

National

News snaps

New cultural organisation in Pabna

PABNA, Aug 26: The office of the Shikha-o-Sanskriti Charcha Kendro, a cultural and educational organisation, was inaugurated here last week, reports BSS.

Principal Fakhruddin Islam presided over the inaugural function while Wazuddin Khan, MP, was present as the chief guest. Dr F Mahmud Hassan, Executive Director, Gono Sahajya Sangstha, an NGO spoke on the occasion. They discussed various aspects of the rich heritage of the Bengali culture.

Bodies recovered

SAVAR, Aug 26: Police recovered two unidentified bodies from different places in Savar thana on Saturday, reports UNB.

The body of a woman, aged about 30, was recovered from Kamrapara on Dhaka-Aricha highway. Another body of an old man, aged about 80, was recovered from near Hira Textiles at Nayarhat. Both the bodies were sent to DMCH for autopsy. Two separate cases were filed with the police.

17 alleged terrorists arrested

SATKHIRA, Aug 26: Assasuni thana police arrested 17 alleged armed terrorists and recovered three arms and nine rounds of cartridge from Chakla village under this thana of the district on Wednesday last, reports BSS.

Police said, acting on tip-off Assasuni thana police led by Additional SP Habibur Rahman raided the Chakla village and arrested 17 alleged armed terrorists when they were trying to take possession illegally of the Sathota fish project. Police recovered two guns, one revolver, one ramdaw, nine rounds of cartridge and one Japanese made speed boat from their possession.

Villagers' clash leaves one dead

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 26: One person was killed, 10 others injured in a clash between two groups of people at village Nurertak under Sonargaon thana in the district recently.

The victim was identified as Badsha Mia, 60. Police arrested Amir Ali in connection with the incident. Police sources said, two groups of villagers were locked in a clash over fishing in the river Meghna. Both the warring groups fought with bricks and other weapons during the clash. Badsha Mia died on the spot when a piece of brick hit his chest.

Girl violated in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 26: A girl aged 7-year-old was violated at Technical Training Centre (TTC) in the city in day time recently.

People rushed to the spot hearing cry of the girl and caught one Abdul Mannan red-handed. Later police arrested him. A case has been filed in this connection.

Discussion on Bangabandhu, Bangladesh

NETRAKONA, Aug 26: Speakers at a discussion meeting on "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh" held here on Friday paid tributes to the immortal memory of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and demanded speedy trial of the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu, reports BSS.

The discussion meeting sponsored by Awami League, Netrakona unit was held at local shaheed minar to mark the 22nd anniversary of martyrdom of Bangabandhu. Eminent intellectual Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Awami League presidium member, Abdul Momin, acting editor of Daily Ittefaq Rahat Khan, Freedom Fighter and Journalist M R Akter Muktul, poet Nirmolendu Goon, Prof Salina Akter Jahan and Indian poet Krishna Roy, among others, addressed the meeting. Fazlur Rahman Khan, MP, presided over the meeting.

Peasants' leader shot at

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 26: Jahangir Hossain, president, Krishan Sangram Samity of Harinakundu thana unit received bullet injuries on his head by armed men on Friday, according to police sources.

Police said, when Jahangir came near Harinakundu Thana Health Complex to see his sick mother, the attackers opened fire. He was immediately rushed to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital. Police arrested Gonjer Ali, Nupu and Molla in this connection.

Installation ceremony

COMILLA, Aug 26: The installation ceremony of the newly-elected office-bearers of Comilla Teachers Training College Students' Representative Council was held at college auditorium recently, reports BSS.

Principal of the teachers training college presided over the function. Prof Panna Kaiser, MP, and Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal, MP, were chief guest and special guest respectively. Advocate Afzal Khan, Secretary of district Awami League, Vice Principal Rafiquddin Mohammad Faruq, newly-elected General Secretary Nargis Sultana Kamrun, AGS Mahmuda Aktar spoke on the occasion.

Call to plant more saplings

JESSORE, Aug 26: Environment and Forest Minister Sayeda Sajeda Chowdhury has called upon the people to plant more saplings to check environment pollution, reports UNB.

