News snaps

Boy drowns in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Sept 2: A teenage boy drowned in a pond at Kastaghar area in the town on Friday afternoon. Dharmajyoti Shyam Alias Suman who passed SSC exami-

nation this year from Blue Bird High School with Star marks submitted admission forms to the MC College on Thursday. After playing cricket near his house he went to the pond for having a bath at about 5 pm. Suddenly he fell in pond, in absence of anybody else. Suman did not know how to swim. His body was recovered after sometime from the pond. Suman was the only son of Advocate Dhrubajyoti Shyam.

3 killed in separate incidents

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Sept 2: Three persons including a woman died in

separate incidents recently. Police said Mahatab, 60, of the city succumbed to severe head injuries. A boy named Shariatullah, 15, also succumbed to his head injuries in Khulna Medical College hospital (KMCH). They were injured in road accidents earlier. A woman named Sonahar Khatoon, 28, died in KMCH. She was injured by bullet. She was shot at by unknown persons at Damurhuda in Chuadanga district.

Orientation course on Cubbing

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Sept 2: A day-long orientation course on Cubbing organised by Magura Sadar thana scout concluded here recently.

Seventy-three headmasters of government and non-government primary schools of Magura Sadar thana took part in the course. Md Nuruzzaman Khan, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Magura club the chief guest in the orientations course while Md Golam Mostafa, Chairman of Magura Sadar thana scout and Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) Sadar presided over.

Road in bad shape

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Sept 2: The 10-kilometre long Maskandi-Boalmari link road is in bad shape.

The road is so narrow that two buses cannot pass easily at a time. There is possibility of occurrence of accidents at any time. Besides deep path-holes, and cracks have developed at different points on the road. The road is a busy one. A good number of buses and other transports ply along this road from Boalmari to the capital city Dhaka via Faridpur.

Bright prospect of groundnut cultivation From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA. Sept 2: Prospect of groundnut cultivation in the district are very bright.

Farmers of Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar thanas have achieved encouraging yield in cooperation with the Agriculture Extension Department. The farmers have been able to produce 60 maunds of groundnut per acre of land. They got in turn Taka 10 thousand per acre against the production costs of Taka one thousand only. Encouraged by its high yield the farmers have massive groundnut cultivation scheme.

One held for possessing revolver From A Correspondent

BOGRA, Sept 2: Rabiul. son of Abdus Sammad of Durgapur under Gaibanda district was caught by the people. They handed him over to police with a revolver on August 28. He was moving suspiciously at Gokul under sadar thana with one of his accomplice. But he managed to escape.

Price of loitta hits a record low

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 2: Price of loitta, a fish prized for its delicacy, has hit a record low due to indiscriminate fishing near the Bay in last few days, reports UNB.

Fishermen said loittas were being netted in flocks flooding the local markets, resulting in unusual fall in its price. One kg of loitta is now being sold at Tk two only. On Wednesday, a maund of loitta, mostly available in the St Martin's island, was sold at Tk 80 in Teknaf. The fishermen said loittas usually live in the deep sea and come near the seashore only when they apprehend any natural disaster.

Joydebpur Rly Station now a crime zone

GAZIPUR, Sept 2: Joydebpur railway station area in the town here has turned into a crime zone with the abnormal rise

of anti-social activities, reports UNB.

The mobile pimps, drug addicts, gamblers, pickpockets and mastans are active in the area round the clock and drugs are being sold even in day light before the nose of the law enforcing agencies. The area is less than half a kilometre away from the police station. The railway station also is plagued with multifarious problems. Garbages are dumped at the station area polluting the environment. In the absence of toilet in the station, the passengers are forced to respond to the call of nature here and there vitiating the atmosphere. The passengers are not allowed to use the only waiting room as it is kept under lock and key all the time. The town dwellers demanded immediate steps against the rising crimes in the station area.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H Chandpur Road Division Chandpur

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

- Tender Notice: 01/EE/CRD/1996-97.
- Name of work
- Tender invitation for construction work of flexible pavement at the 14th (P) and 15th (P) kilometre o Gouripur-Kachua-Haziganj and Gazirhat-Feni Road under Chandpur Road Division during 1997-98 financial year. (Head of expenditure: 266-

Development).

