

News snaps

Valuables worth Tk 2 lakh looted

FENI, July 3: Valuables including cash worth over Tk 2 lakh were looted in two separate dacoities in the district, police said yesterday, reports UNB.

Police and social people said a gang of armed robbers stormed into the house of expatriate Nur Nabi Bahar at Raghobpur village in Sonagaji thana on the night of June 22 and decamped with valuables including gold ornaments and cash worth over Taka one lakh. On the same night, another gang of robbers attacked the house of Rafiqul Islam at village Rampur at the outskirts of the town and looted cash and gold ornaments worth about Taka one lakh. Police officials visited the spots and separate cases were filed with the police.

Man killed in road mishap

JAMALPUR, July 3: A man was killed and another injured in a road mishap at Moheshpur Kalibari in Sadar thana on Jamalpur-Mymensingh road on Tuesday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a minibus coming from opposite direction dashed a motor cycle killing its rider Nurul Islam, 18, of Kalibari on the spot. Another rider Manu was rushed to the general hospital. Police sent the body for autopsy and seized the minibus but the driver fled the scene. A case was filed with the police. Another report from Magura adds: Some 20 passengers were injured when a Dhaka bound bus from Jessore collided with a speeding truck at Shimakhali in Shalikhah thana on Magura-Jessore road on June 25. The victims were rushed to Magura and Jessore Sadar hospitals. A case was filed in this connection.

Girl violated by father of 3 children

LALMONIRHAT, July 3: A girl was violated by a culprit, father of three children, at village Latabar in Kaliganj thana, reports UNB.

Police said the victim, 12, while grazing her goat in a field, co-villager Nurunnabi forcibly took her to nearby a jute field on June 25 and violated her. Hearing the hue and cry of the victim, local people rushed to the spot and caught the culprit red-handed. He was later handed over to the police. The medical examination of the victim was performed at the local hospital. A case was filed with the police.

Jute production likely to be hampered

RANGPUR, July 3: The production of jute here is likely to be hampered with the widespread attack of pests in almost all the jute fields in eight thanas of the district, reports UNB.

Agriculture officials said jute has been cultivated on about 17,000 hectares of land during the current season with a production target of 1,86,000 bales. They admitted, almost all the jute fields were attacked by a pest locally known as "Bichha Poka". The worst affected thanas are: Badarganj, Taraganj, Gangachora, Kaunia, Mithapukur, Pirgachha and Rangpur Sadar. The officials said the situation will be improved with rainfall in the monsoon.

Joukura ferry ghat facing setback

RAJBARI, July 3: Joukura ferry ghat here has been facing serious setback as most of the ferries remained out of order hampering the movement of vehicles through the ghat, reports UNB.

Inadequate number of ferries and lack of initiative to repair the damaged ones contributed further to aggravate the situation. Ferry Baral and a pontoon of BIWTC anchored at the ferry ghat sank on June 10 during a severe storm. Another ferry Balaka, sank partially, was salvaged later by pumping out the water. Baral has been lying inoperative for long while Balaka remains out of order most of the time seriously hampering the road link between Pabna and the district.

Noakhali dist development body meet held

NOAKHALI, July 3: A meeting of the district development coordination committee was held at Deputy Commissioner's conference room here last week, reports BSS.

K M Abul Kalam, Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed progress of development works in different sectors including public health, agriculture, family planning and relief works. All thana nirbahi officers and district level officers were present in the meeting.

Body recovered

SIRAJGANJ, July 3: Railway police recovered the dead body of a train passenger from the booking room of Ullapara railway station here on Monday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Ali Haider Sardar, 40, son of Late Omar Ali of Magura Binodpur village in Tarash thana. Police suspected that the snatchers might have strangled him to death and left the dead body after looting his belongings. The body was handed over to his family after post-mortem in the District General Hospital on the same day. Police apprehended that the incident might have been occurred at dead of night. A case was filed in this connection.

Aus farming scheme on 23,500 hectares

PIROJPUR, June 22: An intensive scheme has been taken up to bring 23,500 hectares of land under Aus paddy cultivation during the current season in the district, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, of the total, 10,000 hectares will be brought under high yielding *Lish* variety and the rest 13,500 hectares under local variety. AED sources said some 3,200 hectares will be cultivated in Mathbaria, 2,300 hectares in Bhandaria, 4,650 hectares each in Naikpur and Nesarabad thanas. Also 1,900 hectares in Naikhal and 6,800 hectares in sadar thana will be cultivated. The production target has been fixed at 31,760 metric tons of paddy.



