

National

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 BSS.

The clash ensued at Bhadraghatpara 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 Bhadraghat 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 night at Syedpur Sramik Kalyan Kendra 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 Chattogram 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 mela 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 BSS.

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 *hajat* 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 BSS.

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 fertilizer was held at Nawabganj thana agriculture office premises under Dinajpur district, reports BSS.

The workshop was conducted by deputy director of Agriculture Extension Department, Dinajpur 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 Kalaijuri and Katabel 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, Takla bazar Road, South Satara Road, Ashraf Ali Hud 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.

But it has been alleged professional and amateur bird hunters hunt guest birds indiscriminately. There seems to be no one 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.

These are Gorai, Modhumati, Fakli, Chitra and Nabajanga. There are also about 50 other waterbodies in the district.



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

— Star photo by A K M Mohsin

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.

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 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

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

Advocate Mojammel Huq presided over and Abdul Kalam 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, Mafizul Islam, Nurul Islam Milon, Asad Ali Master, Nasimur Ara Huq, Alasuddin Noyon, Alaudin Chowdhury Babor, Dr Mohammad Ullah and Monowar Ali spoke on the occasion.

Smuggled goods worth over Tk 25cr seized in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Dec 8: The Rajshahi sector of Bangladesh Rifles 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 Nabinagar Government College in Brahmanbaria district has been selected as the best college teacher at national level for the year 1997.

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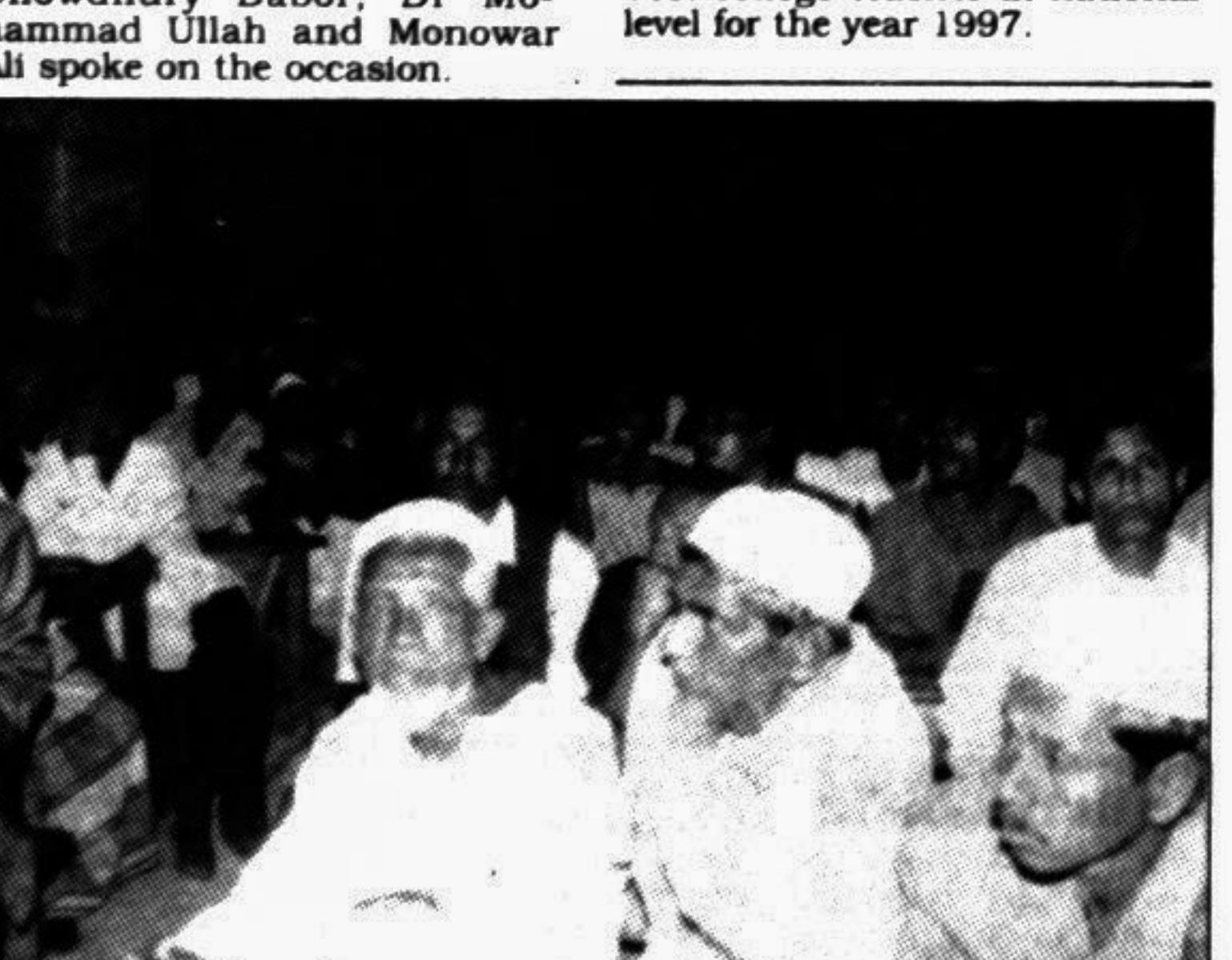
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COMILLA: A public meeting was held in Payelgachha Multipurpose High School premises on December 5 protesting alleged move to rename the school.



20 hurt as BCL, Shibir clash in Pabna

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

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-hour clash used lethal weapons and exploded at least 50 cracks.

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

The prosecution alleged that

3 killed in N'ganj Bus-truck collision

From A Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 8: Three persons were killed and 20 others injured when a bus collided head-on with a truck at Banti Bazar of Arailhazar thana of the district midnight.

According to police and witnesses, Tamimuddin, an Ansar on-duty in the bus, and two passengers — Syed Abdul Hossain 40 and Abdul Mia 35 — died on the spot when the Sylhet-bound bus from Dhaka met with the accident at about 11.45 pm.

The injured persons were rushed to different hospitals in Narayanganj and Dhaka. All the bodies were sent to the Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy.

Drivers of both the vehicles managed to escape. A case was filed with Arailhazar thana in this connection.

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 Malotinagar, Bogra town along with other 12 persons broke open the grill and entered the house of Khoka Miah of Malotinagar and beat the inmates of the house.

They also exploded hand bomb. A P P Bijoy Kumar appeared in favour of the prosecution while S A Baril, Golam Murtaza, Lutfi Galib appeared for the defence.

SHERPUR: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel on December 6 arrested a criminal for possessing unauthorised arms and ammunition from two rickshaws at Tetulia near Indilpur 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 Kesar 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-Ghior-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/Protirakkha Sanchay Patra and Bonus Sanchay Patra etc.
5. Time allowed : 10 (Ten) days from the date of issue of Work Order.
6. Eligibility of contractors : '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, Nayarhat 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, Nayarhat under Manikganj Road Divn.
9. Last date of selling of tender bids : Up to 21-12-97 during office hours.
10. Last date of receipt of tender bids : At 12.30 PM on 22-12-97.
11. Date and time of opening of the tender bids : At 1.00 PM on 24-12-97 in the office of the EE (RHD), Manikganj Road Division.
12. Date and time of lottery : At 4.00 PM on 24-12-97.
13. Chargeable head : 266-Feeder.
14. Authority of estimate approved : SE (RHD), DRC, Dhaka.

AKM Rezaul Haque

Executive Engineer (RHD)

Manikganj Road Division, Manikganj.

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