Taka 24,44,856/=

favour of the undersigned.

Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/

the undersigned/Executive Engineer

R&H, Road Division, Comilla/B'baria/

Planning & Design Division, Comilla/

Planning Division (Roads & Bridges).

Dhaka and offices of all Sub-Divisional

Additional Chief Engineer, R&H.

Comilla Zone, Comilla/Divisional

Commissioner, Chittagong/ Superin-

tending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle,

Comilla/Superintending Engineer,

R&H, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle,

60 (sixty) days from the date of

14-9-97/30-5-1404 BS up to office

15-9-97/31-5-1404 BS up to 12:30 PM.

18-9-97/3-6-1404 BS at 11:30 AM.

Dhaka and office of the undersigned.

issuing work order.

hours.

Engineers under this Division.

BD/TC/Pratirakkha

- Estimated cost
- Earnest money Taka 48,898/= should be submitted through Sanchaya Patra/5-year Sanchaya Patra or Bonus Sanchaya Patra in
- Name of offices where tender documents will be available
- Name of offices to receive tender documents
- Time allowed
- selling tender receiving tender
- opening tender
- Eligibility of contractors

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- Last date of
- Date & time of Date & time of
- R&H, Directorate enlisted "A" to "D" general class contractors.
 - Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Chandpur.

,500 children enrolled in 50 satellite pry schools

KHULNA, Sept 2: Fifty satel-lite primary schools set up in seven thanas of Khulna district in January last at the initiative of villagers have enrolled 1,500 children in class one, report

The satellite primary schools have been set up in the villages where there were no primary schools. Educated boys and girls render almost voluntary services to educate the children. Government will pay Taka 15,000 to each satellite school per annum as grant. Each school admits 30 children.

All the schools will open class two from January, 1998 next.

An official source said that the satellite primary schools had been set up to extend primary educational facilities to the children of the rural areas where there are no primary schools.

BSM annual confce begins tomorrow

A two-day 15th annual conference of Bangladesh Society of Microbiologists (BSM) will begin tomorrowat Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) at 10 am, says a press release.

The conference will be inaugurated by Salahuddin Yousuf, Minister for Health and Family Welfare as chief guest while Prof Dr Muhammad Hussain. Vice-Chancellor, BAU, will be present as special guest. The theme of the conference

is "Microbes in Health and Hygiene." About 200 microbiologists of the country are expected to participate in the conference.

Most schools lack sanitation facilities

GAZIPUR, Sept 2: Students are facing health hazards as most of the schools of the district lack sanitation facilities. reports UNB.

Sources said most of the schools have only one toilet posing serious problems to the learners and there are schools which do not have even a toilet whereas some schools have toilets only for teachers.

The students are not encouraged to use toilet during school time. Finding no other way out students are to urinate in the open space polluting the environment. On some occasions, in the rural areas, they respond to the call of nature at nearby jungles.verifitA + -

According to a statistics, on an average 80 students use only one toilet everyday. The condition of the toilet at the village schools are very frustrating. Most of the toilets are not cleaned once in a week.

Electric supply office attacked by angry mob

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Sept 2: Angry people of Daulatkhan thana headquarter in Bhola district on Monday attacked and ransacked the Daulatkhan electric supply office of Power Development Board (PDB) due to erratic power supply in and

around Daulatkhan thana. A procession of agitating people attacked and ransacked the office broke its gates and windows.

JN, Biswas, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Daulatkhan and Belayet Hossen, Officer-incharge (OC), sadar thana visited

Dulal Ghosh, Resident Engineer, PDB, informed the incident to Executive Engineer, PDB, soon after the incident.

A very tense situation has been prevailing allover the thana headquarters. Police has been deployed at sensational points.

Two killed in

wall collapse

woman and her daughter were

killed and three others injured

when a wall of their house col-

lapsed on them on Sunday at

Bailchari under Banskhali

when the accident occurred, po-

Low-lying areas

of Natore

inundated

From Our Correspondent

areas of Natore have been inundated due to heavy rain on

NATORE. Sept 2 Low lying

Water levels in the rivers

Rains have paralysed nor-

Padma, Mohananda, Atrai,

Chota Jamuna, Karotoa, Barnoi

and Nandakuja have marked

mal life. The inclement

weather forced people to stay

indoors and the traders to wit-

beds on a vast tract of land in

Natore district have been dam-

aged. Fish in ponds washed

Sadar hospital. Paulpara.