KHULNA: State Minister for Jute AK Faezul Huq speaking at a function arranged recently by Golden Bangladesh-Japan Youth Friendship Association on the occasion of the National Day of Japan here.

Poisonous oil cake being produced in oil mills in Pabna

PABNA, July 3: A section of unscrupulous businessmen have been producing poisonous oil cake for long in some oil mills threatening the production of fish resources and livestock, reports UNB.

Local people said a good number of oil mills in Kalachandpara, Radhanagar, Dakshin Raghobpur, Dipchar BSCIC and Arifpur areas have been producing artificial oil cake using paddy husk and burned engine oil of motor vehicles endangering the environment also.

Sources said the husk is being mixed with engine oil and chemical colour and kept for several days before preparing artificial cakes with the machine. Local people complained that had odour in and around the mill areas has been vitiating the atmosphere causing suffering to the nearby dwellers.

The producers sell the cakes to the farmers and the people who use it as fodder and in their ponds and water bodies for fish. When contacted a senior official of Livestock Department said the artificial cakes are extremely dangerous for the animal and environment as well as the human body.

Local residents alleged that a section of mill owners involved in the dangerous malpractice have their upper hand in the administration and are continuing the business unabated with their blessings.

They said some of the mills even bear the signboard 'no edible oil is being produced here', then, they asked, how they produce oil cakes.

They called upon the authorities to probe into the matter and take necessary action in this regard without further delay.

Dacoity on rise in districts

Valuables worth Tk 5.89 lakh looted in 5 days

SATKHIRA, July 1: Three people were injured and valuables worth Tk three lakh were looted in a series of dacoity at Sarulia bazar in Tala thana here on Sunday night, reports UNB.

According to police, a gang of dacoits raided 10 shops of the bazar at a time and decamped with the valuables.

Another message from Feni adds: three daring dacoities were committed at sadar thana on Dhaka-Chittagong highway on Thursday and Friday.

Armed dacoits stormed the house of Abdus Salam of Machhimpur village on Friday night and looted valuables and ornaments valued at Tk 50,000.

Freedom Fighter shot dead

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, JULY 3: Matiur Rahman, 45, a freedom fighter of village Bhaina in Hari-nakundu thana was shot dead on Sunday night at Bhaina bazaar, according to police sources.

Police said, a group of unknown armed men opened shots at about 8 pm from a close range. He was rushed to Hari-nakundu thana health complex where doctors declared him dead.

A case was filed with Hari-nakundu thana in this connection.

Vast tract of govt land in N-region occupied illegally

PABNA, July 3: A vast tract of land of different government organisations in the northern region remained under unauthorised occupation depriving the government of huge revenue, reports UNB.

According to official sources, of the total 3.70 lakh acres of khas land, belonging to Revenue Department of Rail, Roads and Highways, Post and Public Works Department, about 3.10 lakh acres were distributed to the landless people while 59,500 acres were possessed by illegal occupants.

It is learnt, a vested quarter in connivance with some dishonest officials and employees of the departments concerned is earning a lot by grabbing the khas land for years together.

District-wise break up of occupied land are as follows: Niphamari — 3,312 acres, Rangpur — 6,516 acres, Lalmonirhat — 4,513 acres, Kurigram — 4,595 acres, Gaibandha — 3,600 acres, Dinajpur — 3,223 acres, Thakurgaon — 2,395 acres, Panchagarh — 1,203 acres, Bogra — 800 acres, Joypurhat — 490 acres, Sirajganj — 3,000 acres, Pabna — 3,000 acres, Rajshahi — 4,300 acres, Natore — 6,000 acres and Naogaon — 332 acres.

Intestinal disease breaks out in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, July 3: A large number of people have been suffering from various intestinal diseases in the district. Doctors said, people are infected with the disease as they regularly take insecticides mixed vegetables.

The farmers are using various types of insecticides namely Nogos, Sunkuran, tin-G, Agrotin, 90-G, Diagonon 60. The effectiveness of these insecticides remain for three days, some for seven days and some for 21 days. The insecticide whose effect remains for 21 days affect people most.

Doctors said, farmers should be given extensive training before use of insecticides, otherwise the general people will be affected by taking these vegetables. According to doctors, another reason for infection is, most of the hotel and restaurants owners prepare food in an unhygienic condition.

Hotel owners use sulphuric acid in cleaning dishes. Usually the dishes are never cleaned fully. Customers are being affected by taking food in unclean dishes. But there are no sanitary inspectors or doctors to look after all these bad practices.

Meanwhile, some landless people alleged, they are yet to get possession of the land distributed to them three years ago with official documents.

