

News snaps

7-yr RI for kidnapper

BOGRA, Mar 21: A court here has sentenced a young man to seven years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) for kidnapping a school girl in 1996, reports UNB.

Shaminur Rahman, 28, was also fined Tk 5,000, in default to suffer another one-year's RI, according to the judgment delivered by Additional District and Sessions Judge Enayet Fazur Rashid on March 9. Four other accused — Mostafizur Rahman, Shahidul Islam, Mohsin Ali and Nurul Islam — were acquitted. According to the prosecution, Shaminur of village Kadamtali in Gabtali thana abducted Akhter Sathi, 14, a class VIII student of Kadamtali High School, from her village home in the evening of June 18, 1996.

Man chopped to death

JHENIDAH, Mar 21: Armed miscreants chopped a man to death at Narayanpur in Sadar thana of the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Halim, 32, son of late Hafizur Rahman of village Batpukuria. According to sources, Halim, said to be a former member of a outlawed party, came under attack in the night while he was coming home. The body was sent to the Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Sadar thana.

Govt quarters in bad condition

NOAKHALI, Mar 21: Some 20 out of the 40 two-storied and three-storied buildings in the district headquarters of Majdi Court, housing the class III and class IV government employees, are in a very bad condition, reports UNB.

The roofs may collapse at any time for want of regular repair and renovation work of these buildings. Most of the 30-35-year-old buildings and even some newly-built ones are in bad condition. The families of the government employees are living in these buildings knowing the risk involved due to acute housing problem in the town. It is alleged that some government flats were sublet to outsiders. Immediate steps are needed by the authorities to solve the problems and remedy the situation.

Banned Indian phensidyl being sold freely

MAJDI COURT (Noakhali), Mar 21: Banned Indian phensidyl syrup is being sold freely in Majdi and Choumohoni towns, reports UNB.

The number of drug addicts in these two important towns is rising gradually because of easy availability of the contraband syrup. Most of the addicts are school and college students. The situation at Choumohoni has become worse after some sort of control could be imposed on the drug addicts in the district headquarters, Majdi. According to a local survey, more than a thousand people here are addicted to wine, hemp, phensidyl and other narcotics. Indian phensidyl syrup is being sold almost by every pharmacy in the two towns of Majdi and Choumohoni, it was alleged. Local leaders and guardians have urged the authorities to take stern action against the medicine traders guilty of selling contraband drugs, including phensidyl.

LGED takes up bridge construction scheme

MADARIPUR, Mar 21: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has taken up a scheme to construct two bridges in Rajor thana of the district under the Rural Infrastructure Development Programme (RIDP) during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, over Tk 45 lakh will be spent for the construction of the two bridges — one on Kamalapur Ashram road over Bajitpur canal and other on Shimultala-Kadambari over Satpar canal. The estimated cost of Kamalapur Ashram bridge over Bajitpur canal has been fixed at Tk 23.85, 142 and of the Kadambari bridge Tk 21,55,495. On completion of the two bridges, road communication in the thana will improve to a great extent.

3-day agri-fair ends in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, Mar 21: A three-day agriculture fair concluded recently at the Ruangchhari thana premises, reports BSS.

Organised by the thana agriculture extension department the convener of the agriculture committee of district local government council, Abdur Rahim Chowdhury opened the fair on March 15, as chief guest. The opening ceremony was presided over by thana agriculture officer of Ruangchhari Udayasankar Mukuddi. Forty stalls with various agri-product and plants were set-up in the fair.

Shrimp farming faces setback

PATUAKHALI, Mar 21: Shrimp farming in south western region has been suffering a setback due to drastic fall in the natural supply of fries from the coastal belt, reports BSS.

Local sources said, as the supply of natural fries in the coastal basin this year has reduced abnormally, shrimp projects of Patuakhali, Barisal, Bhola, Pirojpur, Bagerhat, Barguna, Khulna and Satkhira are facing awkward situation. Shrimp farming in south western regions of the country depends on natural supply of fries from the sea-belt from November to June. Farm owners have become worried over paucity of sea-born shrimp fries.

Man killed in road accident

MEHERPUR, Mar 21: One Harasuddin Master, 45, died in a road accident on March 12 at Taril under Gangni thana, reports BSS.

According to police sources, the victim was run-over by a truck at Taril. He died on the spot. His body was sent to Meherpur Sadar hospital for post-mortem. A case was filed with Gangni thana in this connection.

Cattle disease breaks out in Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Mar 21: Some 807 cattle and 13,913 poultry birds died due to the outbreak of various diseases in last 15 months in the district, official sources said, reports UNB.