Fouzdaripara, Bargachha and

Patuapara areas of Natore

Pourashava went under knee-

away by water from hills cou-

pled with heavy downpour.

Standing crops and seed-

ness a 'every dull business'

The victims were asleep

thana, reports BSS.

lice said.

Wednesday.

sharp rise.

deep water

CHITTAGONG, Sept 2: A

Flood situation in Rajshahi deteriorates

riorated due to continued heavy downpour in the area.

land have been completely or partially damaged. More than 5000 kutcha houses have collapse and 160 educational institutions and 27 mosques have

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 2: A

their act of teasing.

crackers and used lethal weapons during the clash. Later, police arrested seven people in this connection.

Salam were admitted to the Siraiganj General Hospital.



fund shortage. Photo shows a view of partially excavated rooms of a big building.

- Star photo

Jagaddyal Mohabihar

Fund shortage hampers excavation work

From Abdul Wadood

Scholars and students, used to come to the Mohabihar from home and abroad to earn Buddhism and other relevant sub-The Pal kings had estab-

RAJSHAHI, Sept 2: Shortage

of fund has stopped excavation

work of historic Jagaddyal Mo-

habihar. Experts were expecting

that excavation of the Jagad-

dyal Mohabihar would discover

many unknown clues of the his-

tory of the Pal and Sen dynasty.

Taka five lakh for excavation

of the Mohabihar. Work on ex-

cavation of the Mohabihar

started in December in 1996

under a project of the Archae-

tion work had been stopped at

midway as no new allocation of

money had been sanctioned for

Abdul Karim, a research fel-

low working on history of an-

cient Bengal under the Depart-

ment of Islamic History and

Culture in Rajshahi University

said that there were different

opinions on the location of

Ramabati, the last capital of the

Pal dynasty. But it has been

confirmed that Jagaddyal Mo-

habihar was situated in Rama-

The Pal King Ram Pal (1072-

126 AD) recaptured the Baren-

dra tract from Vim. son of the

Kaibartya King Dibbya's

brother and shifted the capital

of the Kingdom to Ramabati, a

place situated between the

Ganges and the Korotoa rivers.

He shifted the capital from

Pundranagar (Mohasthan of

Bogra), the first capital of the

gaddyal Mohabihar in the new

capital where he established

three idols named Tehishwar.

Chandeshwar and Kheneshwar.

situated three kilometers to the

north-east of Dhamorhat thana

headquarters in Naogaon dis-

trict. The river Ghaukshi, the

river Chirinodi, two tributaries of the Atrai are flowing along

the western and eastern side of

the Mohabihar. It is about 20

kilometers to the north of

Citing reference from Ain-e-

Akbari of Abul Fazal, Abdul

Karim informed that Jagaddyal

was a river port. During the Mughal regime. Jagaddyalganj

pargonah had been under the

administration of Barbakabad

ing officers used to come at Ja-

gaddyal Mohabihar and Soma-

pur Mohabihar through river-

way via Jeygir Gofa, (Jogir

than), a place about 12 kilome-

Buddhist scholars and rul-

government of Sube Bangla.

Mohabihar

Somapur

(Paharpur)

The Jagaddyal Mohabihar is

King Ram Ral built the Ja-

Sources said that the excava-

ologied Department.

the project.

The government sanctioned

lished many other big and small Bihars as institution of religion and education, in the then Bangla and Bihar areas. Out of those, the Somapur Mohabihar (at Paharpur of Naogaon) Nalanda Mohabihar, Vikramshil Mohabihar, Todantapuri Mohabihar, Debicowt Mohabihar, Pandit Mohabihar, Sannagar Bihar, Fullohori Bihar, Pattikerak Bihar, Holud Bihar, Agradigun Bihar are very renowned.

The Sen Kings destroyed those Bihars when they emerged as rulers of the then Bengal defeating the Pals.

