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3 killed in Rangpur road accidents

RANGPUR, Jan 12: Three people including a pregnant woman were killed in two separate road accidents in the district, police said today, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, two youngmen were killed on Saturday at Ekorchali in Taraganj thana when the rickshaw van they were riding was knocked by a minibus from behind. The victims were identified as Bacha Mia, 17, and Anwarul 27. In another mishap, a pregnant housewife was hit by a speedy truck at Chaulhati in Badarganj thana on Friday and died on her way to hospital. The woman, identified as Noorjahan, 27.

Tempo plunges into pond: 1 killed

JHALAKATI, Jan 12: A man was killed when a tempo plunged into a roadside ditch at Rajapur in the district on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said the driver lost control of the vehicle when the wrapper of passenger Nesab Ali got twisted with the engine of the tempo. The victims Nesab died on the spot while other passengers escaped unhurt. The driver fled the scene. A case was lodged with the police.

Diabetic hospital work progressing

NARSINGDI, Jan 12: The construction of the Diabetic Hospital here is going on at Baniachal area in the town, reports UNB.

The 25-bed hospital is being constructed by the District Diabetic Association at a cost of Tk 3 crore. The land for the hospital was donated by a social worker of the locality Mollah M Montaj Miah. The construction works, supervised by the Public Works Department, include the hospital and administrative buildings, laboratory, separate departments of surgery, medicine and gynaecology. About 50 per cent of the work has already been completed and the rest is expected to be finished by June next.

1,437 km power lines constructed

COMILLA, Jan 12: Comilla Palli Bidyut Samity-2 so far constructed 1,437 kilometre electric lines in 6 thanas of the district since 1994, reports UNB.

The thanas are Sadar, Burichang, Brahmanpara, Laksam, Langalcot and Choudhagram. The Samity has created connection facilities for 42,132 consumers and so far gave connections to 21,182 consumers of 311 villages. There are 11 directors in 11 areas and 3 women advisers under the Samity. The Samity has a zonal office, an area office, 4 complain centers in 6 thanas. Besides, it has three sub-centres.

Loan distributed among youths

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 12: The Youth Development Directorate has distributed Taka 56,80,000 as a loan to the deserving youngmen and women in four thanas of the district, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the distributed amount of money are Taka 14,36,500 to Bhairab thana, Taka 12,85,000 to Nikli thana, Taka 15,44,500 to Bajitpur thana and Taka 14,20,000 to Katiadi thana. The loan was distributed for farming of poultry birds and livestock, cultivation of vegetables, garments making, steno-typing and pisciculture. The directorate recovered arrear loan cent per cent, the Assistant Director of the Youth Directorate informed.

Indian phensidyl seized

MADARIPUR, Jan 12: Police seized huge quantity of Indian phensidyl and arrested five people from Kawkandi and Arikhand ferryghats in Shibchar thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the ghat areas and recovered 470 bottles of smuggled Indian phensidyl from two private cars, parked in the ghats. They also arrested five people for possessing the contraband. The arrested Yakub Khan, Babul, Hosain, Motalab Mia and Swapan were sent to jail hayat. A case has been filed with the police in this connection.

Smuggled goods seized

TEKNAF, Jan 12: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) on Sunday seized smuggled goods including drugs worth Tk 5 lakh from two boats, reports UNB.

BDR sources said, a group of smugglers were transporting the goods from Myanmar when the boats were intercepted by them at the border. The goods include wine, sugar and a refrigerator. The members of the gang managed to escape arrest.

Discussion meeting

BANDARBAN, Jan 12: A discussion meeting was held marking the 'Jail release day' of former President and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad at the Party office, reports UNB.

Senior Vice President Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury presided over the meeting. JP's district general secretary Adv Mohiuddin and organising secretary Mahabubur Rahman were, among others, addressed the meeting. The JP leaders said that the government has committed a big mistake by signing the CHT peace agreement without discussing it in Parliament and ignoring the 'advice' of Ershad. They warned that the government has to pay for it. They appealed to the government for not implementing the agreement without amendment to the peace agreement.

Ex-UP chairman killed in road mishap

NETROKONA, Jan 12: One person was killed on the spot and two others including a tempo driver were injured in a road accident on Saturday night at Satrasree about nine kilometres east from here on Netrakona-Mohanganj road, reports BSS.