But unofficial sources said the death figure is much higher than the official estimate. Local experts said indiscriminate use of chemical fertiliser and pesticides in the crop fields is the main reason behind the outbreak of various diseases. Moreover, they apprehended that the mixing of urea with the straw by the ignorant farmers for preparing fodder is also responsible for the death of cattle head. It is learnt that there are more than 3.25 lakh cattle, 16,000 buffaloes, 1.8 lakh goats, 457 horses and 32,000 rams in the district. But there are only six doctors in the district livestock office which is quite inadequate to cope with the need.

Use of Dheki decreasing

PABNA, Mar 21: The use of Dheki, the traditional mode of husking paddy, is decreasing gradually causing untold suffering to poor women dependent on it for livelihood, reports UNB.

Local people said hundreds of women in the rural areas in the district are facing tough time with the introduction of rice mills in rural areas. The widespread use of Dheki for husking paddy and preparing materials for cooking and making of traditional pitthas (cakes) was the tradition of every village in rural Bangladesh. The poor women who used work on its were of great demand in the rice mills. But at present, the situation has changed altogether with the rice mills sprang up all over the rural hats and bazars. The people are preferring rice mills instead of Dheki because of it's cheap and speedy work.

281 rural uplift schemes taken up

BANDARBAN, Mar 21: Government has allocated 855 metric tons of food grains under special rural infrastructure construction and maintenance programme in the district, reports UNB.

District Disaster and Rehabilitation officer informed that 281 schemes have been taken up under the programme in seven thanas including the pourashava. The works are expected to be completed within the next two months, official sources said.

Cotton seeds farming programme

CHUADANGA, Mar 21: Cotton seeds have been produced for the first time in the Chuadanga zone of Bangladesh Cotton Development Board, reports BSS.

The cotton development board took a programme to produce seeds of cotton in this zone in the current cotton cultivation season. Under the programme 80 hectares were cultivated in four units of the zone. The units are Andulbaria, Damurhuda, Baradi and Meherpur. This year a total of 80 tonnes of raw cotton seeds have been produced here. The Cotton Development Board has purchased the seeds from the producers and these seeds are now under process.

OMS of rice going on in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Mar 21: Open Market Sale (OMS) of rice at the rate of Taka 12 per kg, started on January 29 by the district controller of food office to contain price hike of rice in the district, is still going on, reports BSS.

According to district food controller office sources, the Open Market Sale of rice was started in two markets in the pourashava and 12 thana level markets. A total of 28 sales centres have been opened to sale rice, the sources informed. Sales centres in union level will also be started very soon, the controller said. Deputy Commissioner, Kishoreganj, AMM Farhad visited the Open Market Sale of rice centres and he compared the prices of rice at the local market.



BARISAL: The Barisal divisional contest of 'Miss Rupashi Bangladesh' organised by Model Watch was held recently at Barisal Development Society auditorium. Photo shows (from L to R) Miss Susmita Barisal, Miss Rupashi Barisal and Miss Personality Barisal. — Star photo

Drug addicts increasing alarmingly in Naogaon

NAOGAON, Mar 21: The number of drug addicts has been increasing alarmingly in the district with the spread of the business of various intoxicants, reports UNB.

Local people alleged that the law enforcement agencies are not taking any action against the traders of illegal drugs due to mysterious reasons. They said drugs including liquor of various types phensidyl syrup, heroin are being sold at a number of dens in the district town and other places almost unrestricted.

About 30 liquor shops have sprung up in the town, though only one has the government approval. These shops are selling country-made liquor and other wines smuggled into the country from India with impunity.

Small vendors of cigarette and betel leaf are selling sticks containing the drug along with the goods, the local people complained.

Cough syrup phensidyl, smuggled from India, is widely used as a drug by the people of all ages.

Sources told that the largest den of phensidyl in the town is located at Gurapatti in Tarkari Bazar area where the culprits behind the business maintain a godown.

From this den, the syrup is being supplied to other parts of the town and beyond, they said.

The sources further said Rajakpur area is particularly known for trading of heroin

where anyone could buy the drug.

A kind of Indian injection used as a drug was also available in the district's drug market.

The officials of the department of Narcotics Control here said they are poorly manned to check the wide abuse of drugs.

There is only one post of inspector, two sub-inspectors and a number of constables here, they said adding that they are not capable of controlling the huge drug business in 99 unions of 11 thanas of the district.

They have to depend on the police force which is not always available for their engagement in other businesses, they added.

Man arrested for filing false case of woman repression

NATORE, Mar 21: One person was arrested on charge of filing a false case of woman repression.

