

News snaps

One killed in road accident

MADARIPUR, Jan 18: One person was killed and eight others were injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Barisal highway on January 7, reports BSS.

The accident took place when a Madaripur-bound tempo and a Takerhat bound truck collided head-on near Baro bridge at Rajoir thana. Tahmun Begum, 50, of village Rajoir succumbed to her injuries on way to Rajoir Health Complex. Five of the eight injured persons were admitted into Rajoir Thana Health Complex.

Telephone subscribers facing problem

NOAKHALI, Jan 18: Telephone subscribers in the district have been facing manifold problems for a long time, reports UNB.

All the lines of 1,100-line exchange at Majidi town have been exhausted which, the officials said, is the main reason for cropping up several problems. The subscribers complained of frequent wrong dialing and cross connections and said most of time the sound is not audible. Lot of noise can be heard in a good number of lines making it impossible to respond to the call from other side. They said there is no repair of underground cable lines and machineries at the switch room for long which may be one of the reasons of poor quality of service.

Poor students fail to appear in exam

PATUAKHALI, Jan 18: Six hundred twenty-two primary scholarship examinees from Galachipa and Dumki thanas remained absent in the examination held on January 7 and 8, reports BSS.

According to relevant sources, out of 896 examinees only 392 took part in the examination in Galachipa thana while out of 277 examinees only 158 sat in the examination in Dumki thana of the district. Teachers and guardian sources said, rural students who are generally poor could not participate in the examination due to financial problem.

Theft at Cox's Bazar poura office

COX'S BAZAR, Jan 18: Documents and Tk 15,000 cash were stolen in a theft at the pourasava office on Friday night, police said, reports UNB.

A gang of thieves took away the documents and cash from steel almirah of six rooms including accounts, the secretary and the engineers rooms where they entered by breaking open the door. A case was filed with Sadar thana. Mentionable that the present pourasava chairman was put under suspension due to different allegations like irregularities, corruption. But the chairman got stay order against the suspension order following a writ petition filed with the court.

Indian sarees seized

FENI, Jan 18: Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled Indian goods including saree and silk clothes worth about Tk 72 lakh in separate drives in Chhagalnaiya thana last week, reports UNB.

Indian sarees worth Tk 35 lakh were recovered from a truck after raiding it at Madhugram in the thana on January 7. In another drive near the Chhagalnaiya bazar, the BDR jawans raided a loaded truck and recovered Indian clothes worth Tk 37 lakh. The goods included 1,180 pieces of Indian cotton and silk clothes, 1,207 yards of clothes and scarf. The goods were deposited with the customs godown and separate cases were filed with the police.

Crackdown on law-breakers

GAIBANDHA, Jan 18: With the growing trend of using wood in brick fields, the police administration in the district has taken necessary steps to crackdown on the law-breakers, reports UNB.

Police Super of the district has directed the detective branch of police to check the woods being used in 60 brick fields of the district. A section of brick field owners of the district have been using woods in brick fields with the help of some dishonest police officials, defying the government ban.

Forest Divn earns good revenue

RANGAMATI, Jan 18: Chittagong Hill Tracts South Forest Division (CHTSFD) has earned a revenue of Taka 2.70 crore during the first six months in the current fiscal by disposing off 35,000 cubic feet of timbers through open public auction and realisation of royalty of bamboos, reports BSS.

Tapan Kumar Dey, Divisional Forest Officer of CHTSFD said, a part of the timbers were recovered from the illegal traders who extracted those illegally from the government reserved forests.

CHTSFD is one of the six units in the Rangamati Forest Circle comprising six forest divisions covering Rangamati, Khagrachhari and a portion of Bandarban hill district.

Winter vegetables farming scheme

CHUADANGA, Jan 18: About 5,400 hectares have been brought under various winter vegetables cultivation in the four thanas of Chuadanga district in the current season, reports BSS.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, thana-wise break up is as follows: Chuadanga sadar 2,500 hectares, Alamdanga 1,050 hectares, Damurhuda 800 hectares and Jibannagar 1,100 hectares. The production target has been fixed at 80,000 metric tons of vegetables including brinjal, gourd, carrot, cauliflower, cabbage, tomato, radish, bean and potato.

Training course on cultivation

MEHERPUR, Jan 18: A three-day training course on modern method of winter vegetables cultivation was held last week at Baradi Horticultural Centre under Kushtia district, reports BSS.

