

## News snaps

## Ex-TNO imprisoned for violating court order

HABIGANJ, Oct 6: A court here has sentenced a former Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) to 90 days imprisonment for violating court order, a delayed report said on Sunday, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution story, one Rafiquddin Chowdhury had filed a case with 2nd Munsef Court in Habiganj subdivision in 1975 on behalf of Samsunnesa Waft Estate, demanding announcement of ownership and status quo on Patna, Hawarui, Uttarsur and Bawali 'jalmahals' of Satkapan union in Bahubal thana. The court had issued an order on March 10, 1975 to maintain status quo of the 'jalmahals'. But on December 9, 1993, the then Bahubal TNO Saeeduddin, who is now posted in Dhaka, handed over the 'jalmahals' in favour of Satkapan Union Parishad violating the court order. The plaintiff filed a case against the TNO and another five people on August 26, 1995. After examining the records and witnesses Senior Assistant Judge M. Mohiuddin Khan delivered the judgement on September 14.

## Preparations afoot to observe Durga Puja

RANGPUR, Oct 6: Preparations are afoot to observe the Durga Puja, the main religious festival of the Hindu community, in a befitting manner, in the district.

At least 256 puja mandaps have already been erected in all eight thanas and paurasas areas of the district, a spokesman of the puja observance committee told BSS. The members of the Hindu families are now busy in buying new dresses and other items of the festival to observe the Durga Puja amidst great festivity. The district administrative, in the meantime, has planned necessary measures to maintain law and order during the puja festival.

## Students of RU Computer Deptt on strike

RAJSHAHI, Oct 6: Students of Computer Department of Rajshahi University went on indefinite strike from Sunday to press home their demands, reports UNB.

The demands include appointment of more teachers, resolving the classroom problems and purchasing of necessary educational appliances. The agitating students also kept the laboratory and the classrooms of the department under lock and key, campus sources said.

## BCL-Chhatra Samaj clash leaves 10 hurt

JHALAKATI, Oct 6: At least 10 people, including a police officer, were injured in a clash between the activists of ruling party-backed Chhatra League and Jatiya Party-supported Chhatra Samaj at Rajapur Degree College here on Saturday, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the clash took place as the college was opened after 27 days' closure following a dispute over removal of the principal of the institution. The warring groups used bricks, stone and sticks during the clash when several crackers were blasted. The office of principal was also damaged. Later, police brought the situation under control.

## LGED completes comm sector projects

MEHERPUR, Oct 6: The Local Government Engineering Department recently completed four projects under communication sector at a cost of Taka 1.70 crore in the district, reports BSS.

An LGED source said the work of the projects taken up in 1996-97 fiscal year included reconstruction of four rural roads. The roads are: Meherpur-Mohajapur road under Meherpur sada thana, Bamundi-Kazipur road and Gangni-Dhankhola road under Gangni thana and Meherpur-Katuly road under Meherpur-Gangni thana.

## 10 hurt in BCL-JCD clash

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 6: At least 10 activists were injured when BCL and JCD locked in a clash at Babuganj College of Barisal district recently.

Police and witnesses said, both BCL and JCD brought out processions in the college campus. When they met at the college gate the clash erupted between the two groups following a trifling matter. Both groups activists pelted bricks, etc and counter chased with indiscriminate explosion of hand bombs.

Police came and brought the situation under control.

## 4 arrested in Sylhet

SYLHET, Oct 6: Police arrested four people and seized a microbus from near Keen Bridge in the town on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police said Ashikur Rahman, Akir Hossain and microbus driver 'Sabu' Mia and his helper Abu Mia were arrested with some fake seals of different government offices. A case was filed with the local police.

## Reception to college principal

PARIDPUR, Oct 6: Faridpur Press Club accorded a grand reception to Professor Mohammad Taleb Ali, Principal of local Government Sarada Sundari Mahila College for being adjudged as the best college teacher at the national level for 1997, reports BSS.

Prof. Md Taleb Ali was awarded gold medal by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 16 at a function in Osmany Memorial Hall. The reception function was addressed, among others, by Principal of Rajendra College Prof Subhash Chandra Ghose, Principal of Yasin College, Prof Alauddin Chowdhury, journalists Abdul Ali Sikdar, Mizanur Rahman, press club secretary Mantu Das Gopi and Prof Md Shahajahan.