She was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural ceremony of a sapling fair of valuable trees at the Town Hall premises on Tuesday. Forty stalls have been set up in the 10-day fair. Tabibur Rahman Sardar, MP, Ali Reza Razu, MP, Aleya Afroz, MP, and Chief Conservator of Forest S M Jalil also addressed the function presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Jessore, Abdul Malek Miah.

Roads to be developed in Tangail

TANGAIL, Aug 26: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has taken up a programme to develop roads and drains in Tangail paura area under Mid-Town Development Project, reports BSS.

The project will cost about Taka 15 crore and be implemented in phases in three years' period. Official sources said the completion of extensive drainage network will cost Taka three crore. Important roads, lanes and bi-lanes will be constructed with the rest 12 crore taka. Development of five roads have already been completed. More roads have been selected for development, construction of drains will start soon, the sources added.

Decentralisation of LG bodies stressed

NATORE, Aug 26: The Union Council Elections will be held in December next, reports UNB.

LGRD and Cooperative Minister Zillur Rahman said this while addressing a view-exchange meeting at the conference room of the district administration here on Friday. The LGRD Minister emphasised on decentralisation of local government bodies for the overall development of the country, upholding the present government's decision to decentralise the LG bodies up to village level. MPs M Abdul Quddus and Shaheen Monwar Haq also addressed the meeting, which was attended by divisional and district officials, and TNOs.

Amina Mansur Ali College opens

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 26: Minister for Post, Telecommunications, Housing and Public Works Mohammad Nasim said education is indispensable for building a healthy nation, reports BSS.

He said this while inaugurating Amina Mansur Ali College at Harinathpur under Kazipur thana in the district recently.

The Minister said the educated people not only build their own fortune but also play an important role in building the nation. Expansion of education in the society is the pledge of the present government, he added.

Microbiologists society confce Sept 4-5

MYMENSINGH, Aug 26: The 15th national conference of Bangladesh Microbiologists Society will now be held on September 4-5 instead of August 28-29 at Shilpacharya Jounal Abedin auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister will be the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the two-day conference titled "microbus in health and hygiene". It will include three technical sessions including a symposium. BAU Vice Chancellor Dr Muhammad Hossain will attend the programme as special guest.

'Education sector gets priority'

KHULNA, Aug 26: Jatiya Sangsad Whip Mostafa Rashidi Suza on Monday said the present government allocated money on priority basis in the education sector in the budget to eradicate illiteracy from the country, reports UNB.

He was addressing a day-long conference of the Prathamik Shikha Oikya Parishad, held at the auditorium of local press club. The government has taken up special programme to reach the light of primary education to the doorsteps of the common people, he said adding that primary schools would be set up in every village by next five years. Primary school teachers from the division attended the conference, presided over by convenor of the conference committee of the parishad Abdul Halim.

Several dacoities committed in Sylhet in two weeks

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Aug 26: Law and order situation in Sylhet has deteriorated with increasing incidents of dacoities, thefts mugging and extortion of illegal tolls in different areas in two weeks.

Armed dacoits attacked the house of Ahmed Ali at Lamabazar Sheikhpara area of Sylhet town in early hours of Saturday last. The dacoits numbering about 10 to 15 swooped the house situated about one hundred yards off the Lamabazar police outpost at about 2 am on the day, sources said.

The dacoits entered into the house by breaking open the grills and tied up the Dr Taifur, son of the house owner and confined him in a room. They took away the key of the wardrobe from the wife of Dr Taifur at gunpoint and took away 60 tolas of gold ornament, cash amount of Taka one lakh and other valuables from the house.

The miscreants managed to escape along with the booty worth about a total of Taka 4 lakh.

A case was lodged with the Kotwali police, but no arrest has yet been reported. People became frightened since the dacoity took place within a distance of only hundred yards from the police out post.

In another incident, armed gang of dacoits took away money in cash and other valuables worth about Taka one lakh from the house number 52 in the Shahjalal Upashahar in the midnight following August 17. The gang masked with black clothes looted valuables at arms point from 'the house of Syed Akhlaque Ahmed and managed to escape. The dacoits also attacked the first floor of the same house. They took away money in cash and other valuables worth about Taka 30 thousand.