One hundred and twenty vegetables growers both male and female were imparted training by resources persons of the Agriculture Extension Department. The training course was inaugurated by M Muhtasim Billah, chairman of Meherpur pourashava. Elias Hossain, Shah Alam and Azizul Huq spoke on the occasion.

Netrakona-Atpara road in bad shape

NETRAKONA, Jan 18: The 10 km long Netrakona-Atpara road via Ahoybasa is now in a deplorable condition causing problems for the movement of vehicles as well as pedestrians, reports UNB.

The road has been damaged at several points making it almost unfit for vehicular traffic. Pot holes have developed at many points and bricks were stolen by the miscreants due to lack of maintenance and care by the authority concerned. According to local people, more than 50 road accidents have been occurred in last three months on this road. The road becomes muddy and slippery even after a slight rainfall. Many hats, bazars, schools and other establishments are located on both the sides of the road. Moreover, brick laying works are yet to start on two km road from Baniyan to Atpara.

Educationist dead

JHENIDAH, Jan 18: A renowned educationist and social worker N Abdul Rouf died of high blood pressure at Dhaka Suhrawardy Hospital on Tuesday. He was 67, reports UNB.

Rouf started his teaching career at Jhenidah Govt Boys' High School in 1965 and retired from Jhenidah Govt Girls' High School. He was the Jhenidah district scout commissioner and rendered valuable services as an scout organiser. He left behind three sons, two daughters and a host of friends and relatives.

Kishoreganj journalists' iftar party

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 18: Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity, Kishoreganj branch organised an iftar party at local press club recently, reports BSS.

The iftar party was attended, among others, by the Deputy Commissioner AMM Farhad, Police Super Chowdhury Ahsanul Kabir, President of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity, Kishoreganj branch Abu Bakkar Siddique Hero, Vice President Subir Bashak, General Secretary Sayduzzaman, press club president M Abdul Latif, General Secretary Shaheen Khan and prominent journalists of the district.

Dacoities in Jhalakati

BARISAL, Jan 18: Daring dacoities were committed at two houses and a shop at Dahsanker village under Rajapur thana of Jhalakati district recently, police said, reports BSS.

According to the source, a gang of dacoits numbering about 10-12 armed with deadly weapons entered the houses of Nirmal Halder and his brother Bimal Halder and decamped valuables and household belongings without a dead of night. Later, tying the hands and legs of the house-masters, the dacoits gang raped their wives. The dacoits then committed dacoity at a mike service shop at Dahsanker village Nutan bazar, the source added.

Many shops gutted

KUSHTIA, Jan 18: Many shops of Jabbar Market of Mirpur thana were gutted on Tuesday night, reports BSS.

The fire, started from a hardware shop was originated by the flame of a burning barrier and spread up to the bazar. Fire-brigade rushed to the spot and controlled the fire. The fire caused huge loss of property.

Barguna Civil Surgeon humiliated

From Our Correspondent

BARGUNA, Jan 18: District Civil Surgeon Horigobinda Sen was humiliated by local people and class three employees of the health department here on Saturday.

They attacked the civil surgeon at around 11 am during a workshop of national vaccination programme. Sources said that the civil surgeon made some controversial comments in his speech about the class three employees. He was presiding over the programme.

The instant reaction of the assailants has link with previous hostility with the employees of the health department, sources said.

The District Commissioner Azhar Ali Talukdar was present there during the incident. The civil surgeon escaped from the wrath of the employees as the DC intervened.

Among the locals Bar Council president Nazrul Islam Alam, general secretary Abdul Halim Mia, advocate Belayet Hossain, chairperson of Mahila Awami League, local press club president and general secretary were present there and supported the employees.

A number of doctors, district Education Officer and district Information Officer were also present at the scene and supported the employees.

Boy killed in road accident

MEHERPUR, Jan 18: A 10-year-old boy was killed in a road accident at Chandbill near the town on Friday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Taibur Rahman Pappu, died on the spot when a speeding bus ran over him at 4 pm.

Taibur was the son of Ni-hazuddin, a bus owner, of Chandbill area.



NARAYANGANJ: The local administration distributed warm clothes among the destitutes on January 12. Md Abdul Rahman, DC, Narayanganj visited the launch terminal, bus stand, railway station and some slum areas of the town and distributed those items. — Star photo

BNP's protest rally in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, Jan 18: Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), district unit, organised a protest rally at the local Press Club premises on Saturday demanding the cancellation of the Peace Accord signed with the tribal insurgents, reports UNB.

Presided over by local BNP leader MA Kuddus, JASAS central committee president Rezabuddin Chowdhury attended the rally as chief guest.

