

News snaps

Women join Akheri Munajat

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 17: Several thousand women joined the Akheri Munajat offered here simultaneously with the Biswa Jitema at Tongi on Monday, reports UNB.

110 illegal arms recovered

BARISAL, Feb 17: A total 110 illegal arms of different types, 187 rounds of bullets and a huge quantity of explosives were recovered by police from six southern districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Jhalakati, Pirojpur and Barguna under Barisal division in last year.

Science fair concludes in Comilla

COMILLA, Feb 17: A four-day long science and technology fair concluded here at Comilla Zila School on Sunday, reports BSS.

Pry school renovation programme

PATUAKHALI, Feb 17: Local Government Engineering Department, Kalapara thana unit, has taken up a programme to renovate and reconstruct six primary schools in the thana, reports UNB.

BCL brings out peace procession

NETRAKONA, Feb 17: Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Netrakona district unit, brought out a peace procession in the district town recently hailing the handing over of arms to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by Shanti Bahinimen at Khagrachari, reports BSS.

Training on hajj performance

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 17: A three-day long training on Hajj performance ended at Pagla mosque in sadar thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

School bldg work progressing

NETRAKONA, Feb 17: Work on a project for construction of 28 government primary schools is in full swing in different areas of Netrakona district, according to an official source, reports BSS.

Tangal pourasava takes uplift projects

TANGAIL, Feb 17: Tangal pourasava has taken up 17 projects to develop its communication and drainage facilities in this fiscal year at a total cost of Taka 27,73,500, reports BSS.

Hashish worth Tk 40,000 recovered

GAIBANDHA, Feb 17: Gaibandha special branch of police in a drive recovered hashish worth about Taka 40,000 from two villages under Gobindaganj thana recently.

Jasim Palli Mela on Feb 28

FARIDPUR, Feb 17: A fortnight long Jasim Palli Mela '98 will begin at the birth place of Pali Kabi Jasimuddin on February 28 to mark his 95th birth anniversary, reports UNB.

Bodies recovered

JAMALPUR, Feb 17: Police recovered the bodies of two young men from a house in Ramdevbari village of Sadar thana here on Sunday, reports UNB.

OMS of rice launched in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Feb 17: Open Market Sale (OMS) of rice has been launched here with the opening of two sales centres in the district headquarter recently, reports BSS.

Tk 133 cr project proposal by RHD to gear up uplift work in CHT

BANDARBAN, Feb 17: The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) has proposed to turn Dighinala-Ghagra-Chandraghona-Bandarban road into a regional highway to further activate the development work in the hill tracts following the signing of CHT peace accord, reports UNB.

Bandarban, Abul Kashem said the road will help immensely the government's development efforts in the region. Presently, the road is being used mainly by light vehicles like jeep, car and minibus as it is not enough wide and safe for heavy vehicles, the officials said.

Meanwhile, the department also proposed to construct two roads at a cost of Tk 136 crore to create communication network with the highest peak in the country and the natural water body at the highest altitude. The proposals include 53-kilometre long Bijoy Pahar road to connect the highest peak 'Bijoy' in the district and 38-kilometre long road up to 'Boga Lake' situated at 3,000 metre high from the sea level.



CHAPAI NAWABGANJ: A seminar titled "Democracy, Rule of Law & Accountability" was recently arranged by the local unit of National Legal Aid at Nawabganj Bar Library hall.

RU students protest meal charge hike

RAJSHAHI, Feb 17: Student unrest has been mounting at Rajshahi University (RU) campus following the Provosts' Council decision to increase meal charge at the residential halls. The decision was taken recently at a meeting of provosts with the Provost of Shahid Shamsuzzoha Hall, Abdur Rahman Siddiqui in the chair following the strike of dining hall workers.

In Khulna No permanent stage for drama performers

KHULNA, Feb 17: The drama performers here are facing severe problems in staging drama in absence of permanent stage, or auditorium in the division, reports UNB. Sources said over 1000 drama activists under 50 different drama groups are involved in the cultural line and they are unable to demonstrate excellent performance for lack of a permanent stage.

2 BCP men arrested

KHULNA, Feb 17: A leader and an activist of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) were arrested on Sunday night. Narayan Chandra Kar, 42, was arrested from Narina village of Dumuria thana while Atar Ali, 30, was arrested from Bashirdia village of Fakirhat thana.

But different student organisations and general students reacted sharply protesting the hike of meal charge. Meanwhile, the dining hall workers have stopped their service. Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) brought out a procession on Saturday morning violating the ban on demonstration. They were demanding reduction of meal charge and supply of quality food in the halls. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has launched signature collecting campaign with a view to the submitting memorandum to the vice chancellor, Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) has also protested the decision of meal charge hike.

