

News snaps

15 hurt in polls-related violence

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 8: Fifteen people were injured, four of them seriously, in a clash between two factions of Awami League here on Sunday, police said, reports UNB.

The clash ensued at Bhadrachhatpara in Kamarkhand thana, four miles from the town, at about 10:30 pm over old enmity between the two groups and campaign for UP election at Bhadrachhat union scheduled for December 31. Of the injured, Abdur Razzak, 30, Shariful, 20, Jalal, 20, and an unidentified person were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital.

Rally of Ansar, VDP

SYEDPUR, Dec 8: A rally of Ansar and the members of the Village Defence Party (VDP) of Syedpur thana was held last week at Syedpur Sramik Kalyan Kendro under Nilphamari district, reports BSS.

Deputy Director of Ansar and VDP, Rajshahi division Shamsul Huq was present at the rally as chief guest. The role of Ansar and VDP in maintaining law and order as well as socio-economic development was discussed in the rally.

Signing of CHT treaty hailed

NETRAKONA, Dec 8: Leaders of different socio-cultural organisations, political parties and professional bodies expressed their satisfaction over the signing of a peace treaty between the government and Parbatya Chattagram Jano Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), reports BSS.

The leaders pointed out that the treaty which signed on December 2 is an attempt to establish permanent peace in Chittagong Hill Tracts. Commander of Mukti Joddha Sangsad Netrakona district unit Golam Mustafa welcoming the peace treaty hoped that the peace treaty will help establish permanent peace in the area.

Tributes paid to Moulana Bhasani

THAKURGAON, Dec 8: The 21st death anniversary of the great leader Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was observed in the district with due solemnity, reports BSS.

The Moulana Bhasani Memorial Library chalked out various programmes which included discussion meeting, juvenile painting competition and milad mahfil to mark the occasion. The speakers at a discussion meeting held at the library room on November 17 said that Moulana Bhasani was a great leader who led a very simple life and tirelessly struggled throughout his life for establishing a socialist system in the country though he was not a Marxist.

Kidnapped sisters rescued

GAZIPUR, Dec 8: Two teen-aged sisters who were kidnapped last month, were rescued by police early Sunday, reports UNB.

The sisters — Laila, 14, and Nurunnahar, 15, were rescued from a house at Kuril in cantonment thana at 1:30 am. Two people, Nurul Alam, 28, and Nazrul Islam, 26, were arrested from the house for their alleged involvement in the kidnapping. The accused were produced before the Gazipur Magistrate Court but later sent to jail *hajal* after their bail petitions were rejected. On November 27, the kidnappers came in an auto-rickshaw and kidnapped the two sisters while they were going to their school, police said.

NID observed in Rajbari

RAJBARI, Dec 8: The fourth National Immunization Day (NID) was observed here on Sunday, as elsewhere in the country, with the aim of eradicating polio from the country by the year 2000, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner M Amirul Islam inaugurated the day at Kazi Hedayet Hossain Girls' High School administering a dose of polio vaccine to a child. About 1.5 lakh children in the district will be fed polio vaccine this year. Some 1,045 centres were opened in the district for vaccination where 6,000 volunteers from different NGOs and socio-cultural organisations and family planning field workers took part to make the programme a success.

Workshop on soil fertility

DINAJPUR, Dec 8: A two-day workshop on soil fertility and proper use of fertiliser was held at Nawabganj thana agriculture office premises under Dinaipur district, reports BSS.

The workshop was conducted by deputy director of Agriculture Extension Department, Dinaipur district, Shahabuddin, thana agriculture officer, Nawabganj, Majedur Rahman, training officer of the agriculture department Abdul Matin and subject-matter specialist (crop) Mohsin Ali.

1,200 maunds of tobacco leaves gutted

RANGPUR, Dec 8: A devastating fire broke out on Wednesday night in a tobacco godown at Sarai, Haragachha bandar under Kaunia thana in Rangpur district, a fire brigade source said, reports BSS.

The fire, originated from the electric short circuit, gutted about 1,200 maunds of tobacco leaves, a spokesman of the Noor Tobacco Company claimed. The fire brigade from Rangpur town rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control.

Loan disbursed among distressed women

COMILLA, Dec 8: An amount of Taka 86,000 has been disbursed recently among 34 distressed women in Kaliajuri and Katabeel slum areas here under the urban basic service delivery project of the *paurashava* to create self-employment opportunities, reports BSS.

The loan was distributed by Comilla *Paurashava* chairman Kamaluddin Chowdhury at a function held here.

Training course on fodder farming

TANGAIL, Dec 8: A weeklong training course on the modern system of fodder cultivation sponsored by the livestock department concluded on November 29 at Gopalganj thana livestock office, reports BSS.