Abdul Karim said many renowned scholars namely Bivuti Chandra Danshil, Shuvakar Gupta, Mokshakor Gupta and Dharmakar, lived in Jagaddyal Mohabihar and studied, taught and wrote books. Area of the Jagaddyal Mo-

habitat is 105 meter in length and 85 meter in breadth. Around the Mohabihar there are many ruins of buildings. roads, residences and big ponds with concrete ghats scattered in an area covering about 16 square killometers.

More than 20 rooms of the Mohabihar have so far been unearthed. The area of each room is 12 feet in length and 11 feet in breadth. The front wall of the large building is 2.25-meter broad, while the dividing walls are 1.83 meter in breadth.

These walls are made of bricks of high quality. The outer walls of the building have been damaged but the inner and dividing walls have remained

almost intact and strong enough. Outer sides of the walls were decorated by terracotta. The pictures drawn in the terracotes have similarity with those in Somapur Mohabihar. The floors of the rooms are

made of concrete and very smooth. Each room has big and high doors. Lintels of the rooms are made of blackestones. Those are bound with iron clamps. The excavation work is now at primary stage. Complete excavation of Jagaddyal Mohabi-

har will unearth many other establishments, inscriptions and materials of archaeological and historical value, experts hope. A source informed that there is a government decision to start the second stage of excava-

tion work in the next dry sea-

Meanwhile, the excavation of Jagaddyal Mohabihar has created much interest and enthusiasm among the people.

Many people, literate and illiterate, from near and distant places come to see the excavaation work of the Mohabihar But it has become troublesome for them to travel the Mohabihar as condition of road in the locality is very miserable. Local people suggested to construct the three kilometre long Kutcha road from Hartikidanga Bazar to Jagaddyal Mohabihar.

Experts have suggested to complete the excavation work of Jagaddyal Mohabihar as soon as possible for the sake history of our ancestors a make the Mohabihar a tourist spot like Paharpur Moh ibiliar The excavation of the lagad-

unitural and the people of the locality, experts opined.

Gopalganj Newsletter

From Our Correspondents

GOPALGANJ, Sept 2: One person was awarded life imprisonment recently for mur-

dering his wife. Shohidur Rahman, District and Sessions Judge, Gopalganj recently convicted Lablu Sheikh, son of Ismail Sheikh to Lohil under Muksudpur Police Station (PS) in Gopalganj district sentenced him to suffer imprisonment for life and to pay a fine of Taka 5,000, in default, to rigorous imprisonment (RI)

dering his wife Shanthu Begum. The prosecution story in brief is that the convict, Lablu Sheikh mercilessly assaulted his wife Shanthu Begum for dowry. On 1st January, 1996 she was taken to Muksudpur Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. Muksudpur police registered

a wife killing case against the convict and his father, Ismail Sheikh. The doctor who performed postmortem opined that the death of Shanthu Begum was homicidal. Police after investigation submitted chargesheet against

ther of the convict was found not guilty and acquitted of the ducted the prosecution case and the accuseds were defended advocate Fazlul Haque

Man commits

suicide One Pagal Kumar Sarkar, 27, son of Mahendranath Sarkar of village Golabaria un-

der Gopalganj sadar thana

committed suicide by hanging

in a branch of tree recently. for 2 years on charge of mur-Pagal Kumar Sarkar quarreled with his family members and committed suicide by hanging with a branch of tree

by the side of his house. An unnatural death (UD) case has been registered with Gopalganj Police Station (PS) in this connection.

Menace of dog

The menace of dog has taken an alarming turn in Gopalganj town. Generally dogs are found in front of bazars, hats, and in the streets. These dogs are causing great inconvenience to the dwellers. Local people alleged that

the convict and his father. Fadogs confined mainly in the hats and bazars frequently bite the pedestrians, especially the Idris Ali Mollah, PP, con- children.

Office of the Police Commissioner Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Dhaka **Re-Auction Notice**

Public tenders under sealed cover are invited for auction sale of the undermentioned condemned goods of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Dhaka:

- Empty drum (sixty three) nos. Empty can of brake = 1700(seventeen hundred) oil & paint
- Welding scrap goods = 3(three) tons (approximately) Old hood small/large = 15 (fifteen) nos.