Termining the accord as against the constitution the speakers said the Bangalee inhabitants have been made second class citizen whose existence depends on the mercy of the tribal council. They called to wage a greater movement to force the government to scrap the unequal agreement that deprived the 6.5 lakh Bangalee of CHT area of their legitimate constitutional rights.

JASAS general secretary Wasimul Bari, Prof Osman Gani, Adv Mohitul Hossain and other local leaders also spoke. Later a drama was staged protesting the accord.

Seminar on road accidents

MANIKGANJ, Jan 18: Communications Minister Anwar Hossain has said the nation could achieve its desired goal through concerted effort of all and by sinking petty differences, reports UNB.

He was addressing a seminar on "Road accidents and the safety of the people" at Manikganj on Saturday.

Organised by Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB), the seminar was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Land, Rashed Mosharrar, Abdul Wahab Khan MP, CAB member Rasheda K Chowdhury, chairman of Manikganj Pourashava Ramzan Ali and Film artist Ilus Kanon.

Kazi Faruque presented the key-note paper in the seminar, chaired by eminent journalist Borhan Ahmed.

Anwar Hossain said there was not enough arrangement for transportation or education for the huge 12 crore population.

"Road accident is not an isolated matter," he said adding "we have to compare it with the over-all socio-economic and political scenario of the country."

The minister said we could not develop our regional and national highways like those of the developed countries.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Noted writer and litterateur Prof Badruddin Omar recently presented his key-note paper of Shaheed Dr Shamsuzzoha memorial address. Chemistry Department of the university arranged it. Prof Abdul Khaleque, Vice-Chancellor of the university and Prof M Umar Ali, Chairman, Chemistry Department were present on the occasion. — Star photo

50,000 fishermen in miseries in Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Jan 18: About fifty thousand fishermen of the district are facing unemployment due to abnormal fall in fish production in the rivers Meghna, Badma, Dhanogoda and Dakatia of Chandpur area.

Fish production in the district has suffered a serious setback due to massive siltation of the rivers, canals and indiscriminate fishing of fries in the rivers. Fish production is also hampered due to the outbreak of fish diseases. Unabated fishing of hilsa and "pangus" and other fries by large number

of fishermen also hampered the natural growth of fishes in the area.

It has been reported that a group of people living along the riversides fish fries rampantly defying the government ban during the breeding seasons.

Fish diseases that breaks out every year have already perished about fifty per cent of the total quantity of fish in the area.

There are two big irrigation projects at Chandpur. These ir-

rigation projects have reduced fish production in the district to a great extent. Increased use of insecticides in paddy fields have already perished a huge quantity of fish. Fish is not cultivated properly in different water bodies in the district now-a-days. The fishermen cannot cultivate fish due to fund constraints. They neither get bank loans nor get other financial help.

Meanwhile, a large number of fishermen have left their ancestral profession. They have taken up other occupations.

Sylhet Newsletter

From Staff Correspondent

Youth commits suicide

SYLHET, Jan 18: One youngmen committed suicide by hanging himself with a water pipe of his neighbouring house at Kuarpur area of Sylhet town recently.

Police sent the body to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College morgue for autopsy. Manik, 24, used to live in a thatched house with his mother. He embraced Islam a few days back. A failed internal shock for his mother.

Police recovered a piece of paper in his pocket on which he had written 'None is responsible for the death'. He also sought pardon to his mother in the slip, police said.

Mysterious theft committed

A mysterious theft was committed in three offices at the thana headquarters of Kanighat recently, official sources informed.

The thieves entered into the BRDB office, election office and the Project Implementation Officers' office by breaking open the doors. They took away the typewriters and some valuables papers from these offices. Separate ejaahs were lodged with the police.

Re-election stayed

A Division Bench of the High Court stayed the re-election of Union Parishad at the Lama Talukpara Primary School centre of Mogalgaon union of Sylhet sadar thana scheduled to be held on January 12.

The bench also issued a notice to show cause within two weeks as to why the official order for re-election would not be declared illegal, on the Secretary, Election Commission, District Election Officer, Sylhet, Thana Education Officer and Returning Officer, Presiding Officer of the centre and eight others.

The Division Bench comprised of Justice Quazi Shafuddin and Syed JR Mudasser passed the order staying re-election procedure for four weeks, on hearing a writ petition filed by AKM Abdullah, a candidate for the chairmanship of Mogalgaon union. Advocate Mohammad Hannan, Advocate M

Khaled Ahmed and Advocate Shaokat Ali moved for the plaintiff.