A total of 25 farmers of the thana took part in the training programme. District livestock officer and thana livestock officers were the resource persons to teach the farmers about the cultivation of para napier and bean types of high yielding varieties of grasses.

Sanction for road construction

FENI, Dec 8: About Taka 67 lakh has been sanctioned by the government for reconstruction of five rural roads in Feni district in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the roads are Ramnagar Road, Takiabazar Road, South Satara Road, Ashraf Ali Road and Yar Ahmed Road. Carpeting of these roads is in full swing. According to Roads and Highways Department, the government has sanctioned about Taka 44 lakh for the development of Dhaka-Chittagong highway under Feni division.

Guest birds arriving

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Dec 8: The guest birds have started arriving in different marshy lands and places adjacent to waterbodies in the district at the advent of winter season.

According to noted zoologists, migratory birds like *Samuk-banga*, stork, king stork and different species of ducks come from the Himalayan and Siberian regions arrive along the southwestern region of the country from the month of November every year. They leave their homeland due to severe cold there. Usually they stay in Bangladesh upto the month of February every year. Afterwards they return to their homeland. There are six rivers in the district.

A large number of guest birds come to the adjoining areas of Borobila, Magura beel, Baraldah beel, Goadah Doya, Malainagar beel, Amalsar beel, Bariala beel, Patulia, Jadubala beel and different beel areas of the district.

But it has been alleged professional and amateur bird hunters hunt guest birds indiscriminately. There seems to be none to check this unhealthy trend.

According to bird watchers, guest birds usually stay in calm and quiet places. But unscrupulous bird hunters disturb these birds frequently. As a result, guest birds are decreasing gradually.

Now-a-days the guest birds avoid these areas. Massive deforestation and indiscriminate cutting of trees have also attributed to decrease in guest birds.



MYMENSINGH: Poor people of Shambhuganj grow lemon saplings to make a living. The initial support in their endeavour comes from BRAC.

Mymensingh Municipality beset with manifold problems

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Dec 8: The inhabitants of Mymensingh town are being deprived of basic civic amenities due to manifold problems of the municipality for a long time.

Established on April 8, 1869, covering an area of 21.73 kilometres with a population of about 2 lakh and 50 thousand, the municipality was upgraded into a first class municipality on June 23, 1986. Yet the inhabitants of the municipality have been deprived of all facilities. The municipality consists of seven wards and the present total holding numbers of the municipality are about 14,701.

The deplorable condition of roads, inadequate supply of pure drinking water, absence of proper drainage and sanitary system, shortage of accommodation, insufficient street lights, traffic jam, loadshedding, mosquito menace, bad odour of heaped garbages and lack of other amenities have made the life of the town dwellers miserable.

There are a total of 195.33 kilometres of roads in the municipality area. Most of the roads, lanes and by-lanes are in pitiable condition. Cracks and pot holes have been developed at many points of the roads. After slight rainfall many roads go under water. Rain water remains stagnant on roads for a long time causing untold suffering to the pedestrians as well as vehicular traffic. Moreover the roadside ditches remain filled with garbages.

Traffic jam is a common feature in the town. Hawkers occupy foot-paths of the main roads and rickshaws stand here and there. It makes obstacles in the main road.

Mymensingh is known as town of rickshaws. According to municipal authorities, there are 8700 authorised rickshaws in the town. But about 15,000 rickshaws are plying in the town.

Bid to rename school protested

From A Correspondent

COMILLA, Dec 8: The people of Payalgachha vowed to resist the conspiracy of remaining 53 years old Payalgachha Multipurpose High School in a big public meeting held in the school premises on December 5 last.

Advocate Mojammel Huq presided over and Abdul Kakim MP, attended the meeting as chief guest.

All the speakers protested the alleged move to rename the school after the name of a local MP. They vowed to resist such conspiracy in future.

Thousands of people of the locality attended the meeting. Abdul Hakim MP, Fariz Khan, Aminul Huq, Mazful Islam, Nurul Islam Milon, Asad Ali Master, Nasimun Ara Huq, Afzaruddin Noyon, Alauddin Chowdhury Babar, Dr Mohammad Ullah and Monowar Ali spoke on the occasion.



COMILLA: A public meeting was held in Payalgachha Multipurpose High School premises on December 5 protesting alleged move to rename the school.

The buses coming from Netrakona, Kishoreganj, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Haliuaghat Muktagachha, Phulpur, Phulbaria and Gouripur through this town cause traffic jam. The inter-district buses are parked at Town Hall, Gangina Par, Dubakhola, Patgoda, Bridge area and Chharpura road haphazardly as there is no specific busstand in the town.