The accident occurred, when a Barhatta bound passenger tempo from Netrakona collided head-on with a mini bus coming from opposite direction, police sources said. The dead was identified as Arun Chandra Sarker, 55, ex-chairman of Sonta Union Parishad under Barhatta thana of the district. A police rescue team rushed to the spot after the accident and sent the body of the victims of Netrakona Sadar Hospital for autopsy. The injured persons were rushed to the hospital for treatment. The driver of the mini bus managed to escape. A case was filed with Netrakona sadar thana in this connection.

Workshop on population control

SYEDPUR, Jan 12: A workshop on population control sponsored by Syedpur special work unit of Rangpur branch of the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) was held here last week, reports BSS.

Presided over by Nazrul Islam the workshop was addressed by Syedpur Thana Nirbahi Officer Monwar Hossain Sarkar. Rangpur district project officer of the FPAB Tahajjat Hossain, Thana Nirbahi Officer Monwar Hossain Sarkar, Rangpur district project officer of the FPAB Tahajjat Hossain, Thana Officer Mostafizur Rahman, Health Officer of Syedpur Paurashava Dr Rezaul Huq and Former MP Mujibur Rahman spoke on the occasion. Meanwhile, a street play based on EPI programme of the government was staged by local 'Tarun Natya Sanghai' to motivate the people about health and family planning.

Ansar-VDP Dev Bank branch opens

TANGAIL, Jan 12: A branch of Ansar-VDP Development Bank was opened in Ghatail on January 7, reports BSS.

A ceremonial gathering of Ansar and VDP members of Ghatail thana was held on this occasion. Major General AMM Zaman Director General of the Ansars and VDP and AHM Aminul Islam, Director General of the Ansar-VDP Development Bank attended the function as the chief guest and special guest respectively. The guests expressed their hope that the bank will play a vital role for economic development of the members of Ansars and VDP.

Farmers to get agri-loan

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 12: Bangladesh Agriculture Development Bank, Kishoreganj branch has taken a programme to distribute Taka 26 crore as agriculture loan among the farmers of the district, reports BSS.

The bank has recovered Taka 25 crore arrear loan. According to official sources, the loan will be distributed for the production of crops, cultivation of fish and raising of livestock.

Lakhs of babies given Vitamin-A capsules

NOAKHALI, Jan 12: Three lakh sixty-one thousand one hundred forty seven children between the age 1 and 5 were given high potency Vitamin-A capsules in 6 thanas of Noakhali district, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the percentage of achievement is 99.3 the highest ever achieved in the district.

145 committed suicide last year

NARSINGDI, Jan 12: At least 145 people allegedly committed in the district during the last year, reports UNB.

According to police 45 allegedly committed suicide in Raipur thana, 30 in Sadar, 25 in Shibpur, 20 in Polash, 15 in Monorhardi and 10 in Balabo thanas. Family feud, poverty, failure in love and demand for dowry were said to be the main reasons behind the suicide. Local people said a number of housewives committed suicide due to the repeated torture by their husbands for realising dowry money.

Cold-related diseases spreading in N-dists

Over 1 lakh children suffering from diarrhoea, pneumonia

PABNA, Jan 12: More than one lakh children have been afflicted with diarrhoea and pneumonia in the current cold wave in the country's northern districts, reports UNB.

Doctors said over 100 children died of cold diarrhoea, pneumonia, dysentery and other cold-related diseases in the northern districts, including Pabna.

Some 5,000 children were attacked with these diseases in Pabna alone. Seven people died due to severe cold spell in this district in last 24 hours.

Six of the deaths were reported from Atharia thana of

the district. The victims are: Sona Mollah 70, of Kadamtali, Afiz Mallik, 60, of Avirampur, Monazel, 80, of Kushtipara, Bubuli, 74, of Shirkantapur, Umed Ali, 60, of Ramchandrapur, Asia Khatun, 60, of Paikgachha and Sattendranath, 80, of Patharghata in Bhangura thana.

Meanwhile, hospital sources said 104 children were admitted to Pabna Hospital, 210 to Sirajganj Hospital, 97 to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital, 52 to Jaipurhat Hospital, 613 to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, 74 to Naogaon Hospital, 88 to Chapainawabganj Hospital.

55 to Natore Hospital, 431 to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, 54 to Gaibandha Hospital, 83 to Kurigram Hospital, 112 to Lalmonirhat Hospital, 47 to Nilphamari Hospital, 342 to Dinajpur Hospital, 55 to Panchagarh Hospital and 114 to Thakurgaon Hospital.

Child specialist Capt (ret'd) Anisur Rahman told the news agency that children are being attacked with cold diarrhoea from Rota virus caused by cold.

Doctors said most of the malnourished children are falling victims to cold-related diseases.