## Training course for TBAs

COMILLA, Oct 6: A two-day training course for the traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) of Barpara TBA project concluded at the branch office of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) here on Friday, reports UNB.

Prof AKM Delwar Hossain, FPAB president of the branch was the chief guest at the function, organised by FPAB, Comilla branch. Presided over by Abdul Halim Sarkar, honorary treasurer of the branch of the association, it was also addressed by Papri Basu, Golam Mostafa Chowdhury and Mohammad Bashir Rahman. Fifteen TBAs participated in the training course.

## Dacoits rounded up in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 6: A gang leader with two other dacoits were rounded up by the villagers while committing dacoity in his brother's house at Ghungdhum village in Naikhangchhari thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The gang leader Shamsul Alam and his accomplices Abul Kashem and Salimullah were later handed over to the police. A country made gun was also recovered from their possession. Police said the dacoits numbering 12 entered the house of Mokhtar Ahmad, elder brother of Shamsul, at the early hours of the day. On hearing the hue and cry the villagers rushed to spot and caught three of them red-handed.

## Memo submitted to Gazipur DC

GAZIPUR, Oct 6: Workers of three garment factories at Laxmipura in sada thana submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, demanding arrest of the miscreants who attacked them on Sunday, reports UNB.

At least 20 garment workers were injured in the attack when the workers were observing a work abstention programme in the garment factories, demanding their backlog salaries. Some 1500 workers of the three garment factories of Abedin Group of Industries have been demonstrating for last few days to realise their seven-point demand, including fixation of office time from 8 am to 5 pm, issuance of appointment letter, overtime and weekly holiday as per the labour law. Earlier, the garment workers brought out a procession and staged a two-hour sit-in in front of the DC office.

## Seminar on Islamic economics

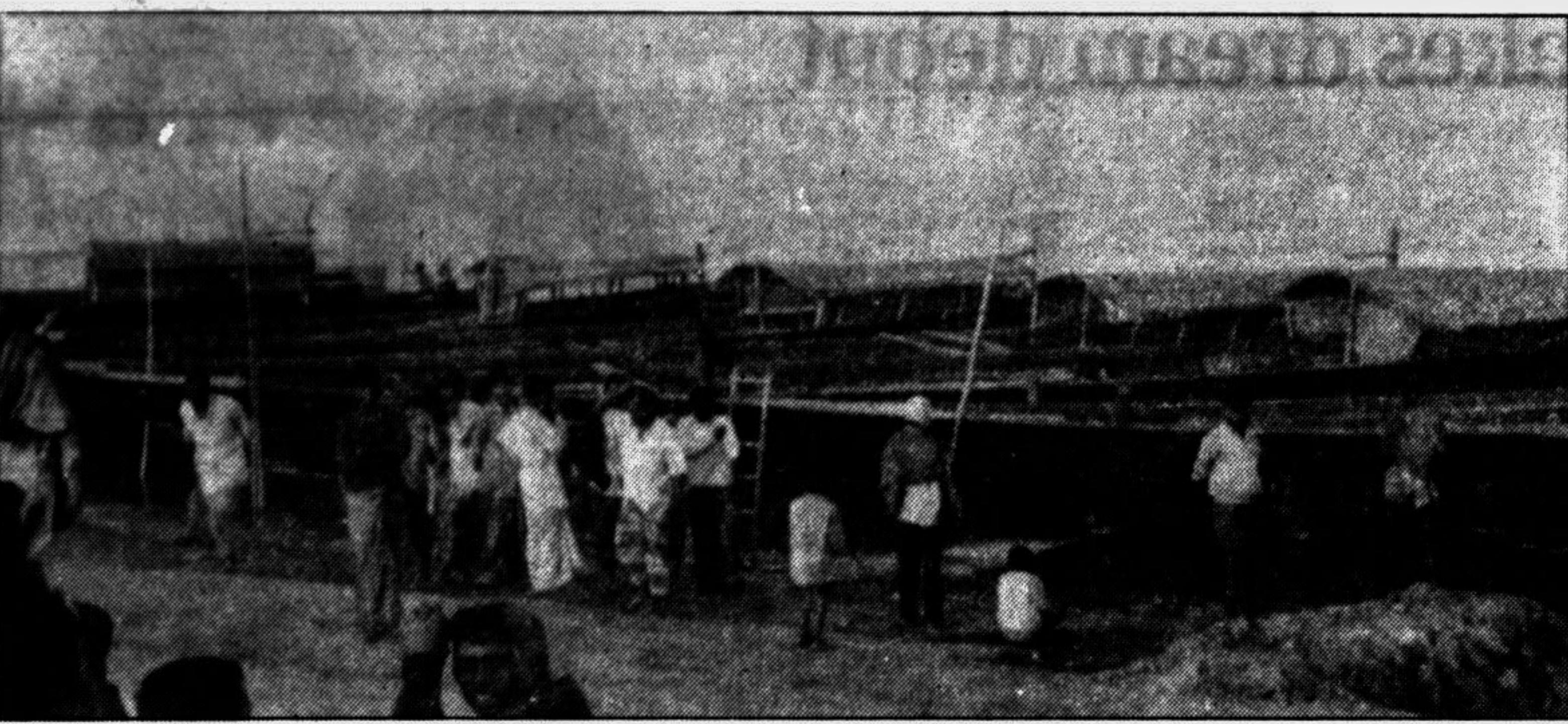
MANIKGANJ, Oct 6: A seminar on 'Islam economics and banking' jointly sponsored by Islamic Economics Research Bureau and Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd was held at the auditorium of Manikganj Government High School recently, reports BSS.

