

News snaps

450-yr-old statue stolen

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 31: A 450-year-old statue of Hindu god Shiva was allegedly stolen from a 16th century temple in a village of Sadar thana on Thursday night, police said, reports UNB.

They said the three feet high statue made of touch-stone weighing about 40 kg was stolen after the pujari (worshipper) left the temple at Kacharipara village at about 8 pm. In the morning, the door of the temple was found broken and the statue missing. The pujari filed a case with Sadar police in this connection.

4 arrested in Bogra

BOGRA, Aug 31: Four persons were arrested by the special squad of Bogra police on Wednesday.

Police sources said, Jewel son of Dhanu Miah of village Gokul was arrested for his alleged toll collection. Shafiqul Islam, son of Khokan Miah of village Palashbari for his alleged involvement in snatching. Polish, son of Sayed Ali of Nishindara was arrested for teasing school going girls. Ehsanul Huq Nayan, son of Asadul Huq, (Chunmun) of Sutrapur in Bogra town was arrested following warrant.

Truck helper killed in road accident

GAZIPUR, Aug 31: A truck helper was run over by the truck as he fell down from its roof on Mymensingh-Dhaka highway, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Sohel Rana, 22, helper of a Mymensingh bound truck from Dhaka, was crushed by the back-wheel of the truck at Hotapara in Sadar thana at around 7 am. Rana falls from village Fakirkanda in Mymensingh Sadar thana. The body was taken to Gazipur sadar hospital for post-mortem.

Rupsha-Bagerhat rly route closed

KHULNA, Aug 31: Rupsha-Bagerhat rail route has been closed due to huge financial loss amounting to Tk 40 crore during the last 25 years.

Minister for Communications Anwar Hossain who was due to visit Rupsha rail station had to cancel his programme to avoid high tension following closure of rail communication recently.

Cub-scout orientation camp

CHUADANGA, Aug 31: A day-long Chuadanga sadar thana cub-scout orientation camp was held here at the Daulatdiar Government Primary School recently, reports BSS.

Rowshanafuzaman, TNO, Chuadanga sadar thana opened the cub-scout orientation camp. One hundred headmasters and head mistresses of 62 government primary schools and 38 registered non-government primary schools of Chuadanga sadar thana took part in the orientation camp. Chuadanga sadar thana scouts arranged the camp.

Maid servant commits suicide

CHITTAGONG, Aug 31: A maid servant allegedly committed suicide in Panchlaila thana of the port city on Thursday morning, reports UNB.

Police said Jesmin Akhter, 20, daughter of Shahid Mia of Kashba thana in Brahmanbaria district, hanged herself from the ceiling of her master's residence in Nasirabad area at about 8.30 am. Jesmin's master captain Habibur Rahman took her to Chittagong Medical College Hospital immediately where the attending doctors declared her dead. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

4 killed in road accident

SAVAR, Aug 31: Four unidentified people were killed and 70 others injured in separate road accidents on Dhaka-Aricha highway on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said two people were killed and 40 others injured when a Madaripur-bound coach collided with a truck at Bishmail in Savar thana in the afternoon. Two of the injured died on way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Rest of the injured were admitted to different hospitals and clinics in Dhaka and Savar. In another mishap, 30 people were injured when a Dinajpur-bound bus dashed a roadside tree at Bafuli in Dhamrai thana on Dhaka-Aricha highway at about 8 pm.

AL-BNP clash leaves 10 hurt

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 31: Ten activists of ruling Awami League and main opposition BNP were injured in a clash between them at Chalitdanga bazar in Kazipur thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police said the trouble ensued at 9 pm between the rival activists over assaulting of BNP union president Abdul Mannan. He came under attack by his opponents at the same venue in the morning. Both the groups also exploded hand bombs during an hour-long clash that left 10 people injured. Of them, two were admitted to Thana Health Complex. Police brought the situation under control. A case has been filed with the police.

Satkhira Red Crescent Society office opens

SATKHIRA, Aug 31: Office of the Red Crescent Society, Satkhira district unit was inaugurated on Tuesday by the Director of Health, Khulna Division, Dr Murad Ali, reports BSS.