Cold wave death toll rises to 68 in 4 dists

By Staff Correspondent

The death toll caused by severe cold wave rises to 68 in four districts namely Madaripur, Sirajganj, Rajbari and Sherpur during the last few days.

UNB reports: In Madaripur cold wave claimed lives of six people in two thanas of the district during the last four days till Sunday, according to a local source.

They were identified as an unidentified rickshawpuller of Panisatra and Mohammad Bepari, 55, of Charlakshiganj in Sadar thana, Hazere Begum, 79, Doyabati, 61, Yogesh Mondol, 65, of Chauray and a new born baby of Bepari in Rajbari thana.

All the victims belonged to poor families. Meanwhile, severe warm clothes crisis is prevailing in the district and prices are beyond the reach of the poor people.

Local elite have urged the generous people and non-government organisations to donate warm clothes to the poor and distress people of the district.

In Sirajganj district the death toll caused by severe cold wave rises to 50 during the last 10 days with six more deaths on Saturday.

Two infants and four elderly people died in five thanas of the district last night, local people

said.

They were identified as Mamun, 2, and Rasheda, of Tarash thana, Babu Bepari, 65, of Rajonj, Menja Khatun, 78, of village Birbadraghat and Asta Sheikh, 65, of Kutirchar under

Coldest day in Rajshahi

RAJSHAH, Jan 12: Rajshahi experienced the coldest day of the season as the mercury fell to six point four degrees Celsius on Sunday, reports BSS.

Normal life has been paralysed for the last 12 days in different parts of the region due to prevailing cold wave.

The severe cold spell which is sweeping the region followed by fog early in the morning made the weather chilly. The sun was partially visible after nearly 10 days in midday on Sunday in Rajshahi area.

Agricultural experts said that mango and lichi production in the area would be greatly hampered due to prevailing cold weather.

Meanwhile, some organisations including police personnel have started distributing warm clothes among the cold-stricken people in different parts of the region.

Kamarkhand thana and Zubbar, 70, of Sadar thana.

Meanwhile, prices of essentials have shot up in the district.

Endors and businessmen said this was due to traffic congestion at Aricha and Nagarbari ferry ghats which caused disruption in the supply of goods.

In Rajbari district, the prevailing cold spell claimed four on Saturday night.

Of the deaths, three were reported from Goalanda thana and another from Sadar thana.

Cold-stricken people alleged that they have not yet received any warm clothes from the district administration to winter dropping cold, except those distributed by some non-governmental organisations.

When contacted Deputy Commissioner of the district said he had sent a letter to the Relief Ministry seeking warm clothes for the poor.

Our Sherpur Correspondent reports, cold wave claimed three more lives in Sherpur district.

Rahila Khatun, 60, Askarali, 62, and another unidentified man aged about 45 of village Basarbit under Jhenalgaati thana of the district died on Saturday.

With this the total number of death toll in the district due to cold wave rises to eight.

Cold wave compels brickfields owners to stop production

MANIKGANJ, Jan 12: Severe cold wave and thick fog have compelled the owners of about 500 brickfields in the district and in Savar and Dhamrai thanas of Dhaka to stop the production, reports UNB.

Brick manufacturing association sources said the owners abandoned production as they could not dry up bricks in the sunshine and the labourers refused to work in the biting cold.

They said the furnaces also failed to produce much heat due to the cold wave which made it impossible to continue the production.

Many brickfields were incurring a daily loss of Tk 20,000 to Tk 30,000 to maintain the level of heat needed for normal operation, they added.

One of the owners said raw bricks needed to be dried up in the sunshine for at least three days. But the sun was not visible for the last one week.

The owners and concerned people expressed fear that if the situation continued, the price of bricks might shot up in the next few days.

200 cold-hit people receive warm clothes

MUNSHIGANJ, Jan 12: Senior officials of the district administration, led by DC, distributed warm clothes among the poor people here on Sunday morning and on Saturday night, reports UNB.

The winter clothes including sweaters, blankets and jackets, were distributed among 200 cold-hit people.

Free foodgrains for 12,099 destitute families

BARISAL, Jan 12: About 1,178 metric tons of foodgrains were distributed free of cost among the members of 12,099 destitute families in 10 thanas of Barisal district under Venerable Group Development (VGD) programme during the last six months of the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the foodgrains included rice and wheat.

The foodgrains were distributed at the rate of 31 kgs per family per month through 85 centres set up for the purpose in this district.