Another dacoity was committed in the house of Sayad Miah, an employee of an insurance company in the Shahjalal Upashahar area in the night of August 16 last.

The dacoits took away cash money and other valuables worth about Taka one lakh 25 thousand from the house number 11 of Block A.

A daring dacoity bid was foiled due to the resistance of local people at Shihganj Bamapara on the night of August 15. The dacoits entered into the house by breaking open the grill, but failed to commit dacoity as the neighbours chased them.

A gang of armed dacoits

travelled on a jeep and attacked the house number 15 at Syed Mugni area of Khashdabir in the town.

They managed to escape along with the booty of worth about Taka fifty thousand from the house at arms point.

Armed gang of dacoits attacked the house of Moulana Abdul Jalil Chowdhury at the C block of Shahjalal Upashahar in day time.

They made their operation in the absence of the house owner as he went to the mosque for offering Johar prayers. The miscreants took away valuables worth about Taka fifty thousand. A case was lodged with Kotwali police, but police took no action.

A gun, money and other valuables were looted by a gang of miscreants from the house of Sajjadur Rahman Babul at Ambarkhana area of the town in the night following August 7.

A gang of miscreants snatched away cash amount of Taka three lakh from the vehicle of Meghna Dairy Food Products at 10 PM on August 5 from the Ambarkhana Housing Estate area. Police failed to nab any miscreant.

Dacoits in separate raids looted valuables and money in cash worth about several lakhs of taka from the houses of Rashid Ullah at village Ismailchak, Sundar Ali and Abdul Mannan Miah of village Baurbani in Jagannath Pur thana of Sunamganj district in the night of August 11.

A dacoity was committed in a microbus at a place near Aushkandi on Sherpur-Nabiganj road in the night of August 14.

Besides, a number of thefts and dacoities remained unrecorded.

Murders and other crimes are also on rise.



SYLHET: Vice-Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Prof M Habibur Rahman distributing certificates among the recipients of Moushumi Scholarship.

River erosion turns serious in Bhola

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 26: Map of the country's biggest delta district of Bhola is being changed gradually as the river Meghna has been devouring vast tracts of land including dwelling houses, hats, bazars, educational, religious institutions and establishments for the last few years.

Erosion of the Meghna has already started this year with arrival of the rainy season.

Meantime a vast tract of cropland of Daulat Khan, Medua, Madanpur, Syedpur, Ilisha and Mirgakuil have already been devoured into the river bed.

At least 20 dwelling houses and other establishments including half of the bazar area of Mirzakul have already been affected. More than 30 families rendered homeless, according to local sources. River erosion was been intensified following incessant rainfall and on rush of flood water. The bazar area is also threatened by the river erosion.

Continued erosion of the river Meghna may develop cracks on the embankment along the riverside. It is apprehended, Borhanuddin thana area may also be affected if the

embankment is damaged.

Abdul Mannan, Deputy Commissioner of Bhola and Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) Sudhir Kumar Das visited the area. A thana health centre and two educational institutes are on the verge of extinction due to river erosion. Many residents of the area are shifting their dwelling houses elsewhere for safety. Many affected people erected temporary houses and structures on the embankment illegally.

Most of them who have already lost their crop lands dwelling houses, have been living under open sky now. They are passing days in misery. As a result many of them are resorting to illegal means to earn their livelihood.

Two of the fishermen swam ashore, but the rest are still missing.

Chowgachha-Churamonkati road in bad shape

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Aug 26: A portion of Chowgachha-Jessore road, has become totally unfit for traffic movement now.

Chowgachha-Churamonkati portion of the road has been damaged completely.

Alleged irresponsibility, negligence of duty and indifference of the officials and staffers of Roads and Highways (R&H) Department have triggered this situation.

Innumerable cracks, potholes and ditches have emerged all over this portion of the road. Edges on both sides of the road have reduced its width. It has now become totally risky for any vehicle or pedestrian.

Five persons were killed and 70 others injured in three separate road accidents on this portion of the road recently due to its bad shape.