The inaugural function was presided over by Abdul Mottaleb, Chairman, Satkhira unit of the Red Crescent Society. Civil Surgeon Dr Abu Yusuf Miah, and Deputy Director of Red Crescent Society Abul Hasan, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Woman killed in Tangail road mishap

TANGAIL, Aug 31: A head-on-collision between two minibuses on Tangail-Mymensingh highway in Kalihati thana on Thursday left an unidentified woman killed and 30 people injured, reports UNB.

Police and hospital sources said the mishap occurred at Poul in the morning. Eighteen of the injured were rushed to Tangail General Hospital while some others were given first aid. A case was filed with Kalihati thana. Drivers of both the buses fled the scene.

Huge quantity of hemp seized

JAMALPUR, Aug 31: BDR jawans seized a huge quantity of ganja saplings worth about Tk six lakh and arrested two people from a village in Jhinaigati thana of Sherpur district on Thursday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, the BDR men raided Kushaikura area and arrested M Fazal Mia and Abdul Rahman along with 427 ganja saplings. The recovered saplings have been deposited with the local Narcotics Control Department.

Rice distributed among flood victims

FENI, Aug 31: The present government has allocated 2,248 metric tons of food grains for the district under Rural Infrastructure Renovation Project in last one year, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said this addressing a meeting of the district Relief and Rehabilitation Coordination Committee at the local circuit house, on Thursday. The meeting was informed that 416 mts of rice were distributed among 13,000 families affected by the recent flood in the district through VGF cards.

No quality control in bread factory

NETROKONA, Aug 31: The breads and biscuits marketed by different local factories are not suitable for human consumption as those are made in a filthy atmosphere, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the factory owners hardly take steps to maintain hygiene as movement of dogs, cats and rats is a common scene in the factories. Local people alleged that dirty things are also found in breads and biscuits of the local factories that spread various diseases like diarrhoea and dysentery.

Janmastomi observed in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Aug 31: Hundreds of Hindu devotees danced and sang devotional songs in a colourful procession brought out from Purana Bazar temple to celebrate the holy janmastomy, reports BSS.

Puja, geeta jogya, bhog, aroti and discussions were held at different parts of the town to mark the holy occasion. Sree Sree Geeta Sangha arrange mangalacharam, puja, recitation from the geeta, sree krishna bhog, aroti, and distribution of prasad.

Schoolgirl stabbed to death

JESSORE, Aug 31: A schoolgirl was stabbed to death allegedly by a college student at Kashimpur village in Kotwali thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said Marzina, 12, a student of class seven of Kashimpur High School and daughter of Hafizur Rahman, was killed by her co-villager Hafizur while going to school in the morning. As the local people rushed to the scene seeing the brutal incident, Hafiz started to stab himself in a bid to commit suicide. But he was caught by them and handed over to police.