Of the total foodgrains 513 metric tons were distributed among 2,849 destitute families in Agajhara thana, 459 metric tons among 2,549 families in Gourmadi, 43.2 metric tons each among 240 families in Hizla, Babugonj and Banaripara, 93.3 metric tons among 520 families in Mehendigonj, 50.4 metric tons among 280 families in Muli, 270 metric tons among 1,500 families in Bakergonj, 54 metric tons among 300 families in Barisal sadar and 609 metric tons among 3,381 families in Wazirpur thanas, the source said.



Local and migratory winter birds have appeared in large numbers in Nizhum Deep this winter. Are these birds breaking silence on this island? — Star photo by AKM Mohsin



Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence

New Airport Road

Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/indentors (not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

S. No.	Description of Stores & Qty	Tender Selling Date	Tender Opening Date	Tender No
a.	Stuart Distance Meter Qty-30 in Nos	From 19 Jan '98 to 12 Feb '98	15 Feb '98	(5378)
b.	Gryo Workshop Qty-01 Set			(5381)
c.	Marine Binocular Qty-18 in Nos			(5387)

2. The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at given rate (not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

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for Director General



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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders are invited in foreign currency from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlistment with DGDP is not necessary) to supply of undermentioned stores for use in Bangladesh Army. Name of stores, selling/opening date of tenders and cost of I/T are given below:

Sl No.	Name of Stores	Selling From	Date To	Opening Date & Time	Cost of I/T
A.	Spare parts for Trk Yanan 6.50 ton Model: SX-250	12.01.98	22.2.98	23-2-98	100/-(214/1928/P-1)
B.	Drones type-2 (BJ-7104) Ground Eqt & 5% spare parts.	12.01.98	22.2.98	23-2-98	150/-(214/1926/P-1)

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Colonel
for Director General

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Tangail Public Works Division

Tangail

Memo No. 1844

Dated: 30.12.97

Tender Notice

No. 10 (1997-98)

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted building contractors/contractory firms for the undermentioned work. Tenders may be submitted in tender box kept at the office of the undersigned & all other Executive Engineers' offices under Mymensingh Public Works Circle, Mymensingh, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Deputy Commissioner, Tangail/Police Super, Tangail & Officer-in-Charge, Tangail Sadar Thana. Tenders will be opened on the date of submitting tender at 12-15 PM in presence (if any) of the interested tenderers and name of work, name & address of contractor/contractory firm and the address to whom the tender is to be submitted should be mentioned on the envelope.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Class of contractor/contractory firms
1.	Construction of a number of District Registry Office as well as Sadar Sub-Registry Office & attached record room and a number of separate Sub-Registry Office different districts of the country — (construction of 52 Sub-Registry Offices, one at Gopalpur Thana in Tangail District), (Sub-Head: Sub-Registry Office building construction). Financial year 1997-98.	Tk 19,17,791/-	Tk 38,356/-	8 (eight) months	Special 1st class, 1st class & 2nd class building contractor

2. Name of offices to sell tender : Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Public Works Division, Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Netrakona/Kishoreganj/Mymensingh.

3. Last date of selling tender : 21.1.98 (during office hours).

4. Last date of receiving tender : 22.1.98 (up to 12:00 Noon).

5. In case of more than one lowest tenderer, lottery will be held to select 1(one) contractor on 10.2.98 at 12:00 Noon at the office chamber of the undersigned. If the contractors/their nominated representatives do not remain present at the lottery, no claim or excuse/objection regarding the decision of the lottery will be acceptable later on.

6. Ready tender schedule with terms & conditions and additional terms & conditions as well as Bangladesh Form No. 2911 can be seen & purchased on payment of usual price Tk 750/- (Seven hundred fifty) only for each tender & Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only for each BD Form No. 2911 (both non-refundable) from the above offices. Contractory firm or his/their representative carrying authorisation letter with the representative's signature attested by the contractor/contractory firm can purchase the tender schedule on production of all original registers of enlistment.