It is also reported, bus communication on this road is likely to be stopped any moment if the road is not repaired on emergency basis.

This road connects Chuadanga and North Bengal via Moheshpur, Jhenidah and Kushtia via Kotchandpur and

Benapole and Satkhira via Jhinkergachha. Over 6 lakh people in this area are dependent on this road.

Robbers looted valuables worth about Tk one lakh from an agri-farm at a village near Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Sreepur thana on Thursday, injuring two workers, reports UNB.

Police and the farm owner said a gang of 20 to 25 armed dacoits entered the Rajim Agri-cultural Complex at Gilar Chala at about 2 am, jumping over the barbed wire fence, and took away cash amounting to Tk 60,000 and goods about Tk 40,000.

Two farm worker — Rabindra and Abdul Haque — received serious injuries when the dacoits hit them with a ram da. They were admitted to Gazipur Sadar Hospital.

Valuables worth Tk 1 lakh looted from agri-farm

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিস্বাস্যবাহী পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অঙ্গণতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Zia Fertiliser Company Limited, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation in two envelope system for supply of items against Tender Enquiry Number ZFCL/OS-1959 — Steam and Air Hose Pipe on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of finance. Tender documents will be available from the office of (1) The Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) Senior General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) General Manager (Accounts & Finance), Zia Fertiliser Company Limited, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403, Bangladesh on cash payment of Tk. 400.00 (Non-refundable) per set of tender document. Tender shall be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the General Manager (Commercial), Zia Fertiliser Company Limited, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403, Bangladesh up to 2.30 PM on 6-10-97 with 1% earnest money of the total quoted value subject to minimum of Taka 1 (one) thousand which will be opened immediately thereafter. No tender document will be sold on the opening date.

Zia Fertiliser Company Limited reserves the right to accept any tender, reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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General Manager (Commercial)
Zia Fertiliser Company Limited

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Name of work : (1) Supply of pipe clamps, (2) Supply of stain clamp, (3) Supply of piercing insulated connector. Eligibility of contractor: Bonafide supplier firms. Estimated cost : 1) Taka 74,880/= 2) 74,825/= 3) 75,000/= . Price of tender : (Non-refundable) Tk 100/= for each work. Place and date where and when tender will be available : Can be purchased from the Chief Engineer, Distribution South Zone, PDB, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle (W), Chittagong/Agrani Bank, Riaz Uddin Bazar Branch, Chittagong up to (1) 3-9-97, (2) 7-9-97, (3) 10-9-97. Date of receiving and opening tender : (1) 4-9-97, (2) 8-9-97, (3) 11-9-97 up to 12:00 Noon and on the same days at 12:30 PM. All other terms and conditions of the tender should be complied with properly.

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Satkhira Newsletter

From Our Correspondent.

Abducted person rescued

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 26: Police rescued abducted Arun Kumar, 32, from village Ratidanga in Salkupa thana and arrested three persons for their alleged involvement, according to police sources.

Police said a group of people belonging to an outlawed party caught Arun Kumar from Jadbapur bazar under Salkupa thana at about 3 pm. Police receiving the information rushed there and recovered the abducted person from village Ratidanga.

Before arrival of police, the villagers tried to rescue the victim but in vain. Because the abductors fired of least 10 rounds of gunshots. Two persons received bullet injuries. They were released after giving first aid.

Police said, land dispute was the cause of the abduction.

Unsuccessful candidates Degree (pass) examination of 1996 are facing problem as English has been made compulsory.

The students appeared at the Degree (pass) examination in 1995 and 1996 without English.

The National University made English compulsory in the Degree level. The first batch with English as compulsory subject will appear at the examination in 1997.

Meanwhile, the results of Degree (pass) examination of 1996 have been published. Unsuccessful candidates will have to appear at the examination in 1997. They will have to take compulsory English.

The date of next degree examination is fixed on October 30, 1997 and the entry forms were submitted to the National University on July 29.

The unsuccessful candidates are facing a problems with English. They have not enough time for preparation.

Students of many colleges have already appealed to the authorities of the National University to consider their case.