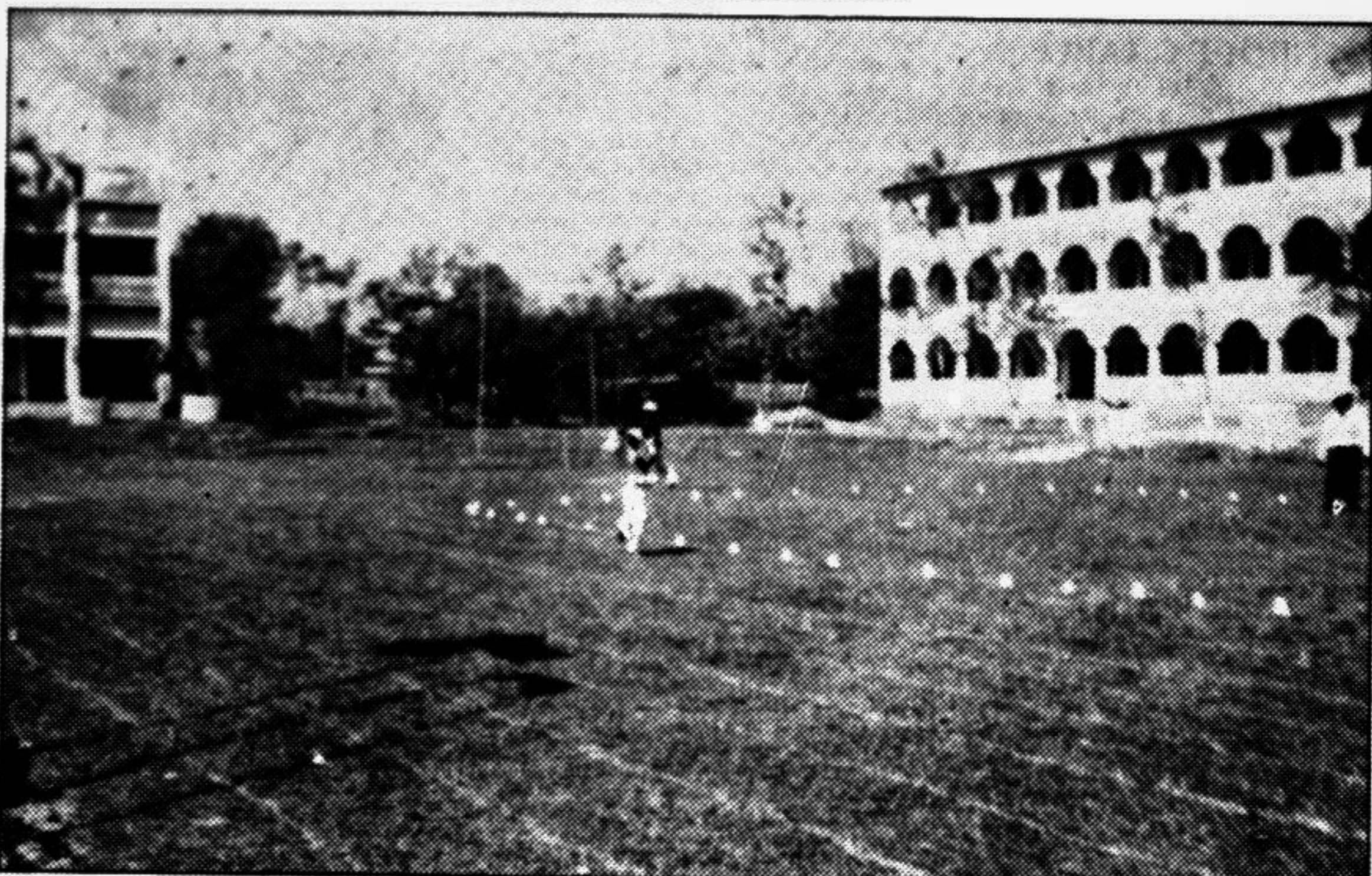
Phensidyl recovered

NARSINGDI, Aug 31: Police have recovered 239 bottles of phensidyl syrup from a bus at Sunaimuritek in Shibpur thana on Dhaka-Sylhet highway, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police searched the Dhaka-bound bus coming from Brahmanbaria and seized the contra-band item on August 21. No one was, however, arrested in this connection. A case was filed with the police.

Kurigram Women's College beset with problems

From Our Correspondent



KURIGRAM: Main building of Kurigram Government Women's College which cannot accommodate increasing number of students.

KURIGRAM, Aug 31: Kurigram Government Women's College is beset with manifold problems including shortage of teachers and accommodation.

Established in 1974, the college was nationalised in 1984, but no significant development and extension were done till now.

Surrounded by scenic beauty, the old tin-shed building of Chemistry laboratory is dilapidated. Rain water enters into rooms as old tin-sheds are yet to be repaired. The college building can hardly accommodate increasing number of students now.

There is no hostel facility for the students. Most of the students stay away from the college. They attend classes facing immense difficulties. The college authorities have converted an abandoned building into a hostel. A very few students can be accommodated there.

There are no quarters for the teachers. The teachers live at far away places. They cannot always attend the college in time, especially during the rainy season. Even there is no Principal's quarter in the college.

