces and 25 metre poplin. The seized contraband goods were deposited with the Customs authorities. None was arrested in this connection.

Best teachers of Madaripur

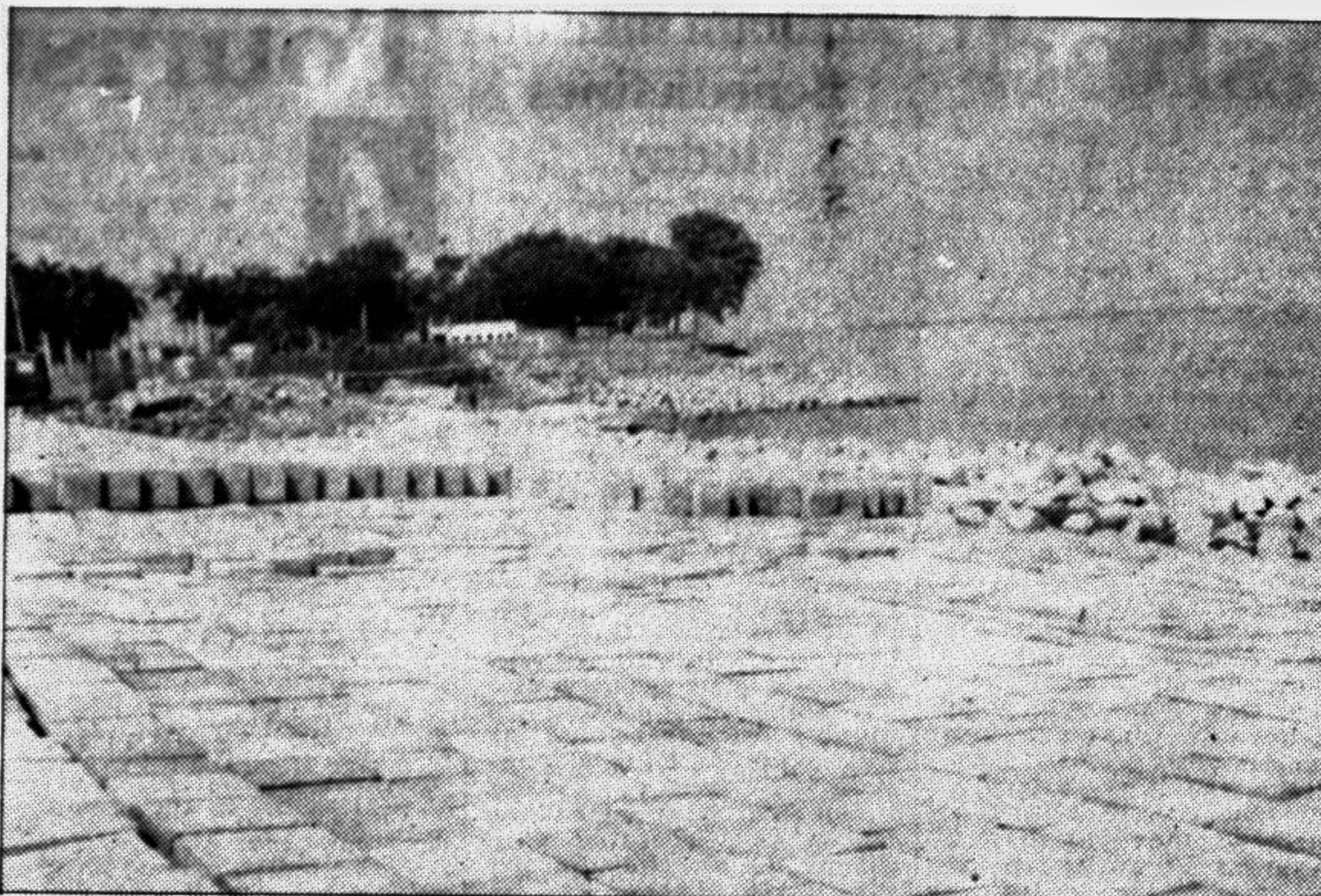
MADARIPUR, Aug 24: Sardar Abul Fazal, Principal Charmuguria College and Abdul Huq Mia, Headmaster of Mustafapur High School in sadar thana have been adjudged as the best college teacher and secondary teacher respectively in Madaripur sadar thana, reports BSS.

The selection was announced in the National Education Week '97 observed here recently.

3 commit suicide in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Aug 24: Three persons allegedly committed suicide in two thanas of the district during the last two days, police said, reports BSS.