Water supply is not sufficient. The daily demand of water is about 30 lakh gallons but the authority can supply only 15 lakh gallons.

Sanitary system of the municipality is very poor. Thousands of people come to town everyday. But there are only 4 public toilets in the town. More public toilets should be constructed in different areas. Absence of recreational facilities is a problem for a long time.

Insufficient street lighting is a serious problem for the inhabitants of the municipality. Out of 570 sodium lights 320 are in order. Many roads such as Kazi Nazrul Islam Road, Abul Mansur, Ahmed Road, Kazi Ismael Hossain Road and different roads of Akua, Durga Bari, Mirtunjoy School area, Amla Para and Natak Ghor Lane plunges into deep darkness after sun-set. The Sub-Assistant Engineer (Electrical) of Mymensingh municipality Sudhir Chandra Banik told this correspondent that within two months all the disordered lights will be replaced by new ones.

About 20 tons of wastes are accumulated in 920 dustbins and other places everyday. But the municipality can clear only 15 tons. The rest are found on

Smuggled goods worth over Tk 25cr seized in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Dec 8: The Rajshahi sector of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in a series of raids seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 25 crore 26 lakh and 69 thousand and apprehended 58 persons during the last four months, reports BSS.

According to an official handout, BDR personnel seized the contraband from the frontier of the districts of Rajshahi, Naogaon, Chapainababganj and Pabna.

The smuggled goods included Indian sarees, clothes sugar, salt, silk-fibre, cattle, pulses, bell-metal, brass, touchstone, motor parts, fruit, gold, heroin and cosmetics.

College principal honoured

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Dec 8: Prof Dr Fazlur Rahman, Principal of Nabinghar Government College in Brahmanbaria district has been selected as the best college teacher at national level for the year 1997.

20 hurt as BCL, Shibir clash in Pabna

PABNA, Dec 8: Twenty people were injured in a clash between pro-Awami League Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir at Government Shaheed Bulbul College here recently, reports UNB.

The clash took place at about 2 pm as Shibir leaders reportedly made derogatory comments against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina while addressing a meeting on the campus.

Witnesses said both the groups during their half-an-hour clash used lethal weapons and exploded at least 50 crackers.

Of the injured, Shahidul Hasan Milon, Sohrab Hossain, Abdul Alim and Sohel of BCL and Swapan of Chhatra Shibir were admitted to General Hospital.



SHERPUR: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel on December 6 arrested a criminal for possessing unauthorised arms and ammunition from two rickshaws at Tetulia near Indipur polling centre under Kurikainiya Union Parishad of Sribardi thana in the district. BDR men were doing election duty when they arrested the culprit following receipt of secret information. Identity of the arrested person is Md Mobarak Ali, son of Md Kasar Ali of Sribardi thana. He was sent to Sribardi thana along with unauthorised arms and ammunition.

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 197/Mkg of 1997-98.
2. Name of work : Tender for launching of Single Singlecompact baily bridge at the approaches bridge no 10/2 at 10th KM of Aricha-Ghor-Tangail Road under Manikganj Road Division during the year 1997-98.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 1,61,080/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 3,222/- in favour of EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division in BD/TC/Protirakkhya Sanchay Patra and Bonus Sanchay Patra etc.
5. Time allowed : 10 (Ten) days from the date of issue of Work Order.
6. Eligibility of : 'A' to 'E' class general category of RHD contractors.
7. Name of offices : Office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj/Dhaka Divn, Dhaka/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Planning Divn, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and SDE (RHD), Manikganj, Nayrhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
8. Name of offices : Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division and SDE (RHD), Manikganj, Nayrhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
9. Last date of : Up to 21-12-97 during office hours.
10. Last date of : At 12.30 PM on 22-12-97.
11. Date and time of : At 1.00 PM on 24-12-97 in the office of opening of the EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division.
12. Date and time of : At 4.00 PM on 24-12-97.
13. Chargeable head : 266-Feeder.
14. Authority of est- : SE (RHD), DRC, Dhaka.

AKM Rezaul Haque

Executive Engineer (RHD)

Manikganj Road Division,

Manikganj.

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Jessore Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Dec 8: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel arrested 28 persons including two children and one woman trafficker from Benapole border recently. Among the arrested person, eight were women. They were caught red-handed when they tried to cross Bangladesh border to enter into Indian territory without valid travel document.

According to BDR, woman trafficker Farvesat, 30, was caught along with Bappi, 10, and Halima, 10.

Parveen is the wife of one Moktar Hossain of Laksham in Comilla.

