Newssnaps

Women join Akheri Munajat

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

About 10,000 women attended the munajat at Msimpur at 10-10 am. The munajat was conducted by Mosammat Sabera Bewa of the local Tablig Jamaat. Every year, women from dif-ferent parts of northern districts join the prayer offered simultaneously at the Biswa Ijtema.

110 illegal arms recovered From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Feb 17: A total 100 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. A total of 309 illegal fire arms were recovered by police from these districts in 1996 of the recovered arms, according to police departmental sources, there are 2 rifles, 1 cut rifle, 2 SBBL guns, 2 DBBL guns, 4 cut rifles, 6 country-made revolvers, 2 foreign-made revolvers, 1 country-made pistol and 86 pipeguns.

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

Vice Chancellor of Comilla University Prof Md Shamsul Hoque was present as the chief guest and distributed the certificates among the participants. Deputy Commissioner Choudhury Golam Moula presided over the concluding session. About 160 projects related to physics, biology and chemistry were displayed by 20 institutions and science clubs of the district.

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.

Official sources said Tk 34.70 lakh has been sanctioned for the implementation of the programme. Under the programme, Tiakhali, Gilatali Pakhimara, Baro Baliatali, Azimpur and Charpara primary schools will be reconstructed. The work is expected to be completed by the current fiscal year.

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 Khagrachhari, reports BSS.

The processionist raised different slogans like "Sheikh Hasina you go ahead, we are with you" and paraded roads of the town. Later they assembled in front of district Awami League office at Chuta Bazar. Presided over by president of BCL Netrakona district unit Prasanta Ray, the rally was addressed, among others, by local BCL leaders Gazi Muzammel Hussain Tuku, Zillur Rahman, Uzzal Shaha and Delwar Hossain.

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

Eighty intending pilgrims took training on the essential rules and regulations of hajj. The Imam of Pagla mosque Muhammad Ashraf Ali conducted the training course.

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.

The project has been undertaken by Local Government Engineering Department, Netrakona at a cost of Taka 3,11,45,470 in the current financial year. Islamic Development Bank (IDB) extended the financial assistance for the implementation of the project, the source said. Over 35 per cent work of the project have been implemented and the rest is expected to be completed within the month of June next the official source added

Tangail pourasava takes uplift projects

TANGAIL, Feb 17: Tangail 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.

Official sources said under this programme 16 roads will be developed by earth work, brick works, seal coat, construction of one foot bridge and a drain. The work will be started soon to complete by June '98, the sources said.

Hashish worth Tk 40,000 recovered

From Our Correspondent

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.

On receiving a secret information a contingent of police led by the district special branch (DSB), Gaibandha raided the house of Naimuddin of village Chandpur and that of Abdur Rouf of village Fakirpara under Gobindaganj thana and recovered four pieces of hemp from the aforementioned houses. The owner of house cultivated hashish illegally in a secret location. The worth of recovered hashish will be about Tk 40,000. None was arrested during the raid.

Jasim Palli Mela on Feb 28

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

About 200 stalls will be set up in the mela at Jasim Udyan in Gobindapur, outskirts of the town. Arrangements have been completed to present folk performance like puppet show, circus nagardola in the mela.

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.

The young men, identified as Amir Hossain, 35, and Shaha Ali, 32, allegedly died of drinking of locally-made liquor. Two other fell sick seriously following the incident which took place at the house of one Amir Hossain. Police said the sick men. identified as Abdullah, 35, and Abdul Khaleque, 34, flee the spot fearing arrest. Villagers said the four people had been continuously drinking liquor from Friday night. Two cases of unnatural death were filed with police in this connection.

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.

The OMS centres are opened near at old collectorate building and at the local bazar. Two tonnes of rice have been allocated for the centres which remain opened every day except the holidays. Two sales centres will also be set up in each of seven thana headquarters and four in pourashava area of the district. Open Market Sale of rice has been launched to enable the common people to purchase rice at a fair price. Each person can buy three kgs of rice at a time at the rate of Taka 12.50 per kilogram. Open Market Sale of rice is expected to keep stability of fair price of rice in the market.



MYMENSINGH: Bangladesh Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor Dr Muhammad Hussain recently placed wreaths at the Muktijoddha Smriti Stambha erected at the university campus in memory of valiant freedom fighters who laid down their lives during the Liberation War.

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.