The plaintiff in the petition alleged that, the authoring after properly holding the election on December 29 gave a written result sheet showing him elected. But they later announced re-election in the centre illegally.

Wild elephant kills one

A wild elephant crushed a youngman to death in Merina Tea garden area of Kulaura thana under Moulvibazar district recently.

The victim has been identified as Sajjadur Rahman of village Pushainer. The same elephant killed its Mahout Abdul Latif in the last month at the nearby Sagarnal area. The elephant also killed Abdul Latif's father who was also the mahout of the same, a year ago. Besides, the same elephant ransacked the Sagarnal Forest camp thrice.

Local people failed to catch hold of it several times and urged upon the authorities for necessary steps.

2 cops suspended

Two jail policemen have been put under suspension on charges of negligence to duty recently.

Sylhet Kotwali police said, Mizanur Rahman of village Bagherpara of Bahubal thana in Habiganj district was under treatment in Ward Number One of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital as a under-trial prisoner from the Sylhet Central Jail. On the plea of natural call he entered into the toilet. After sometime, he managed escape through the ventillator of the toilet and waters supply pipe.

JCD's appeal

The Sylhet district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has called upon the authorities to arrest the 'BCL terrorists' who had been occupying the Shah Jalal University campus defying the ban order. Otherwise, the JCD would free the campus with the help of local people. It was announced by the leaders of Sylhet District Unit and the Shahjalal varsity unit of JCD at a joint press conference held at the Sylhet Press Club recently.



RANGPUR: Irrigation water being supplied for cultivation from a tertiary canal of Teesta barrage project at Dalia in greater Rangpur district. Crop production is likely to boost up in near future due to opening of the canal. — Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate of Health

Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Memo No. DH/ME/Admission-97/003

Dated: 8-1-98

Sub : Notice for Admission to MBBS Course at Govt Medical Colleges during 1997-98 Academic Year

Applications in prescribed form, subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions, are invited for admission to MBBS course at 13 Medical Colleges of Bangladesh during 1997-98 academic year:

- Candidates intending for admission must possess the following qualifications:
 - Bangladesh nationality.
 - Should have passed SSC/Dakil or equivalent examination and HSC/Alim or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry & Biology from any Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Board/Madrasa Board of Bangladesh or any recognised Board or University outside the country. Should possess minimum 1300 marks in total in both the examinations & pass mark (separately in theoretical & practical) in Biology in HSC/equivalent examination.
 - Such candidates as have passed SSC before 1994 & HSC before 1996 or equivalent examination will not be considered eligible to apply.
- A) Total 1450 students (male/female) will be admitted to 13 Medical Colleges of the country in the following way: 150 each to Dhaka Medical College, Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka, Mymensingh Medical College, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College, Barisal, Chittagong Medical College, Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College, Rajshahi Medical College & Rangpur Medical College and 50 each to Faridpur Medical College, Khulna Medical College, Comilla Medical College, Bogra Medical College & Dinajpur Medical College = Total 1450.
- B) In total 16 additional seats — 12 for candidates of Hill Districts - Rangamati, Khagrachhari & Bandarban (3 tribal & 1 non-tribal from each district), 2 for tribal candidates from greater Sylhet district & 2 for tribal candidates from other districts — will remain reserved. They should possess the same minimum educational qualifications as other general students (male/female), but can apply if have secured total 1200 marks in SSC & HSC examinations and should appear at the same admission test. They should enclose certificate on District, Tribe & Character from Deputy Commissioner of respective district & Tribal Chief (in case of tribal candidate).
- C) 15 seats will remain reserved for siblings of freedom fighters. Such candidates should also possess the same minimum qualification. Should have secured minimum 1300 marks in SSC & HSC examinations. They should submit Govt recognised certificate on their father's/mother's participation in the great Liberation War with the application. Opportunity of purely merit basis admission will be given also in these reserved seats.
- Final selection for admission will be made on the basis of results of the following examinations:

A) Written admission test (MCQ system) (Physics 30, Chemistry 30, Biology 30, English 10)	= 100 marks
B) 4% of the marks secured in SSC or = 40	= 100 marks
equivalent examination	
6% of the marks secured in HSC or = 60	
equivalent examination	
Total	= 200 marks

Prescribed time for written test : One hour.