Despite its good academic atmosphere, the college cannot accommodate the increasing number of students seeking admission due to accommodation problem. Moreover, there are no adequate benches and chairs for the students.

The library of the college has no requisite number of books. There is no modern apparatus in the Science laboratory.

There is no playground. Extra-curricular activities are hampered to a great extent for want of auditorium. The students of this college are in need of sports materials for recreational facilities.

Acute shortage of teachers is hampering education in the college. Only one teacher is working in each of the department of English, Physics, Philosophy, Islamic History, Management and Accounting. Shortage of third class employees is also hampering the normal office works.

There is no separate examination halls in the college. All classes are forced to suspend during the HSC and Degree Examinations. As a result, the normal teaching period is curtailed in each academic session. Moreover, there is no administrative building in the college.

Although there is Commerce course in intermediate level but no BCom course was introduced. Many students after passing the ICom examination are deprived of higher education in commerce group as the poor parents cannot bear the heavy expenditure for higher education in Rangpur, Rajshahi or in Dhaka for their daughters.

When contacted, Principal of the college Professor Md Aminur Rahman informed, the problems were repeatedly brought to the notice of the higher authorities, but to no effect.

People of Kurigram urged the authorities concerned to mitigate the problems faced by Kurigram Government Women's College students.



KURIGRAM: Science students doing practical class in the laboratory where there is no sufficient apparatus.

Housewife killed by husband

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 31: A housewife was murdered by her husband at Kalikapur village under Mehendiganj thana of Barisal on Thursday night.

Police and witnesses said, Bipul Begum, 28, mother of two sons was allegedly strangled to death by her husband Zakir Hossain as she resisted her husband to go for second marriage several times.

On the fateful night after merciless beating Zakir killed Bipul Begum and threw her body into the nearby canal. He fastened the body in a gunny bag. Her dead body was recovered later on and Bipul's sister Nurjahan filed a murder case against 8 persons.

Police arrested Maleka Begum and Idris, mother and father of Zakir in this connection.

Road construction project in haor area of Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Aug 31: The Local Government Engineering Department has taken up a project to construct a 16-km road in the haor area, reports UNB.

Official sources said the road from Itna town of Kishoreganj to Ajmiriganj bazar of Habiganj district is being constructed on experimental basis with a view to improving road communication system in the haor area.

Meanwhile, construction of two kilometres road have already been completed with an expenditure of Tk 65 lakh and Tk 4 crore is needed to complete the rest work.

The road in haor area has been marked with height variations at 6, 5.4 and 3 feet at tapping distance in accordance with the position of the soil.

As the haor area of the district remain under water about four months, the roads will be covered with tiles in order to check erosion of land by waves.

Silkworm farming gains popularity

From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Aug 31: Silk worm cultivation has been gaining popularity in Sherpur district.

According to BRAC Regional Office, Sherpur, a good number of poor families are now engaged in cultivating silk worm.

Md Ashrafuzzaman Khan Selim, Regional Manager of BRAC, Sherpur, informed they supply eggs of silkworm among the farmers. Silkworms are born within eight days of sowing of eggs. Then the farmers nurse the worms for 20 to 24 days. They feed the worms leaves of mulberry trees which is supplied to them free of cost.

Sufiya Begum, 35, mother of three children under Sreebordi thana told this correspondent, many families of village Kurikhania under Sreebordi thana are involved with silkworm farming. It is less risky, she said. She earns about Taka 1,000 to Taka 1,200 per season (20 to 24 days) from this cultivation. She earns Taka 4,800 in four terms.

Ramesa Khatun, 32, of the same village said, her rich-shawpuler husband, could hardly afford to maintain family previously. When she was engaged with silkworm farming about five years back things started to change positively.

Ramesa, a mother of four children who is a member of BRAC Mahila Samity said, she was underwent training on silkworm nursing. Now she earns Taka 1,000 to 1,200 per season.

Another silkworm cultivator Ferqa Khatun, 40, said her husband was a day labourer. He could hardly manage meals for family. She involved herself in silkworm cultivation. She is now earning Taka 300 to Taka 1,000 every 20 or 24 days.