'Celebration ceremony' of Jamuna Bridge

BHUAPUR, Tangail: Aug 26: Communications Minister Anwar Hossain said here on Saturday that Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge (JMB) would serve not only Bangladesh but also the global and regional communication network, reports BSS.

He said, JMB is a unique project which got priorities from all successive governments.

The minister was inaugurating the 'celebration ceremony' of reaching the centre span of the bridge. South Korean engineering and construction firm Hyundai organised the ceremony to mark the completion of laying of span half way of 4.8 kilometre long bridge.

Secretary and executive director of JMB authority Abdul Mujeed Chowdhury and Hyundai project manager Y. B Kim also spoke on the occasion.

Triennial confce of Krishak League

The triennial conference of Debhata thana Krishak League was held at Parulia Ichhamati Cinema hall with Nazrul Islam in the chair recently.

Md Azizul Haque (Faku), Vice-President, Bangladesh Krishak League and Advocate Samsul Haque, Law Secretary, Bangladesh Krishak League were present as chief and special guests respectively. Advocate Abdul Ahad, Advocate Abu Bakar Siddique, Sardar Anisur Rahman, Asaduzzaman Batu, Abdur Rouf, Nurul Momen and others spoke on the occasion.

In the conference, a 41-member executive committee of Debhata thana Krishak League was formed with Nazrul Islam and Abdul Malek as president and general secretary respectively.

1 killed in Kobadak boat tragedy

One Noor Uddin, 30, of village Chandipur under Shyamnagar thana drowned when a country boat capsized in the river Kobadak recently.

According to eyewitnesses, Nooruddin and his family was returning from his father-in-law's house at Khutikata of the same thana by a boat.

On way their boat capsized. Nooruddin drowned instantly and died. The villagers rescued the body.

Alleged violator caught by people

An alleged violator was caught by people and handed over to police by villagers recently.

According to police sources, Akhtaruzzaman, 25, of village Paikpara under Kaligong thana in the district secretly entered into the house of a housewife at dead of night. Her husband was absent and violated her.

The victim informed the villagers about the incident the next day. The villagers caught Akhtar and handed him over to police.

A case was filed with Kaligong Police Station in this connection.

Biennial confce of Mohila AL

The biennial conference of Satkhira sadar thana Mahila Awami League was held at the district Mohila Awami League office with Safia Karim in the chair recently.

Refat Amin, Convenor, Satkhira district Mohila Awami League was present as the chief guest.

In the conference, a 37-member executive committee of

Body exhumed

Body of a housewife was exhumed by police and sent to Satkhira morgue for autopsy after three months of her burial recently.

According to police sources, housewife Morzina Khatun, 23, wife of Anwar Ali of village Uttar Sreepur under Kaligong thana in the district died on April 23, 1997.

She was buried quickly by her husband's kith and kins on the following day.

Later the housewife's father submitted two separate applications to the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira, stating that his daughter was tortured to death by his son-in-law for dowry. After receiving order from the District Magistrate, body of the housewife was exhumed by police in presence of first class magistrate Matur Rahman.

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NOTICE

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It is hereby notified for general information that to alleviate the problem of iodine shortage in human body, iodization of edible salt has been made mandatory by the government and with a view to keeping the standard of quality of iodized salt intact at all stages at par with Bangladesh National Standard BDS 1236:1989, the item has been brought under compulsory standard of quality licence (CM) issued by BSTI. Out of 300 approved iodized salt manufacturers, 89 iodized salt manufacturers have been issued CM Licence till date after different tests & scrutiny. BSTI's standard mark is fixed on the package of salt of the licenced manufacturers. CM Licence has not been issued in favour of those manufacturers whose salt has not been found satisfactory after tests & scrutiny and they have been advised to refrain from marketing low quality salt.

Recently samples of iodized salt collected from open market have been tested. Test results show the quantity of iodine in some cases low and in some cases more than required. It may be noted that as per BDS 1236:1989 the quantity of iodine in iodized salt has been maintained at 20-50 mg/kg under the circumstance, all manufacturing & marketing firms of iodized salt are advised to ensure the correct level of iodine in salt prior to marketing their product and market after obtaining CM Licence using BSTI standard mark.

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