- In case total marks secured happens to be equal, merit will be decided on the basis of total marks secured in Physics, Chemistry & Biology in HSC examination. Even if that happens to be equal, merit will be decided on the basis of the marks secured in Biology.
- A) Selection will be made to 60% of the total 1450 seats described at para 2(A) (i.e. 870 seats) on national merit basis, and to the remaining 40% (i.e. 580 seats) on district merit basis according to population of 64 districts.
- B) In case of district quota claim, it should be certified by local City Corporation Mayor/Municipal Chairman or approved official/local Thana Nirbahi Officer/Union Council Chairman/first class magistrate/officer working at the respective district that the district mentioned is the district of candidates permanent domicile.
- The college where the candidate will get chance of admission will be decided on the basis of merit based on the final result of admission test/examination of the candidate. The college where the candidate desires to be admitted to should be mentioned in succession of choice in the prescribed column of the application. If the candidate doesn't want to be admitted to any college, the space should be marked with (X) sign or left blank.
- Admission test form processing, scrutiny & result finalisation will be carried on through Computer. Examination of answer-scripts will be done on OMR machine. The marks obtained through examination on OMR machine can not be challenged in any court. However in case of reservation against test result, if any, one may apply depositing Bank Draft for Tk 500/= (five hundred) only (non-refundable) in favour of Director, Medical Education & Health Manpower Development Directorate of Health, Mohakhali, Dhaka for verification of own examination result within 15 (fifteen) days of publication of the result. The result of verification will be intimated to the applicant after verification of the applicant's answerscript by the verification committee.
- Students (male/female) passing HSC or equivalent examination from different boards may collect the prescribed application form from any Medical College of their choice & deposit to the same college, but at Dhaka Medical College Centre only the students (male/female) passing from Dhaka Board can collect & deposit application form. Students passing from Dhaka Board may collect & deposit application form at any Medical College of their choice besides Dhaka Medical College.
- A) Application form can be collected against payment of Tk 20/= (twenty) only (non-refundable) from prescribed medical college. After properly filling in, the application form should be deposited with centre fee Tk 230/= (two hundred thirty) only (non-refundable) to the same college it is collected from.
- The following documents should be enclosed with the application:
 - Attested photocopy of marksheets of both SSC & HSC examinations.
 - Attested photocopy of certificate from officer mentioned at para 5 (B) regarding district of permanent domicile.
 - Three copies recent passport size attested photos.
 - Copy of certificate from home district Deputy Commissioner & Tribal Chief (in case of tribal candidate) for Hill district & Tribal quota seats.
 - Attested photocopy of govt recognised certificate on participation in the War of Liberation by candidate's father/mother for the seats reserved for freedom fighters' siblings.
- Incomplete & application containing wrong information will be rejected and if any wrong information is found later on in case of candidate appeared/passed admission test his/her examination/result will be treated as cancelled. No application after the prescribed date of depositing application form will be acceptable under any circumstance.
- No application for change of name of home district & change of college in succession of choice in the prescribed column of application form will be acceptable under any circumstance.
- At the time of publications of final result, list of total 1465 candidates including 1450 selected on national merit & district quota basis & 15 reserved seats for siblings of freedom fighters, will be announced. At the same time merit basis waiting list of 250 candidates will also be published. The seats remaining vacant on the prescribed last date of admission will be filled in from the waiting list on the basis of merit & choice of college. Prior to filling in the vacant seats from waiting list, the admitted students (male/female) will be given chance to change college according to merit & choice, but not more than twice this chance will be given.
- Final admission of the selected candidates will be on the basis of fitness decision in medical test by the Medical Board prescribed by the Principal of the respective college. Prior to admission, original copies of the following Certificates & documents must be deposited at the College office. Otherwise, selection of the candidate will be treated as cancelled outright.
 - Original certificate of passing SSC or equivalent examination.
 - Original Provisional certificate or testimonial of passing HSC or equivalent examination.
 - Original certificate on district of domicile.
 - Original marksheets of both SSC & HSC or equivalent examinations.
 - Original copy of Certificate from Deputy Commissioner & Tribal Chief for Hill District & Tribal quota seats.
 - Original copy of govt recognised certificate on participation of father/mother in the Liberation War.
- Migration of admitted students (male/female) from one college to another during the academic period will remain totally stopped.
- Admission form can be collected after 15th January/1998 from the office of the Principal of all Govt Medical Colleges, and the last date of receiving application for admission by the Principal of respective Medical College is 5th February 1998, Thursday, and the written test for admission will be held on 6th March 1998, Friday at 9-00 am at the place prescribed by the Principal of the respective Medical College. At the time of admission test, 2 nos 2B pencils and superior quality eraser & sharper should be brought with.
- All information regarding admission test can be had at the office of the Principal of the respective Medical College.

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