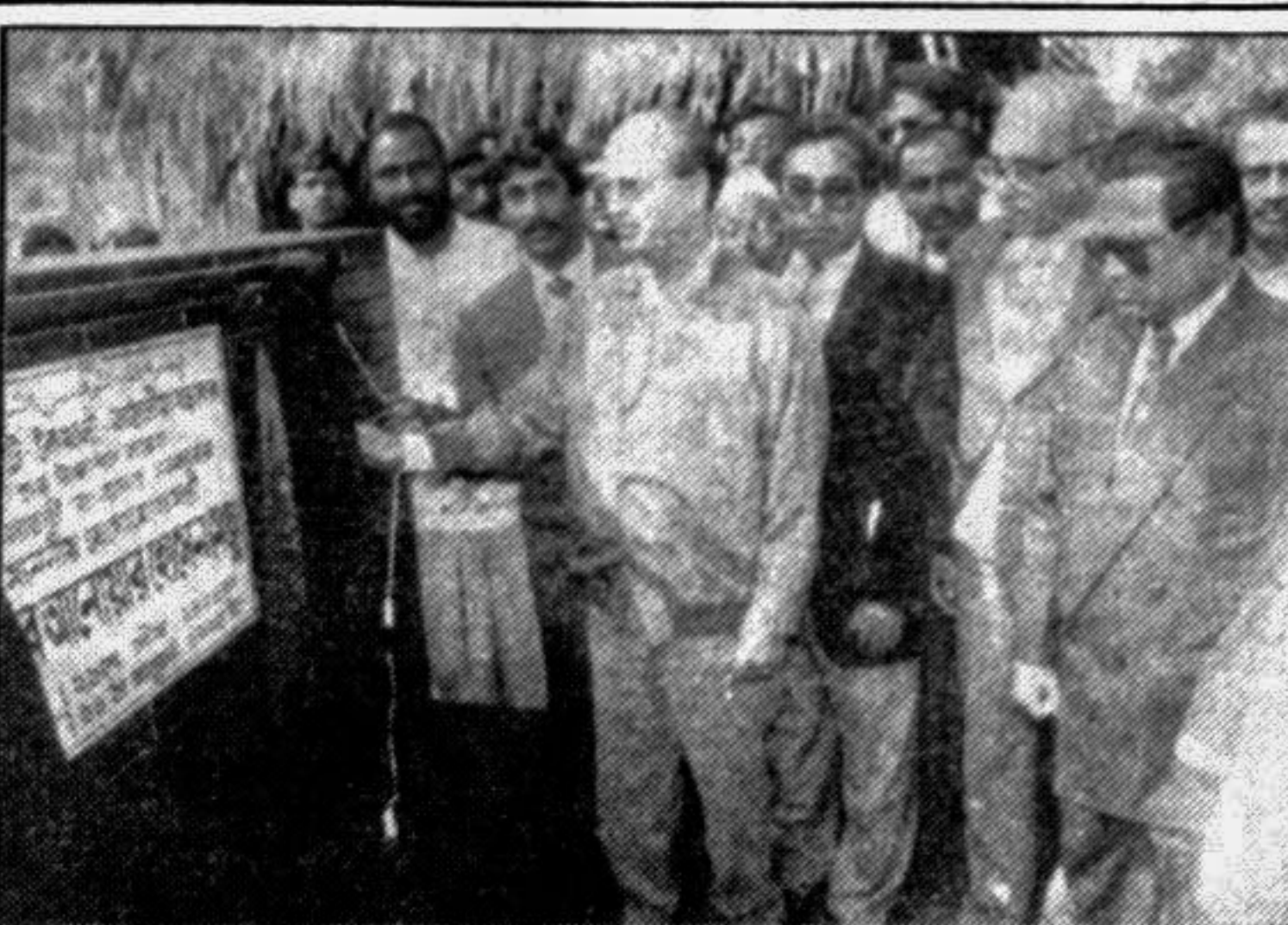
7. Attested copy of VAT registration certificate of the civil contractor/contractory firm concerned should be attached with the tender.

8. Any attestation should be by 1st class gazetted officer.

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Communications Minister Anwar Hossain recently inaugurated Banaihat-Koikhali-Kathalia road.

3 alleged gold, currency note smugglers arrested

KUSHTIA, Jan 12: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) of Daulatpur border area in a raid rounded up three notorious smugglers along with huge amount of Bangladeshi and Indian currency notes on Thursday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, the jawans of Mohiskundi border outpost started patrolling the river route in Thotapara area of the river Padma. Meanwhile, a trawler with many passengers started coming from bordering Mohammadpur village of Daulatpur thana and the jawans stopped the trawler and conducted a search and arrested notorious gold smugglers Asaduzzaman, Yeadul Islam and Kamrul Islam of Mohiskundi.

They recovered one gunny bag from their possession which contained Tk 8.60 lakh and Indian currency notes 30,000. The smugglers were handed over to the police.

A case was registered and the seized money were deposited with the Bheramara customs. Another report from Sylhet adds: Kotwali police arrested three people including a woman from a residential hotel at southern Surma for their involvement in immoral activities at midnight on Tuesday.

The arrested were identified as Abdus Salam of village Jalalpur in Sadar thana, Babul of Moulvibazar and Ratna Begum of Sirajganj. A case was registered with the police.