Md Abdur Razzaque, Deputy Commissioner, Manikganj was present at the seminar as chief guest. Md Harun Chowdhury ADC (gen) and M Tajul Islam were the special guests in the seminar. The seminar was presided over by Mir Quasem Ali, Chairman, executive committee, Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd. Principal Ali Ahmed, Principal Ali Akbar, Prof Md Majibur Rahman and Sultan Uddin Ahmed took part in the discussion.

## 10 hurt as public clash with circus party

SATKHIRA, Oct 6: Public and members of a circus party locked in a clash at Razzaq Park in the town on Friday leaving 10 people injured, reports UNB.

Police sources said the clash ensued when a group of people tried to enter the circus pandal without ticket. On receiving information police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control by resorting to baton charges. A case was filed with the police in this connection.



GAIBANDHA: Hundreds of engine operated big country boats have been plying to and from Balashi ghat and other places. The old ghat will be shifted due to sharp fall in water level from Teestamukh ghat to Balashi ghat.

— Star photo

## 4 children rescued: Child lifter arrested

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Oct 6: Four children were rescued and the child lifter was arrested by police on Thursday night from Batar Mor area in the town, according to police sources.

Police said, Abdul Malek, 20, a lame beggar of village Bauchi in Rangpur district allegedly, convinced Farida, 9, and Seema, 5 of village Sholoboldia in Chuadanga district, Palash, 8, son of Shimul Sheikh of Sreepur thana under Magura district and Jamal Sheikh, 10, son of Ayub Sheikh of village Rupaband under Boalmari thana of Faridpur district to provide them with suitable job in India.

When abductor Malek along with four children reached Batar Mor area at about 10:30 on Thursday night, police challenged and caught them.

The abductor said, all the children are engaged in begging at Aricha ferry ghat in Manikganj.

A case has been filed with Jhenidah Police Station (PS) in this connection.

## Headmaster indeed!

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 6: A headmaster of a government primary school under Atgharia thana in the district has allegedly violated a girl reading in his school in Class III.

The incident has sparked tension in the area.

It has been alleged, Mohammad Mujibur Rahman, 42, entered into the house of Abdur Rahman of nearby village Kuttipara about 12 in the night of September 26 and violated the housewife's 10-year-old daughter Salma Khatoon, 10, in a room where she was sleeping.

According to police sources, the victim, Jesmin Sultana, 5, daughter of Abu Suledeque of village Bishnupur, incident one thana was going to a shop for buying biscuits. One Baidullah caught her and took inside a jute field where he raped her.

Later the villager rescued her

## Rape incidents on rise in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 6: Incidents of rape and torture on women are increasing alarmingly in Satkhira district.

A total of seven women including three girls have been violated during July 1 to August 10.

According to police sources, one Hamida Parvin, 25, daughter of Ishaque Ali of village Dhulihar under Sadar thana was gang raped by a group of miscreants on July 1.