Md Ashrafuzzaman further informed that women of 848 families are now involved in silkworm farming.

Huge quantity of Indian smuggled goods seized

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 31: Police seized huge quantity of Indian smuggled goods and arrested a man from Jamuna ghat area in the town on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police caught Abdul Khaleq, an alleged smuggler of Tangail district, with Indian playing cards, cumin seeds and 'Jarda' worth about Tk 1.5 lakh.

A case has been lodged in this connection.

Another report from Comilla adds: Bangladesh Rifles in separate drives seized contraband items worth about Taka one lakh from different border areas here.

The contrabands seized during the drives on August 15 and 16 included Indian saree, sugar, timber, phensidyl, spices.

Acting on a tip-off, a patrol team of jawans led by Naik Abul Kashem of Nainpur border post raided north Tetabdhia area of Brammanpara thana and seized 170 pieces of Indian sarees on August 15.

In another drive, a team led by Habildar M Azam seized 32 cft timber from Rajendrapur area of Chuadagram thana.

3 killed as truck skids off road

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 31: Three onion traders were killed when a truck they were riding on skidded off the road at Bajukhall area under Kaliganj thana late night on Wednesday.

The victims were identified as Abdul Malek and Abdul Latif of Mohammadpur village under Batiagata thana in Khulna district and Nurul Islam of Bajukhall village in Shoilkupa thana under Jhenidah district. Both Malek and Islam were 40 years old while Latif was 50 years old.

Police seized the truck while its driver fled away. A case was initiated with Kaliganj police.

Body recovered

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 31: The dead body of Razu, 24, son of Akmal Hossain of village Chechua under Jagoti Union of Kushtia sadar thana was recovered from GK canal near Molla Teghoria on Thursday.

Razu was found missing for the last two days. According to his parents, Razu was sleeping on the fateful night. Three of his friends Shaif and Nirman of Chechua village and Azad of Jagoti colony called him at midnight on Tuesday. Razu went out of the house, but he did not return. His parents conducted vigorous search, but he remained untraced.

At last his body was seen floating in GK canal by the local people. His parents identified the body. On getting information police sent the body to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy.

Work of Bogra Medical College progressing

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Aug 31: The construction works of five medical colleges including Bogra at a cost of Tk 180 crore are nearing completion, reports UNB.

Health ministry sources said the works to set up medical colleges at Bogra, Khulna, Dinajpur, Faridpur and Comilla districts began in 1992 and 85 per cent works have already been completed.

The work of the five-year project was scheduled to be completed this year but due to various reasons the project could not be completed and hence the time has been extended by another one year.

The sources said of the total, Tk 84.76 crore has been earmarked for the construction of physical infrastructure. Tk 58.35 crore for manpower, Tk 1,22,50,000 for transport, Tk 4.48 crore for purchasing furniture, Tk 19 lakh for house rent, and Tk 12 lakh for other sectors including electricity, gas and water supply.

Besides, health department has taken initiative to construct two 500-bed hospitals at Bogra and Dinajpur.

Natore Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Aug 31: One woman was convicted for producing and marketing local wine illegally and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for three years.

The accused, Kachua Begum was also fined Taka 2000, in default to suffer another three months' of RI.

The prosecution story is that Shingra thana police acting on a tip-off on February 4, 1994, raided the house of one Mantu at the sadar area and arrested Kachua Begum and seized 25 litres of local 'chola' wine along with equipment and components.

Ershad Patwari, a Narcotics Control Inspector submitted the chargesheet against her after investigation.

Additional District and Sessions Judge M Mozammel Haque found her guilty and sentenced her to suffer the punishment.

3 murderers get life term

At least three persons were convicted for a murder. They were sentenced to suffer life-term imprisonment each.

Each of them was also fined Taka 5,000, in default to suffer another one year of rigorous imprisonment (RI).

The prosecution story is that Dulal, Rezaul Karim and Monir Hossain brutally murdered Sumed Ali, son of one Nayama of Shippur village in the sadar thana on August 7, 1995 due to previous enmity. The victim was returning home at that time. A case was filed with Natore sadar police. Natore police, after investigation framed the chargesheet against the accused three persons.