Earlier, BDR arrested a total of 25 persons from deferent border areas of Benapole. Out of them 24 were Bangladeshi nationals and one was Indian national.

Women and child trafficker Parveen has been handed over to Sharsha police.

Two held for possessing pistol

Patrol police arrested two young men with pistol from a bus on Jessore-Benapole road recently. One of them is a Chhatra Shibir activist, police said.

According to police, they made the arrest at Dhopaklia during their search in a bus

coming from Benapole at night. The arrested have been identified as Rofikul Hasan and Azahar Ali.

Police recovered the pistol by body search of Rofikul. He is a cadre of Chhatra Shibir. He comes from Bagduwa under sadar thana in Jhenidha. Azhar belongs to Solemanpur of Kotchandpur thana in the same district.

They have been handed over to Kotwali thana.

Bid to rape housewife foiled: One held

Keshabpur police arrested a person from Mulgram of Keshabpur union on the complaint of outraging modesty of a house wife recently.

Sources said, Provat along with a group of persons went to the house of Monoranjan Das of the same village to canvass in favour of local union chairman candidate Abdus Samad.

When they reached there, they found that none except the housewife was in the house. Taking advantage of the situation they caught her but she cried out and when people from all around came there, they fled away. But the house wife recognised Provat. Police on receipt of information came and arrested Provat.

Father, son murder case Death for 1, life term for 11

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Dec 8: A total of 12 persons were convicted in the sensational father and son murder case in Shingra thana of the district.

One of them was sentenced to death and 11 others have to suffer life-term rigorous imprisonment (RI).

The District and Sessions Judge, Natore, Md Shirajul Islam, delivering the judgement in a packed court room recently, awarded the capital punishment to the main accused of the murder case, Moimul. Eleven other accused persons were awarded life-term. They are: Chairman of Chamari Union Parishad under Shingra and UP election candidate Sheikh Rashidul Islam, Joyanal, Jalil, Razzak, Monsoor, Ramjan, Waddood, Kabir, Bahar, Gaffar and Abdul. They were also fined Taka 10,000 each, in default to suffer one year more RI.

The prosecution alleged that

on 27th December, 1995, Nur Ahmed Mridha, 65, and his son Rejaul Karim, 28, of Bahadurpur village of Shingra thana were chopped to death.

Shingra police submitted chargesheet against 23 persons after investigation while a case was filed by Nur Ahmed's brother.

The main accused Moimul was absconding while the judge delivered the judgement. However, no untoward incident was reported.

One gets 3-year RI

From A Correspondent

BOGRA Dec 8: One person was convicted and sentenced for 3 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) with a fine of Tk one thousand, in default, to suffer three months more RI under Explosive Acts.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Bogra Enayet Fazlur Rashid announced the punishment in a judgement delivered recently.

The prosecution story in brief is that Md Sefar, son of S M Badruddoza alias Masum of Malotnagar, Bogra town along with other 12 persons broke open the grill and entered the house of Khoka Miah of Malotnagar and beat the inmates of the house.

They also exploded hand bomb. A P P Bjoy Kumar appeared in favour of the prosecution while S A Bari, Golam Murtaza, Luthfi Galib appeared for the defence.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Division, Gopalganj

Notice Inviting Tenders

No 27 of 1997-98

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Special Class-I, Class-I approved Bldg Contractor/Firm of PWD for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned and all office of the Executive Engineer, under Barisal PWD Circle, Barisal and Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka up to 29-12-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. The tender form will be sold up to 28-12-97.
2. Name of work : Construction of 12 Nos District Jail in Bangladesh one at Gopalganj (SH) : Construction of Perimeter Wall).
3. Estimated cost : Tk 1,48,21,668/- only.
4. Earnest money : Tk 2,96,434/- only.
5. Time allowed : For completion of the work from the date of work order is 180 (one hundred eighty) days.
6. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned, also from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Barisal/Bhola/Patuaakhali/Borguna/Jhalakati/Pirojpur/Madaripur/Shariatpur and Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka under PWD Circle, Barisal on all working days during office hours on payment of usual charges of Tk 750/- (Tk Seven hundred fifty) (non-refundable) per set of the notice inviting tender, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc and a sum of Tk 25/- (Tk Twenty-five) (non-refundable) per copy of Tender Form No 2911.
7. Earnest money amounting to Tk as stated in Sl No 4 in duly pledged in TC or PO or BD or not limited by time from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned must accompany each tender.
8. The contractor willing to purchase the schedule from other Division should apply to the Executive Engineer concerned at least 5 (five) days before the last selling date.

Khandker Md Jamshed Ali

Executive Engineer

PWD Division, Gopalganj.

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