Home Minister's surprise visit to Senbagh PS

SENBAGH (Noakhali), Feb 17: Police officers fumbled in replying to various queries by Home Minister Rafiqul Islam when he paid a surprise visit to Senbagh police station on Monday, reports UNB.

Ban on killing guest birds being defied

SUNAMGANJ, Feb 17: The guest birds are being openly killed and sold at different markets in the district defying the government ban, reports UNB. A group of dishonest amateur hunters catch the guest birds by shooting and making traps with net and sell these birds to the markets and office premises.

Mymensingh Newsletter

MYMENSINGH, Feb 17: A total of 5,250 certificate cases have been filed against the defaulting farmers who failed to repay agricultural loan taken from different Krishi banks of the district. The cases were filed to realise an amount of Tk 10,20,72,000 lent by Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB). Of the total BKB filed 699 cases against the borrowers under sadar thana to realise Tk 1,23,67,000, 193 under Muktagachha thana to realise Tk 1,37,15,000, 157 under Trishal thana to realise Tk 30,39,000, 104 under Phulbaria to realise Tk 25,92,000, 283 under Gafarganj to realise Tk 41,85,000, 1351 under Bhaluka to realise Tk 2,21,34,000, 854 under Phulpur to realise Tk 1,79,03,000, 364 under Haluaghat to realise Tk 89,49,000, 150 under Nandad to realise Tk 47,03,000, 160 under Iswarganj to realise Tk 44,42,000, 626 under Gouripur to realise Tk 1,16,75,000 and 230 under Dubaura thana to realise Tk 73,68,000.

2 policemen suspended

Local police administration suspended two police constables of Kotwali thana recently. One Liaquat Ali, an accused of a murder case fled from police custody before his presentation in the court. Due to negligence of duty, local police administration suspended Ashad and Ershad.

Ex-BAUCSU leader acquitted

Former vice-president of Bangladesh Agricultural University Central Students Union (BAUCSU) Shahadat Hossain Chanchal and four other JCD leaders were acquitted in an arms case filed against them on August 23, 1995. Additional district judge Ashrafur Islam gave the verdict terming them not guilty on February 10.

BAU medical centre ailing

Scarcity of medicine and lack of proper treatment facilities in Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Health Centre has been causing great inconveniences to the students. According to student sources, the health centre has sufficient doctors, but the treatment facilities are not well. It is also alleged the doctors prescribe medicines of low quality. Some times they also deliver 'doctors sample' received from various medical representatives.

Clash over tree: One killed

One person was killed and two others injured in a clash at village Kanthal under Iswarganj thana of the district recently. Police sources said, the clash ensued between two groups of rival people over a disputed tree. At one stage supporters of Haider Ali stabbed Ali Hossain killing him on the spot.

Oath taking ceremony held

Oath taking ceremony of elected chairman and members including female members of two thanas of Mymensingh district were held on February 8 and 10. The newly elected chairmen, members and female members of 22 unions of Bhaluka and Haluaghat thana were present in the oath taking ceremony.

Body recovered

Muktachha police recovered a dead body from village Raghunathpur of the thana recently. The dead body was identified as Helal, 33, of village Dullah of Muktagachha thana.

Ansars to be pulled out of CHT soon

BANDERBAN, Feb 17: Regular members of Ansars will shortly be withdrawn from the three hill districts as part of the implementation of CHT peace agreement, reports UNB. District Adjutant of Ansars said there are 1,212 regular members of the force deployed in the hill tracts region to help the army and the police.

Following their withdrawal, the remaining members of the force numbering 7,676 in 19 battalions will work in the remote and rural areas on 'no work no pay' basis, he said. The members include both the tribal and non-tribal men and women. Besides the Ansars, there are 1,115 members of Village Defence Party (VDP) including the Moorangs under the guidance of 29 leaders at union level.

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Continuous exam boycott KU heading towards session jam

KHULNA, Feb 17: The situation has become alarming in Khulna University due to continuous boycotting of first semester examination by students of 11 disciplines. They were demanding expulsion of a student of BBA third year class. The University has been heading towards first session jam since its inception. Terrorists have already started violating its academic atmosphere. Rajiv Kanti Halder, a student of third year class of BBA al-

Notice of Tender

Military Engineer Services (Army) 1. Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Branch, DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt for issue of tender documents separately for the following works: a. Supply and Installation of 1X200 KVA Mobile Generator including shed at Saidpur Cantt. b. Provn of water supply inter-connection line from installed deep tubewell at Rajendrapur Cantt. c. Supply and installation of new pump house and 1XDeep Tubewell instead of unsuitable pump house No. 2 at Rajendrapur Cantt. d. Improvement of HT Cable and Fuse Isolator including ancillary works at Dhaka Cantt.

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