The victims were identified as Salma Khatun, 18, of village Bhabanipur and Khorshed Ali, 24, of village Gachchar under Kalaroa thana. They committed suicide by taking endrine following their family feuds. Another victim, Sakina Khatun, 65, of village South Pingri under sadar thana committed suicide by hanging herself with the ceiling of her house. She had been suffering from different diseases.



CHANDPUR: Blocks are dumped along the bank of the river Meghna as measures to protect the district town from erosion of the river. — Star photo

Law, order situation worsens in 2 dists

By Staff Correspondent

Security of life and property has been endangered following deterioration of law and order situation in Meherpur and Gopalganj districts recently.

Our Meherpur Correspondent says: The peace-loving people of the district have been passing their days in fear of terrorism. Untoward incidents, free-style activities of terrorists, murder in day light, stabbing, rape, hijacking, toll collection and violence have become common in the district.

According to sources, in one month there were seven murders, one abduction, two hijacking incidents, six dacoities, seven thefts and one rape.

Here is a picture of crimes committed from June 8 to July 10 this year. On June 9 Amjad, a college student was stabbed to death by his classmate at Natunpara in the town. On June 11, Masud, a young man was killed by his rival group with sharp weapons in village Laxmi Narayanpur Dhala under Gangni thana when a sala meeting was being held. On June 15, Murshid, 14, was killed in village Dafarpur. Police could not unveil the cause of the murder. A theft was committed in a shop of motor parts belonging to Akkas Ali at the local bus stand area. On June 19, Rabiul of village Dhankhola under Gangni thana killed his wife Afroza Khatun for dowry. On the same day Selina Khatun, 35, widow and daughter late Ismail Hossain was abducted from village Rajapur under Gangni thana. Later she was killed following rape. On June 25, incidents of tender snatching happened in the offices of Local Government

Engineer Department (LGED) and Food Controller. On the same night dacoities were committed in four houses at Courtpara in the town.

On July 2, Saad Ahmed of village Elangi under Gangni thana hacked his wife Bilkis to death. On July 4 night, a dacoity was committed in the house of Arun Kumar, Superintendent of Vocational Training Institute (VTI). He was seriously injured when he was hit by sharp weapons by the dacoits. On July 2 night thefts were committed in four houses at WAPDA Para in the town.

Besides, incidents of theft, hijacking and dacoities have increased in rural areas where people are suffering from insecurity.

Police arrested 25 persons after a dacoity in the house of VTI Super, but 20 of them have already been released for want of proof.

However, the local people alleged, police are not so active to subdue terrorism.

Our Gopalganj Correspondent reports: Crimes are on rise in the district in these days.

According to official statistics, a total number of 408 cases were registered with the five thanas in the district from January to July 31 this year. Gopalganj sadar thana sources informed, a total number of 175 cases were lodged with this thana in last seven months. The cases included three cases of dacoity, 11 of burglary, two of murder, four of smuggling, two of robbery, two of rape, one of abduction, one of rioting, four of cruelty to women and 145 of different other offences.

Kotalipara thana sources said, one case of dacoity, four cases of burglary, one case of rioting, one of cruelty to women and 26 of different other offences have been committed. A total number of 33 cases were registered with Kotalipara thana in aforementioned period.

According to Tungipara thana police sources, a total number of 25 cases were registered with Tungipara thana of the district, in last seven months. One case of robbery, four of burglary, two cases of rioting, one of smuggling, two cases of cruelty to women and 15 cases of different other offences were registered.

A total number of 79 cases were registered with Kasiani thana in last seven months. Two cases of dacoity, two cases of robbery, five cases of burglary, one of murder, one case of rioting resulting in murder, one case of rape, seven cases of rioting, three cases of cruelty to women and 55 cases of different other offences have been committed, according to Kasiani thana sources.

Muksudpur thana sources said, total number of 96 cases were registered with Muksudpur thana in last seven months. One case of murder, two cases of rioting, 10 cases of burglary three cases of rioting resulting murder, one case of possessing drug and 79 cases of different other offences were lodged with the thana.

The rate of registration of criminal cases with all the five thanas of Gopalganj district has increased during the period.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Admission test of first year honours classes for 1996-97 session progressing. Prof Abdul Khaleque visited the examination hall. — Star photo

Child marriages up in villages of Magura

From Our Correspondent

Muhmmadpur, Shalikhah and Magura sadar.

There is a strict law that no girl below the age of 18 years and boy below the age of 22 years can be united in wedlock. But this law is not implemented at all. As a result, a good number of marriage are being held between the below aged couples.