Schedule can be collected from Central Police Motor Repair Workshop, Rajarbag Police Line, DMP, Dhaka on payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) and auctionable goods will be kept ready for inspection by interested tenderers on all working days from 09-00 am to 05-00 pm.

Tenderers should deposit earnest money at the rate 5% of quoted rate through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Assistant Police Commissioner (Accounts), DMP, Dhaka.

Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept in front of the Officer on duty at Central Police Motor Repair Workshop by 12-00 Noon of 15-9-97. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if any) present. The highest tenderer/firm shall have to deposit half of the amount on the same day i.e. 15-9-97 and the remaining half, within 7 (seven) days of acceptance of tender with 3% of the accepted rate as income tax and have to take delivery of the whole goods. The Tender Acceptance Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Rate of each item described in the schedule should be submitted separately and the schedule purchase receipt must be attached with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

Schedule will be sold up to office hours of 14-9-97. Md. Habibur Rahman

Deputy-Police Commissioner (Headquarters) Dhaka Metropolitan Police

Dhaka

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

- Tender Notice No
- Name of works

Estimated cost

- Earnest money Name of office in which tender documents will be available for
- Name of office in which tender will be received
- Time allowed

purchase

- Last date of selling of tender Last date & time of receipt of tender

- 12 Eligibility of contractor
- Last date & time of opening of tender 11. Date of lottery
- Chargeable head

DFP-19517-31/8

- 13/EE RHD, B'baria during 1997-98.
 - Providing Brick pavement (HBB) work at different KM of different road under Road Division, B'baria during the year 1997-98 Divided into 4 (four) groups.
- As per group list.
 - Tk as per group list in BD/Pay Order/ CDR to be deposited in favour of the undersigned. The Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division, Chittagong/The Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Comilla/Chandpur/Planning & Design Divn, Comilla/Planning Division (P&D), Dhaka & all SDE's office under B'baria Road Division & office of the

undersigned. The Additional Chief Engineer (RHD), Comilla Zone, Comilla/The Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/The Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Comilla, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&D), Dhaka and office of the undersigned.

As per group list.

15-9-97 during office hours. Up to 12.30 PM on 16-9-97.

At 11.00 AM on 18-9-97 At 11.00 AM on 24-9-97 As per group list

266-Development. **Group List**

Gr No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of the work from the date of issue of work order	Eligibility of contracto
1 (one)	Providing brick pavement work at part of 10th & 11th KM of Sarail-Nasirnagar Road under B'baria Road Divn during the year 1997-98.	Tk 16,28,639/-	Tk 32,573/-	40 (forty) days	"A" to "D" general category of contractor under RHD.
2 (two)	Brick pavement (HBB) work at 1st (p) KM & 2nd (p) KM of Nabinagar-Ashuganj Road under B'baria Road Divn during the year 1997-98.	Tk 12,52,898/-	Tk 25,058/-	30 (thirty) days	- do -
3 (three)	Brick pavement (HBB) with earth work of road embankment at 17th (p) & 18th (p) KM of Bancharampur-Nabinagar Road under B'baria Road Divn during the year 199798.	Tk 17,71,312/-	Tk 35,426/-	45 (forty-five) days	-do-
4 (four)	Brick pavement (HBB) with earth work of road embankment at 18th (p) & 19th (p) KM of Bancharampur-Nabinagar Road under B'baria Road Division during the year 1997-98.	Tk 17,80,944/-	Tk 35,619/-	45 (forty-five) days	do -

Md Helal Uddin Executive Engineer (RHD) (Current charge) Road Divn, B'baria.

been damaged. Schoolboy killed in

A gang of youths attacked Ashraf in the school premises at around 11 am as he protested

Sirajganj clash

schoolboy was killed and 12 other people were injured in a clash between students and eve teasers on Sunday, reports UNB. The boy was identified as Ashraf Ali, a student of class ten of Sirajganj Railway High School.

Seriously injured Helal and

ters away from Jagaddyal Mohabihar.

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Sept 2: The flood situation in the city and nine thanas of the district dete-

According to district administration sources, standing crops in about 24,000 acres of

The outsiders exploded

G-2090