A project proposal was prepared by the department to widen, straighten and levelling the height of the 125-kilometre long road. The proposal of the development work, costing about Tk 133 crore, was submitted to the Communications Ministry for approval.

Executive Engineer of RHD,

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.

There is no bridge on the river Karnafuli at Chandraghona reducing the importance of the road which can not be used as an inter-district

The officials said when implemented, the proposed regional highway will help reduce the time and cost of movement

in the three hill districts. 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 53kilometre 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.

The roads, if constructed, would help develop tourism industry in the region attracting hundreds of tourists from home and abroad



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.

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RU students protest meal charge hike

From A Correspondent

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 The decision was taken re-

cently 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.

According to workers' statement, they cannot afford to serve the students at reasonable rate because of high prices of daily commodities. They have now demanded Tk 9 from previous Tk 7.5 per meal.

The Provosts' Council has fixed the price at the rate of Tk 8.50 per meal instead of Tk 7.50 considering dining hall work-

ers demand.

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 views to submitting a memorandum to the vice chancellor. Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) has also protested the decision of meal

charge hike. Now the resident students have been facing a serious problem as the rate of meal charge is very high in nearby hotels and restaurants.

Home Minister's surprise visit to Senbagh PS

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

On his way back to the capital from Bagaichhari, where he went to attend the second phase of arms surrender ceremony, the Minister landed the helicopter at Senbagh to see for himself the situation of the police station and its administra-

Senbagh has been a troubled area with reports of many crimes and violences.

Asked to show the list of illegal arms holders, criminals and women repression, the officer-in-charge of the police station fumbled. He could not produce up-to-date records for which the Minister expressed

his annoyance. On entry to the police sta-tion, the Minister found an old

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

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.

In every winter guest birds from Siberia come to the haor and marshy fields of the district to escape the biting cold there.

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

ent drama groups are involved in the cultural line and they are unable to demonstrate excellent performance for lack a permanent stage. Presently the drama workers are using three different

drama activists under 50 differ-

stages of the city which are Zia Public Hall, Railway Auditorium and Coronation Hall. The rent of Zia auditorium is Tk 7000 per night, which is too

high for the groups who have no permanent source of income.

The rest two halls, according to them, are quite unsuitable for the presentation of Local people said seven pub-

lic community centres are now

undertaken by the Cultural Ministry at a cost of Tk one crore following the demand of the cultural activists in the re-

celled the proposed Art Complex project without showing any reason, the drama groups alleged.

local elite urged the government in the region.

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Feb 17: A total of 5,250 certificate cases have been filed against the defaulting farmers who bailed to repay agricultural loan taken from different Krishi banks of the district. The cases were filed to re-

alise 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 Gafargaon 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, 160 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 Liakat 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

Ex-BAUCSU leader acquitted

Former vice-president of Bangladesh Agricultural University Central Students Union (BAUČSU) Shahadat Hossain Chanchal and four other JCD leaders were acquitted in an arms case filed against them on August 23, 1995.

Additional district judge Ashraful Islam gave the verdict terming them not guilty on February 10.

members and female members The prosecution story in brief is, in the morning of August 23,1995, the then BAUCSU VP, Shahadat Hossain Chanchal, Md Liakat Ali, Sajjat Hossain Prince, Abdul Kader Tarafdar and Giasuddin Sharker were arrested from Nazmul Ahsan Hall of BAU. Milad mahfil

lege was held at the college auditorium on February 14. The function was presided over by Prof Md Mujibur Rahman, Principal of the college

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The annual milad mahfil of

being used as government of-In 1988, construction work of a divisional Art Complex was

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The drama groups and the

to set up an Art complex for the development of art and culture

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while Moulana Md Nurul Islam, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs was present as the chief guest. Principal Md Matiur Rahman, president of district Awami League, Advocate Nazimuddin Ahmed, secretary of district Awami League and Principal Amir Ahmed Chowdhury Ratan were present as spe-

BAU medical centre ailing

cial guests in the milad mahfil.

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 re-

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.

A case was registered with Iswarganj thana in this connection. The dead body was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Oath taking ceremony held

Oath taking ceremony of elected chairmen and members including female members of two thanas of Mymensingh district were held on February 8 and 10. The newly elected chairmen,

of 22 unions of Bhaluka and Haluaghat thana were present in the oath taking ceremony.

The oath taking functions of two thanas were presided over by the respective Thana Nirbahi Officers (TNOs).