A group of illiterate poor parents of remote villages in the district are compelled to arrange early marriage of their minor aged sons and daughters due to various reasons.

About 60 per cent child marriages are solemnised in poor families. The heads of these families are usually labourers or landless farmers. They live from hand to mouth. As a result, they can not arrange education for their children, though the government took up a scheme of Universal Education Programme for all children. In fact, their programme is not implemented in the rural areas of the district.

There are some villages in every union of the district where the rate of early marriage is very high. Chaturia, Bagbaria, Sabinagar are such villages in the district. The primary school-going students in these areas are also united in wedlock by the arrangement of the guardians.

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BAU classes from Sept 2

MYMENSINGH, Aug 24: Classes of the freshers in different faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) of the 1996-97 session will begin on Tuesday (Sept 2), reports UNB.

An orientation course for all the newly admitted first year BAU students will be held at the university's Shilpacharya Joydul Abedin auditorium on Monday (Sept 1) at 10:30 am, according to a BAU press release.

It said the orientation course for the resident students will be held at the auditoriums of their respective dormitories in the evening on the same day.

BAU authorities have urged the students to attend the classes as well as other programmes relevant with the university curriculum.

If any student fails to attend the classes within 30 days of beginning, his/her admission will be automatically cancelled as per provision of the university Ordinance, according to a notification of the Registrar's office.

New committee of Kalaroa thana Mohila AL

SATKHIRA, Aug 24: A conference of Kalaroa thana Mohila Awami League was held at Kalaroa thana Awami League office recently, reports BSS.

Convenor of Satkhira district Mohila Awami League Rifath Amin was present in the conference as the chief guest.

Rabea Nazrul and Shila Rani were elected president and general secretary respectively of Kalaroa thana Mohila Awami League, according to a party press release.

Feni BNP workers go on rampage: Two Juba Dal leaders held

FENI, Aug 24: As police fired on a Juba Dal leader, BNP and Juba Dal workers went on a rampage here today, blocking roads and damaging vehicles, reports UNB.

BNP supporters went berserk after police shot at Juba Dal leader Saifuddin Iran in front of BNP office at Panchgachia Road around 7 pm. Iran and another Juba Dal leader Farid Ahmed Pintu were arrested from the scene.

Police said the unruly BNP supporters fired shots and hurled bombs during the trouble, leaving five people, including a policeman, injured.

To bring the situation under control, police lobbed teargas shells and fired 10 rounds of short-gun shots, they said.

Protesting the incident, the BNP activists blocked the busy Dhaka-Chittagong and Panchgachia Road, and damaged 15 vehicles.

Young man stabbed to death at Comilla

COMILLA, Aug 24: A young man was stabbed to death at Bagchiganga in the town today, reports UNB.

Police said Jahangir, 23, a pipe factory worker, was seriously injured when three young men stabbed him near Comilla Diabetic Hospital at 9:30 am.

He was rushed to sadar hospital where he died soon after admission. A case was filed.

Repression on women rises

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 24: At least 96 teenagers and women of different ages were killed, tortured and violated in various ways in six southern districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Jhalakati, Barguna and Pirojpur under Barisal division from January 1 to August 21.

The facts and dates were disclosed in a press briefing organised by the Barisal Nari Forum, a front organisation of Sikkha Sangskriti Charcha Kendra (SSCK), a national level NGO at the centre here on Friday afternoon.

Of these 96 victims 12 were brutally killed for dowry, 6 committed suicide after being tortured or violated, 26 minors or women were raped, 4 received acid burns, 12 were kidnapped or abducted, 28 were tortured in various ways, 4 were burnt alive, 2 were raped and killed, 1 was attempted to burn and 1 was brutally beaten to death during the period.

Masrefa Sarif Mili, convenor of the Nari Forum demanded immediate measures to control this menace from the law enforcing agencies. She also urged the common people to build up social resistance against these criminals.

This press briefing was arranged in observance of anti-Repression Day.

Dacoity in Sylhet town

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Aug 24: Armed dacoits looted valuable worth about Tk 4.5 lakh from a house at Sheikhpara, Lamabazar in Sylhet town on Friday midnight.

The dacoits numbering about 10 to 12 entered the house and tied up all the inmates including the houseowner Ahmed Ali and took away the valuables at gunpoint. The house is only 50 yards from the Lamabazar police outpost.

A case has been lodged and police officials visited the house.

Gaibandha Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Aug 24: One person was crushed under the wheels of a running truck recently.

