

## National

## News snaps

## Meghna erosion renders many homeless

CHANDPUR, Oct 1: About 200 families have been rendered homeless by continuous erosion of the river Meghna at Haimchar thana under Chandpur district during the last one month, reports BSS.

The badly affected unions of Haimchar thana are Haimchar, Nirkamal, Char Bairavi, Gazipur, and Ibrahimpur. About 30 villages in these unions are badly affected by the erosion. One hundred affected families have taken temporary shelter on the embankment of Chandpur Irrigation Project. About 150 acres of fertile land with standing crops were devoured by the river. Besides, Haimchar Bazar is also eroded by the erosion.

## Installation ceremony

FARIDPUR, Oct 1: The 22nd installation ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of Faridpur Lions Club was held at River Research Institute auditorium recently, reports BSS.

Ln M A Jallal, district governor of district 315 A-1 was the chief guest who conducted the oath taking ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of the Club. Ln Mahbubur Rahman Khan and Ln Kazi Mamun along with other office-bearers took oath for 1997-98. The function was also attended, among others, by A F M Abdul Haque Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Faridpur and former district governor Syed Nasir Hossain.

## Contractor roughed up by extortionists

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 1: A contractor was roughed up by some identified extortionists in the town's Dhongara area on Thursday, police and local people said, reports UNB.

Six *mastans*, allegedly led by a Chhatri League leader, beat Firoj Khan with hockey sticks and iron rods as he refused to pay them Tk 50,000 toll.

The victim was admitted to Ibne-Sina Hospital with critical injuries in his head and body. A case was filed with Sadar thana.

## Review workshop on agri programme

RANGPUR, Oct 1: Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury stressed on expansion of agricultural technology and attaining skill in cultivation for building agro-based industries, reports UNB.

The minister said this while addressing a review workshop on agriculture programmes, organised by the Agriculture Directorate at the Circuit House here on Saturday. The minister asked the farmers to increase the agri output after taking adequate training and using chemical fertilisers proportionately side by side the natural manure.

## 3 killed in Sunamganj road accident

SUNAMGANJ, Oct 1: Three people, including a student, were killed in two separate road mishap on Sunamganj-Dirai road on Sunday morning, reports UNB.

Police said the accident occurred when three people were hit by a minibus while they were going to Dirai on a motorcycle from village Sujanagar in Dirai thana. The three motorcycle riders received serious injuries in the accident. Of them, Moinul, 24, a student of Dirai College, died on way to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital. In another accident on the day, eight people were injured when a tempo crashed into a minibus at Gazipur on the same road. Of them, two died at a hospital.

## Orientation meeting

SENHATI (Khulna), Oct 1: Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Mostafa Rashidee Suja has called upon all to work unitedly to make the country free from terrorism, reports UNB.

He was addressing an orientation meeting of Senhati Bazar managing committee in Digholia thana of the district on Friday. The Whip said the government believed at work and determined to materialise its pre-election commitment. He assured the bazar committee that their demand for construction of roads and drainage system of the bazar will be fulfilled soon. Presided over by Senhati Bazar managing committee president Dr M Hannan, the function was addressed, among others, by Digholia Awami League President M Mashirul Rahman and Mollah Akram Hossain.

## Magurjhara fire affects lemon output

SYLHET, Oct 1: Lemon and pineapple output has suffered a setback due to fire in Magurjhara gas filed of Moulibazar district in June 1996, reports UNB.

According to an estimate, about 6,000 lemon trees in a garden, one-and-a-half km off the gas well, were burnt in the devastating fire, affecting production.

## Reception accorded to meritorious students

MYMENSINGH, Oct 1: Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof Dr Muhammad Hossain has called for evaluation of country's meritorious and talented students to help create congenial atmosphere in the educational arena, reports UNB.

Dr Hossain was addressing a reception Monday accorded to the meritorious students of Bangladesh Agricultural University College for their outstanding results in the last HSC examinations. Chaired by the college Principal Saleha Akhter, the reception was addressed, among others, by Prof Dr Mohammad Rafiqul Haque Bhuiyan, Prof Dr Mohammad Raisul Alam and BAU Deputy Registrar Mohammad Nazirul Rahman.