According to the court and police sources, Amir Hossain, son of Abdur Rashid of Harishpur union in sadar thana lodged a complaint with police against Babul, son of Abdul Khaleque, Anwar Hossain, son of Abdul Zali and against Jasu Mia, son of one Anwar Hossain of the

napped and also did not come to the court on 5th March.

Following her statement, First Class Magistrate Quadrate-Khuda ordered police to arrest the complainant of the case Amir Hossain under Section No. 54.

Local people said, Babul, one of the three accused persons married Parul without consent of guardians of both the families four or five months back. Later both the families accepted the marriage. But a case was filed following a dispute between the two families.

sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Fair repolling in postponed Homna centre sought

HOMNA (Comilla), Mar 21: A chairman candidate of Homna sadar union council has urged the authorities concerned to ensure a fair repolling in a postponed centre of the council to be held on March 23, reports BSS.

The candidate, in a written application to the district authorities, has requested to maintain discipline and fair repolling in the centre with adequate security measures.

The candidate, Mohammad Zahurul Huq, fearing recurrence of alleged irregularities in the repolling in the centre

has also requested the Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) to oversee the voting.

The results of the Latia Primary School centre were cancelled by the Election Commission after enquiry by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rev) of Comilla following a written allegation by candidate Zahurul Huq of gross irregularities.

The election of the union council was held on December 18 last year. The other candidate of the council, Harun Mia is leading in the election by a small margin.

A unique example of eye donation

SYLHET, Mar 21: All conscious people of the society should come forward to serve the distressed humanity.

Rotarian Padma Sen Sinha, 48, Executive Engineer of Sylhet Pourasava and a member of Jalalabad Rotary Club has made this appeal recently.

He has set a rare example by signing a commitment of voluntary eye donation by all of his family members after death. His other family members are his wife Basanti Sinha, 41, son Parag Kanti Sinha, 18, a Twelfth Class (Science) student of Sylhet MC College and daughter Banasee Sinha, 13, a student of Class VI of Blue Bird High School.



Rotarian Padma Sen Sinha's family. It is worth mentioning, Sandhani unit of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College has already collected the cornea of Basanti Sinha, wife of Padma Sinha who died on the following day of signing of this commitment.

Weaver's brutality!

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Mar 21: A weaver living in a remote village of Araihaajar thana allegedly stabbed his wife's vagina on Saturday night after she failed to meet his demand for Tk 50,000 as dowry.

A brother of the victim Shahina Begum, 22, filed a case with Araihaajar thana accusing the weaver, Hannan of torturing his wife for dowry on many occasions since their marriage one and a half years ago.

New convening bodies of M' bazar JCD, Jubo Dal

From Our Correspondent MOULVIBAZAR, Mar 21: The convening committees of Moulvibazar sadar thana unions of Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Jatiyatobadi Jubo Dal (JJD) were formed recently.

The 81-member JCD sadar thana convening committee was formed with Md Shahjan Ahmed as convener and Muhiit Ahmed, GMA Muktadir, Maruf Ahmed, Kamal Ahmed, Ilias Ahmed, Chowdhury Tanvir Faisal Munir and Hussain Ahmed as joint conveners.

Besides this, Md Anwar Talukder was selected convener of the 50-member convening committee of JJD. Selected joint conveners of the committee were Md Kabir Ahmed Nannu, Md Mujahid, Bakul Ahmed, Aliz Hasan Makbul, Md Ruhin Ahmed, Md Azadur Rahman and Md Shameem.

Army soldier stabbed, robbed by muggers

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Mar 21: A gang of muggers robbed an army soldier with a gold chain and Tk 5,500 in cash from Natakholia ferry ghat in Pabna district recently.

They also stabbed Md Rezaul Karim of Savar Cantonment in his back and fled away as he caught hold of one of the muggers.

The incident occurred on February 27 at around 12 noon when Rezaul was returning to Dhaka.

Later, police arrested the mugger who was caught red-handed. A general diary has been filed with Bera thana.

Arsenic contamination affects 40 in Satkhira

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Mar 21: A large number of tubewells have been sealed off at Kumira Union in Tala thana of Satkhira district due to high presence of harmful chemical compound.

Besides, 300 tubewells in the entire police station have been put on red alert apprehending danger of arsenic contamination.

According to a survey conducted from March 9 to 14 under the joint auspices of the NUP and Dhaka Community Hospital, people of Kumira Union are exposed to the risk after 0.07 milligram of arsenic presence has been detected in ground water there.