According to police sources, at dead of night, four miscreants namely Khokon, Rashed, Abdul Hossain and Ashraf Ali of village Palashpore under Satkhira pourasava, entered into the office forcibly and raped Rizia Khatun one after another in front of her husband Shafiqul Islam who is also the person of the security office.

A case was filed with Satkhira police station.

On July 25, one Sadikun Nahar, 8, daughter of Shahjahan of village Narayanzole under Sadar thana was violated by Abu Bakar, 35, of the same village.

Police sources said, the victim, Sadikun Nahar who is also the student of Class II went to their cowshed. Abu Bakar caught and raped her forcibly. A case was filed with Satkhira Police station.

On July 25, one Saima Khatun, 19, wife of Hazrat Ali Biswas of village Dhulihar under Tala thana was violated by Azizul Biswas of the same village on July 27.

According to police sources, Azizul Biswas forcibly entered into the bedroom of Salma Khatun in absence of her husband and raped her on gun point.

A case was filed with Tala police station. Police arrested Azizul from village Laskar under Paikgachha thana in Khulna district.

On August 6, Parvin, 6, daughter of Amjad Ali Moral of village Jalalpur under Tala thana was violated by Mahiuddin, son of Ansar Ali of the same village near at Jalalpur sluice gate.

Police sources said, the victim, Parvin was playing near the sluice gate. Mahiuddin caught her and raped her. A case was filed with Tala police station.

In the other incident, Nasima Khatun, 17, newly married wife of Aminul Islam was raped by miscreants at Askarpur village under Debhata thana of the district on August 10.

Police sources said, the victim, Nasima was returning home from Nalta bazar under Kaligonj thana by rickshaw van and reached the spot. The miscreants took her into a nearby bush where they raped her one after another.

A case was filed with Debhata police station. Police arrested Jahangir in this connection.

## 20 hurt as scooter drivers clash with KNM workers

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Oct 6: At least 20 persons including two policemen were injured, four of them seriously in a fierce clash on Wednesday morning.

Police sources said, the clash began when some scooter drivers belonging to Sramik League exploded some

crackers to scare the Khulna Newsprint and Hardboard Mills employees. They put up barricade on BIDC road, Khalishpur to protest privatisation and free import of white print.

Eyewitnesses said that four shops were looted during the hour-long clash. The clash was later brought under control when riot police lathi-charged.

Tension was prevailing in Khalishpur Industrial Area till filing of this report.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: A sequence from 'Bisarga,' a drama written and directed by Mamunur Rashid Babul and staged by 'Theatre,' drama group at Nazrul Islam auditorium here recently.

— Star photo

## Ex-chairman removed on abduction charge

## New acting chairman of Ishurdi Pourashabha

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 6: The suspended chairman of Ishurdi Pourashabha, Mokhlesur Rahman Babu has been detained in jail.

Police arrested him on August 27 following his alleged involvement in abducting a college girl Selina Parveen Shihui on August 17 from the women's hostel of Pabna Edward College.

The suspended chairman was detained following lodging of an ejahar with Pabna thana by Hazrat Ali, father of Shihui on August 25.

The Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives suspended Mokhlesur Rahman from the chairmanship of the Pourashabha in an order issued on September 8. The Ministry has also appointed Ashrafuzzaman Jhunu as the acting

chairman of Ishurdi Pourashabha.

Meanwhile, Selina Parveen Shihui surrendered before the court of Matir Rahman, Magistrate, First Class, Pabna, on September 7.

Shihui told before the court that she was the legal married wife of Mokhlesur Rahman Babu. She was never abducted by the accused. She was not a minor girl and she voluntarily went away with her husband Mokhlesur Rahman Babu.

Shihui prayed for releasing herself and her detained husband on bail. She also prayed to the Magistrate to allow both of them to go to their place of choice.

The magistrate, however, rejected the prayer. He ordered for her placement in safe custody in Pabna jail.

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## Bangpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Oct 6: A massive aman paddy cultivation programme has been taken up in the district.

The source said that there was a target to bring 3,40,860 acres of land under aman cultivation and the production target was fixed at 2,76,000 metric tonnes. But at the end of the season, the cultivation of the transplanted aman paddy area covered 3,76,000 acres of land. The agriculturists are now expecting a bumper yield of aman crop of above 3 lakh metric tonnes.

An alleged cattle lifter beaten to death at Mokterpara village under Taraganj thana recently.

The deceased named Abu Lez