## Seminar on AIDS

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 1: State Minister for Jute and Textiles AK Faezul Huq called upon the youth of the country to launch a social movement to create mass awareness about the menace of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest at a seminar and workshop on 'AIDS and the Youth in Bangladesh' organised by UNESCO Club of Narayanganj at Narayanganj Club on Tuesday. Presided over by Tanvir Haider Khan, President, UNESCO Club Narayanganj, he seminar was addressed, among others, by Alhaj Emdadul Hoq Bhuiyan MP, Dr Halida Harun Khondaker, President Confidential Approach to AIDS (CAAP) and others.

## Dysentery breaks out in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Oct 1: Dysentery has broken out in the urban and rural areas of the district in an alarming proportion, reports UNB.

At least, 1600 people have been attacked by the disease during the last two months, health complex sources said. According to physicians, consumption of adulterated foodstuff, intake of contaminated water and stale food are the main reasons behind the outbreak of the disease. A number of patients are being admitted to the different health complexes of the district everyday. The affected people urged the authority concerned to set up medical camp in dysentery-hit areas to combat the spread of the disease.

## Body recovered

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 1: Police on Wednesday recovered a body of an unidentified young man from a ditch near Jamtai railway station in Kamarkhand thana, reports UNB.

The body, bearing several injury marks, was tied with a pole under the water. Postmortem of the body was performed at the Sirajganj General Hospital. A case has been registered in this connection.

## Training on poultry farming

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## Tribal miscreants abduct 2 businessmen

BANDARBAN, Oct 1: A Group of tribal miscreants have abducted two local businessmen and robbed Taka 31,000 from a shop at Ruangchhari thana 22 miles from the district headquarters, police said here on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The group of about 40 armed miscreants also opened fire after being chased by police but were able to flee kidnapping the businessmen. Police Superintendent Majedul Haq said.

Police were guarding the area.

## Mushroom growth of hotels in Kishoreganj

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Customers alleged that most of these hotels and restaurants are dirty and uncleaned. Food is prepared and stored in most unhygienic condition. The district and thana health administrations are not paying any attention in this regard. Some dishonest health administration officials allegedly take bribe from the hotel owners and other shopkeepers. As a result, these illegal shopkeepers are running their business with impunity.



All activities in Chittagong Port were stopped due to Saturday's cyclonic storm.

— Star photo by Sk Enamul Haq

**Loadshedding**  
**Two PDB men**  
**manhandled**  
**in Barisal**

By Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Oct 1: Agitating people in Gorachand Das Road area of the town manhandled two PDB linesmen protesting continuous loadshedding in the town since last night.

The local people said that they had reminded the power house employees earlier about loadshedding. But they did not pay heed to the matter.

**BCL factions clash**

**Pakundia College**  
**closed for 7 days**

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 1: Pakundia Degree College has been closed for seven days following a clash between two rival student groups, reports UNB.

Academic Council of the college at an emergency meeting on Monday night took the decision following the clash between rival groups of pro-Awami League Chhatri League over the students' union election.

**New RU Press Club executives take over**

From RU Correspondent  
RAJSHAHI, Oct 1: The charge handing over ceremony of Rajshahi University (RU) Press Club was held recently.

Md Abdur Razzaq, newly elected president of RU Press Club took charge from outgoing president Tareq Chowdhury. Prof Abdul Khaileque, Vice-Chancellor of the university who is also the chief patron of the club and press club adviser Prof AYM Moniruzzaman were present in the charge handing over ceremony.

Prof M Mukhlesur Rahman, Proctor, Prof M Faruk-uz-Zaman, administrator, Press and Publication Office, Md Shafiqul Islam, former president of Press Club and Tareq Chowdhury, outgoing President of Press Club were among others who spoke at the function. Prof Moniruzzaman was in the chair.