When asked, Dr Tuhin, a member of the survey team said, atleast 40 persons had been affected by arsenic contamination. Of them, condition of Nihar Begum, (45), and her son Mohammad Ali, 14, Mosharaf Hossain, 35, Anwar

One drowns in Jamuna

MANIKGANJ, Mar 21: One person 21: drowned in the river Jamuna recently when he fell from a Natakholia bound ferry 'Bir Shrestha Jahangir', BIWTC sources said, reports BSS.

Mafizur Rahman, 40, of Rangpur fell from the ferry while he was sleeping on the roof of a bus.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Mirpur PWD Division, Dhaka
Road No. 62, House No. NW(D)-6
Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212

Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender No. : 235/SD-III/1997-98.
- Name of work : Renewing of lime terracing on the roof of Bldg. Nos. 19 & 28 at Paikpara, Mirpur, Dhaka.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 6,08,538/00.
- Earnest money : Tk. 12,171/00.
- Time allowed for completion of work : 45 (forty-five) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Class of contractor : Enlisted Special Class-I, Class-I bldg. contractor under PWD, Class-II bldg. contractor under PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka & Class-III bldg. contractor under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka.
- Place of selling and receiving tender : Dhaka PWD Eden Bldg. Division/Savar PWD Division, Dhaka/Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur, Manikganj PWD Division, Manikganj & this Division.
- Last date of selling tender : 30.3.98 during office hours.
- Date and time of receiving tender : 31.3.98 up to 12-00 Noon.
- Date and time of opening tender : 31.3.98 at 12-15' PM.
- No tender will be sold to contractor/firm who has no "VAT" Registration certificate.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

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Executive Engineer
Mirpur PWD Division, Dhaka.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Comilla

Tender Invitation Notice

- Tender Notice : 108/EE RHD, Comilla year 1997-98. No
- Name of work : Work of water bound macadam and carpeting sealcoat at the 22nd KM (P) of Chouddagram-Laksham-Mudaffarganj-Chitoshi road under Comilla Road Division during 1997-98 financial year.
- Estimated cost : Taka 10,27,847/-.
- Earnest money : Taka 20,557/- should be submitted through BD/Pay Order in favour of the undersigned.
- Offices where tender will be sold from : The undersigned/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, B'baria/Chandpur/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division (R&H), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this Division and Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.
- Offices where tender will be received at : Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Comilla/Moni & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/office of the undersigned and Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.
- Time allowed : 40 (forty) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Last date of selling tender : 29-3-98 during office hours.
- Last date of receiving tender : 30-3-98 up to 12-30 PM.
- Date of opening of tender : 1-4-98.
- Date of lottery : 2-4-98.
- Head of expenditure : 266-Development.
- Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'D' general class (R&H) contractors.

Md Abul Kasem Bhuiyan
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Comilla.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Faridpur

Tender Notice
No. 10/97-98 (Short)

Memo No. LGED/EE/Farid/DM-6/97-98/665 Dated: 8-3-98

Tenders in BD Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from class & financial capacitywise 1997-98 financial year (current year) enlisted/renewed LGED's & LGED's all projects pre-qualified (class/capacity as & where applicable) contractors for implementation of 05 (five) construction works under Sadar Thana under Faridpur District Local Government Engineering Directorate.

Tender document can be purchased from the office of the-

- Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.
- Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), LGED, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
- Project Director, Rural Development Project-4, IDP, Head Office, Badarpur, Faridpur.
- Deputy Commissioner, Faridpur.
- Police Super, Faridpur.
- Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Rajbari/Madaripur/Gopalganj/Shariatpur.
- Thana Engineer, LGED, Sadar/Sadarpur/Boalmari/Alfadanga/Modhukhali/Bhanga/Nagarkanda/Charbhadransar/Faridpur & the office of the undersigned against cash payment of prescribed price (non-refundable) up to office hours of 12-04-98. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the above offices up to 12-00 Noon of 13-04-98 & the tender boxes will be simultaneously opened on the same day at 12-30 PM at the said offices in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Tenders received from the said offices in lac sealed condition will be opened at the office of the undersigned on 20-04-98 at 10-00 AM in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers or their representatives. If more than one contractor becomes the lowest by submitting the same rate for the same work, then contractor will be selected through lottery by beads at the conference room of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Faridpur on 23-04-98 at 11-00 AM in presence (if any) of the contractors concerned or their representatives. It may be noted that, at the time of attending the lottery, the contractors should carry their licence book and representatives authorisation in writing & contractor's licence book.

This tender notice is short. All information & papers/detailed description regarding the tender can be seen/know from the abovementioned offices during office hours and tender should be participated after proper understanding of the matter. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Md Momtazur Rahman
Executive Engineer