District and Sessions Judge M Mozammel Haque delivered the verdict against the three persons after finding them guilty.

AED workshop held

Agriculture Extension Department (AED), Natore organised a six days long field workers' workshop on 'Protecting Soil Fertility and Chemical Fertilizers Applying Management' at its auditorium.

Additional Director of AED, Rajshahi MA Sattar inaugurated the workshop.

A total of 74 field workers of Natore AED were imported training in the workshop in three groups.

On the concluding day, Deputy Director, AED, Sohrab Ali distributed certificates among successful participants in a simple ceremony.

Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Name of work : Work of carrying mobil on yearly basis for Manpura and Charfashion Power House under Bhola Power Supply. Eligibility of contractor : Tenders in T-1 form under sealed cover are invited from Power Development Board's 1997-98 A,B,C & D class enlisted contractors for the abovementioned works. Estimated cost : Tk 71,163/10. Price of tender : Taka 40/=. Place & date where & when tender will be available : Can be purchased from the Additional Chief Engineer, Distribution, West Zone, PDB, Khulna/ Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, PDB, Barisal/ Manager, Agrani Bank, Kalinath Bazar, Bhola through Bank Draft of the said amount in favour of the Deputy-Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB, Barisal during office hours up to 15/9/97. Date of receiving & opening tender : 16/9/97 up to 12:00 Noon and on the same day at 12:30 PM. Other terms & conditions of tender should be complied with properly.

Biddut/Jana-205 (3)/97-98 Resident Engineer (Executive)
 DFP-19184-26/8 Bhola Power Supply
 G-2073 PDB, Bhola.

Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence
 New Airport Road
 Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tender in local currency is invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

Sl No.	Description & Qty	Tender Selling Dt. Up to	Tender Opening Date	Currency
1.	Mortein (500 ML Tin) Qty-2,000 Nos.	15-9-97	16-9-97	Local Currency

The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at given rate (Not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

ISPR/Misc/97/698
 DFP-19204-26/8/97
 G-2074

Commander BN
 for Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
 Bandarban Public Works Division
 Bandarban

Memo No. 10-18/201 Dated: 14-8-97, 30-4-1404BS

Tender Invitation Notice

No-9/97-98

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received simultaneously by the undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No-3/4, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar Public Works Division, Cox's Bazar at their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon of 8/9/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:05 PM before the tenderers present. Each tender should be submitted in sealed cover superscribing the name of work enclosing attested copy of Value Added Tax registration certificate and attested copy of valid A,B,C licence.

Gr No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion	Eligibility of contractor
1)	Work of Roangchhari Thana Health Complex Establishment Project at Bandarban (Sub-Head: Internal electrification work of 4th class Staff Dormitory)	Tk 187197/-	Tk 3750/-	180 days	Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class & 1st class, Chittagong Public Works Zone's 2nd class electrical contractors (Should have valid A,B,C/ B,C licence from Licensing Board/Authority).
2)	Work of Roangchhari Thana Health Complex Establishment Project at Bandarban (Sub-Head: Internal electrification work of Dr Dormitory)	Tk 185413/-	Tk 3715/-	180 days	-do- -do-

Tender documents with Bangladesh Form No-2911, tender invitation notice, schedule and additional terms & conditions can be seen and purchased on payment of prescribed price Tk 400/- (four hundred) only for each set of tender and Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only for Bangladesh Form No-2911 from the office of the undersigned and offices of the Executive Engineers, Chittagong Public Works Division-3/4 and Cox's Bazar Public Works Division. Contractor himself or through his authorised representative in writing, may purchase the tender document on production of enlistment register, valid ABC/BC & supervisory licence book on all working days before 7-9-97. In case more than one contractor submits tender quoting the lowest rate, lottery will be held to select one lowest tenderer on 14-9-97 at 4-00 PM at the office chamber of the undersigned in presence of interested tenderers.

Kazi Muihul Alam
 Executive Engineer
 Bandarban Public Works Division
 Bandarban

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