Body recovered Muktagachha police recovered a dead body from village

Raghunathpur of the thana re-

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. The members of Ansars and VDP work in the rural areas and remote hamlets to maintain law and order as well as to help implement development programmes including agriculture, mass education, health services, family planning and tree plantation projects.

The schedule for the withdrawal will soon be finalised to pave the way for the implementation of peace accord, said the District Adjutant.

2 BCP men arrested

From Staff Correspondent

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 Narayan was attending the

wedding ceremony of his daughter when police, in the guise of bridal party members entered the venue and arrested him, an alleged terrorist. Atar Ali is an accused in 14

Continuous exam boycott

KU heading towards session jam

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 17: The situation has become alarming in Khulna University due to continuous boycotting of first semester examination by students of 11 disciples.

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 vitiating its academic atmosphere.

Rajiv Kanti Halder, a student of third year class of BBA al-

legedly raided Khanjahajan Ali Hall along with some non-student terrorists on the night of February 1. He took retaliation against some of his classmates for opposing setting up of a Swarasati Puja Mandap on the campus. The authority after making spot inquiry found him guilty and ordered his expulsion from the hall with immediate effect.

But students termed this action as an eye wash and started boycotting the current first semester examination.



Notice of Tender

Military Engineer Services (Army) . Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Branch, DW &

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a. Supply and Installation of 1X200 KVA Mobile Generator including shed at Saidpur Cantt.

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ancillary works at Dhaka Cantt. 2. MES enlisted 'C' & 'D' Class contractors may apply as per rules quoting their Class & Index numbers. Applications must accompany certificates on experiences of detail works done in last 5 years, ABC licence, dealership/agency certificate etc (if applicable). The applicants must have VAT registration certificate. VAT and taxes will be recovered from the bills as per existing rules. It may be mentioned that application should be submitted within 10 days from the date of publications of the advertisement. Envelope should be marked with the name

of works. 3. Authority reserves the right to accept/cancel any or all applications without assigning any reason.

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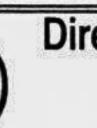
Tender Notice

. Sealed tenders in local/foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/ dealers/indentors (not necessarily be enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Air Froce:

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on the specified date at 1000 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).



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Higher Secondary Education Project Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education Road No. 4, House No. 13, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka

Dated: 5-2-98

Memo No. HSEP/Appointment/125/95/3381 **Appointment Notice**

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladesh nationals having educational qualifications & experience as mentioned against post for filling in on purely temporary basis the undermentioned posts for Programme Support Unit (PSU) under the "Higher Secondary Education Project" under the Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education. Serial No.

Number of Name of Post & Pay Scale Experience HSC passed from any Education 18-30 years Cashier 01 (one) Board with one year's experience Pay Scale: 2100-4315/= of accounts work at any reputed establishment 18-30 years Class VIII passed. 01 (one) Guard Pay Scale: 1500-2400/=

Terms & Conditions

Candidate should apply in plain paper to the Programmes Director of this Project.
Full bio-data of the candidate viz. (a) Name (in block letters), (b) Father's/Husband's name, (c) Present address, (d) Permanent address, (e) Date of birth, (f) Age (as on 1st January '98), (g) Educational qualifications, (h) Experience, (i) Religion, (j) Nationality/Domicile should be stated in the application. (a) True copies (attested by first class gazetted officer) of all educational qualification certificates, (b) 1

A copy of certificate (attested by first class Govt. officer) as son/daughter of Freedom

No affidavit on age is acceptable.

Application should reach the undersigned by March 1, 1998 during office hours. Application sent by post must reach on or before the last date of receiving application within office Applicant for each post should enclose Bank Draft/Pay Order for Tk 50/= (fifty) only issued from any

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Programmes Director

Educational Qualification & Age Limit

Major

For Director General

(one) copy character certificate from first class gazetted officer, (c) 2 (two) copies recent passport size photos (attested by first class gazetted officer) & (d) 1 (one) copy nationality/domicile certificate from Union/Municipality Chairman/Commissioner should be enclosed with application. Fighter/Martyred Freedom Fighter should be attached with the application.

Name of the post prayed for should be distinctly superscribed on the envelope.

Candidates possessing required qualification in service at any establishment should apply through proper channel.

Application received after the prescribed date is not considerable.

Commercial Bank in favour of "Programmes Director, Higher Secondary Education Project" on Pubali Bank Ltd., Laboratory Road Branch, Dhaka with the application. Cash is not acceptable.

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