**Crimes on rise in Kushtia**

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Oct 1: In spite of repeated attempts of special police squads to arrest terrorists and to recover arms, daylight killings, bus dacoities, other dacoities, rape and anti-social activities have been taking place almost everyday in different parts of the district.

Killing by stabbing and gun shot after taking away from home are rampant in Mirpur, Bheramara, Daulatpur and Kushtia thana areas.

On August 31, Rashedul of Daulatpur thana was called out from his house and later beaten to death by the musclemen of one Shahabuddin. Saidul Islam was brutally killed by his rivals on September 1 in village Laxmidiar under Mirpur thana.

Eye witnesses said, rivals broke open the door and forced their entry and stabbed him to death on the spot.

On September 2, Akbar Ali, 45, of village Jhutiadanga under Mirpur thana was taken away from his house at 8 PM and he was shot dead.

On September 3, 3 armed miscreants shot dead Shaymol Saha, 25, reportedly a leader of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) in a tea stall at Harinarayapur Bazar of sadar thana in day light. Shaymol Saha is the son of Paresh Chandra Saha of village Shibpur under sadar thana. The wife of Shaymol has filed a case with Kushtia police.

**Dacoit gets 10-yr RI**

One person has been convicted and sentenced to suffer ten years rigorous imprisonment (RI) with fine of Taka 1,000 in default to suffer six months more RI for robbery.

The convict is Moslem Ali of village Bakra under Jhikiraghicha thana in Jessor district.

The case in brief is that the convict, Moslem Ali was caught by the people while he was committing dacoity at the house of Monarangan Mondal at village Goalchatar under Kalaroa thana of the district on May 26, 1992. A case was filed with Kalaroa police station and the investigating officer charged him after an enquiry.

Assistant Sessions Judge and Sub-Judge Attabuddin after examining witnesses and documents announced the verdict.

**BCP activists kill old woman in Magura**

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Oct 1: An old woman was killed by the members of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party at Shatkhali village in Shalikha early today, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Pushpa Rani Ghosh, 60, mother of Shushil Kumar Ghosh, a businessman.

Police said the gunmen, who were demanding toll from Shushil Kumar, stormed his house at the dead of night and killed his mother as they failed to find him out.

The body was sent to autopsy. A case was filed with the local police.

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**System Control and Grid**  
**Circle, DESA, Dhaka**

**Tender Notice**

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Sealed tenders in PDB Form No-T-2 is hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of PDB/DESA and actual suppliers for the supply of ThreePin. Cords and Conductors for use PABX Board under SE System Control of office of Kataban, DESA, Dhaka. Tender documents may be available from the office of Member (Engineer and Commercial), DESA, Dhaka and Manager, Pubali Bank, Shahbagh Avenue, with the prior permission of the Head of the respective offices at the cost of Tk 80/- (eighty) only (non-refundable) per set in the shape of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Add. Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka till 21.10.97 during office hours. Tender will be received on 22.10.97 in the aforementioned office till 12 Noon and will be opened on the same day in presence of the tenderers or their representatives, if any. No tender document will be sold on the opening day. The undersigned reserves every right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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**Roadside hats cause frequent bus accidents in Pabna**

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 1: Movement of vehicles on roads and highways is being hampered seriously due to encroachment by villagers on weekly *hat* days.

As a result road accidents are on rise along these routes.

The authorities concerned are indifferent to take any effective measures to check the trend.

The following bazaars — Atakula, Tebunia, Dasuria, Kashinathpur, Pushpura, Santia, Boalmari and Mooladuli are old bazaars.

These *hats* have been growing and getting bigger in size due to population boom.

The original area of these *hats* was too small to cope with the growing number of population.

These *hats* have been extended to the roads and highways specially the North Bengal Highways which remains extremely busy with the movement of traffic.

As a result road accidents have been taking place very frequently. Traffic jams are also being created by the *hat* day shop owners and buyers.

traders.

When asked about the above proposal, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rev. Pabna), who is the proper authority said that no such proposal was under the consideration.

Principals of Atakula College and Kashinathpur College told The Daily Star that heavy jams and congestions that are created on *hat* days, create problems for the students, specially the female students.

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