The victim, Amjad Hossain met the unnatural death at Thutiapukur on Gaibandha-Palashbari highway.

According to eye-witnesses the victim together with one of his fellow mate while crossing the road one Gaibandha bound truck hit the victim from behind and crushed him under its wheels. The killer truck managed to flee. The victim was an inhabitant of village Burjubisthupur under Palashbari thana. A case was filed with Palashbari thana.

Rural bazars in bad shape

People of Fulchari thana have been facing untold suffering due to lack of renovation of rural hats and bazars, it has been alleged.

According to the statistics, a total 15 big and small markets were erected in different remote areas of Fulchari thana. All of those markets are situated on government khas land. Influential quarters around the hats and bazars have already grabbed spaces.

There is no outlet arrangement of rain water in those village markets. There is no shelter for the buyers and sellers. There is no specific place for slaughtering of cattle in the

market.

Spaces are occupied by shop owners whimsically. The vendors of vegetables and others items are scattered at different locations. The markets are full of garbage and abandoned parts of cattle pollute the whole areas. There is no arrangement of pure drinking water.

During the rainy season the situation of those hats and bazars turn worst. People are to move with trouble through thick mud. Moreover the sellers are to face unnecessary harassment of toll collectors who often claim high rate.

These markets need immediate renovation.

Hashish recovered

Narcotics and Liquor Control Department in a drive recovered 16 pieces of hashish plants from village Malibari under Gaibandha sadar thana recently.

On receiving an information a contingent of Narcotics Department led by Inspector Azhar Ali, raided the house of Akbar Ali of village Malibari under the sadar thana. They recovered 16 pieces of hashish plants cultivated in the homestead illegally.

According to Narcotics Department source the price of seized hashish was Taka 10,000. A case was filed with the sadar thana. None was arrested in this connection.

RHD Short Tender Invitation Corrigendum Notice

It is hereby notified for information of all that this office Tender Notice No.1-NA (1997-98) was issued fixing the dates of selling & receiving/opening tender on 25-8-97/10-5-1404 BS & 26-8-97/11-5-1404 BS respectively. But due to declaring 25th August '97 instead of earlier declared 24th August '97 a general govt holiday on the occasion of Hindu festival Janmastami, the last date of selling tender is fixed on 26-8-97/11-5-1404 BS instead of 25-8-97/10-5-1404BS and the date of receiving/opening tender is fixed on 27-8-97/12-5-1404BS instead of 26-8-97/11-5-97.

Other terms & conditions will remain unchanged and the corrigendum will be treated as inseparable part of the tender.

Shahjahan Mohammad Mohiuddin

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Office of the Zonal Settlement Officer Khulna Zone, Khulna Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from interested trustworthy furniture traders/manufacturers by 12:00 Noon of 10.9.97 for supply of steel furniture as described in the schedule for Khulna Zonal Settlement Office, which will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the participating tenderers. Tenders complying with terms & conditions stated in the schedule are invited from bonafide furniture manufacturers/traders.

Tenderers should deposit earnest money (refundable) at the rate 2½% of quoted rate in Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Zonal Settlement Officer, Khulna with the tender. Schedule will be available from the office of the undersigned at Tk 400/- (four hundred) only in cash (non-refundable) up to the day before the date of receiving tender. No tender will be sent or received by post. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.

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Zonal Settlement Officer
Khulna

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Memo No. DWF/NMSEWTC/Zirani/3/97/17 Dt: 10.8.97

Re-Tender Notice

Superior quality whole corn, whole wheat, auto Atap rice bran, soybean meal (44%), oyster & salt will be purchased to prepare balanced feed for Canadian Starbrow parent cock & hen reared at Agri Training-cum-Production Centre of "National Multilateral Skill Enhancing Women's Training Centre", Zirani, Gazipur run by the Directorate of Women's Affairs. Tenders are invited from Bangladesh bonafide traders/suppliers/producers/importers/agents/contractors for appointment of supply contractor to supply the above goods for one year. Importers & producers will be given preference.

Detailed description of goods, quantity, security money, terms & conditions, other related information will be elaborately given in the tender schedule. Tender schedule (of all items) will be available from the local office & head office (4th floor Room No. 412) at Tk 700/- (seven hundred) only in cash every day during office hours up to 7.9.97.

Tenders will be received at the local office & head office up to 1:00 pm of 8.9.97 and opened on 9.9.97 at 2:00 pm by the Tender Committee before the tenderers (if any) present. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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