Officials said revenue income will increase a lot if the khas lands are recovered from the unauthorised possession and given lease properly.

WB representative visits Thakurgaon

THAKURGAON, July 3: World Bank representative Richard Gillet visited Thakurgaon district recently to see the implication and implementation of new agriculture extension policy of the government, reports BSS.

Gillet along with local agriculture extension officials visited a homestead vegetable garden at village Badlapara Jagarinathpur under Thakurgaon sadar thana raised by marginal women farmers, a banana plantation, a pineapple plantation and a mini nursery of marginal farmers Dabiruddin and Anwar Hossain of village Bhetatour under Pirganj thana.

Besides, he also observed the processes of wheat seed preservation and soil fertility with Sesbania species.

The objective of the new agriculture extension policy of the government is to cater to all categories of farmers irrespective of gender and size of their farms.

Japanese National Day celebrated in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, July 3: Golden Bangladesh-Japan Youth Friendship Association has organised the prize distribution ceremony of the Children Art Competition-1997 at Umesh Chandra Public Library Auditorium at Zahid Bhaban here recently.

The association arranged the programme on the occasion of the "Japanese National Day -Birth Anniversary of the Japanese emperor Akihito". AK Faezul Huq, State Minister for Jute and Syed Deedar Bakht, former State Minister for Information and Cultural Affairs attended the function as the chief and special guests respectively.

The prize giving ceremony was presided over by the association's chairman Mfekhar Mohammad Shah Nawaz and it was attended by the association's Japanese patron and President, Berdoyun Co Ltd, Japan Oshio Koichi as the special guest speaker.

The association's Japanese patron and special guest speaker Oshio Koichi told, "Our company wants to invest in Bangladesh in the field of Five Star Hotel, Deluxe and Air-conditioned Bus, Housing and Park Projects". He told, if the political stability of Bangladesh continues, more and more foreign and Japanese investment will come here rapidly.

Earlier, the art competition was inaugurated by the Commissioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP), Kazi Nazrul Islam.

A total of 110 Children participated in the art competition. The best art prize was one crest, one gold wrist watch and one certificate. Ten crests and certificates have been awarded to the winners, while all the participants received certificates only.

Punishment to killers of Patradut Editor demanded

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, July 3: The second death anniversary of the Editor of the Daily Patradut, a local daily and a valiant freedom fighter SM Ala uddin was observed here recently.

To mark the occasion, different socio-cultural organisations chalked out elaborate programmes. Programmes included Quran Khwani, milad omahil and discussion meeting.

Satkhira Press Club arranged a discussion meeting at the club premises with Abdul Muttalib, President of the club in the chair. Humayur Kabir Balu, President, Khulna Press Club and Manik Saha, Secretary, Khulna Press Club were present as the chief and special guests respectively. It was also addressed, among others, by Prof Abu Ahmed, Subhas chowdhury, Anisur Rahman, Golam Rahman Kudrat, E.Khoda and Abul Kalam Azad.

The speakers demanded trial and arrest to the killers of SM Ala uddin who was gunned down by the assailants at his Patradut office on June 19, 1996.

SM Ala uddin Smriti Sangsad, Truck owners' Association, Chamber of Commerce and Satkhira and others organisations chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

Housewife chopped to death by husband

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, July 3: A drunken husband of village Chalk Amedpur in Bagha thana chopped his wife to death and poured poison into the mouth of his seven-year-old child before escaping from his house early Tuesday morning.

The drunken husband Aftal, 29, returned home at dead of night and attacked his sleeping wife Parul, 20, with a machet. When the helpless wife raised a hue and cry, Aftal chopped her repeatedly. He also kicked his seven-year-old Phoney and poured poison into his mouth to kill the child. The unfortunate neighbours recovered the child and sent him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) in a critical condition.

The husband has been absconding after the incident. Father of the victim filed a case with Bagha thana in this connection.

X-ray machine of CU Medical Centre yet to be utilised

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, July 3: The X-ray machine of Chittagong University Medical Centre (CUMC) is yet to be put into operation after eight years of its purchase.

As the 100 mm X-ray machine costing Taka five lakh remains unutilised the students, teachers and employees of the university have been suffering a lot.

In 1986, the Chittagong University authorities purchased an X-ray machine after introducing a pathology section in 1984. The machine was imported from China in 1990 following a Syndicate decision. After buying the X-ray machine the authorities failed to put it into operation. In a Syndicate meeting they decided to hand it over to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) on condition that CMCH authorities would provide treatment to the university personnel free of cost. But the CMCH authorities refused to accept this offer.

Later on the CU authorities offered it to the Shishu Hospital on the same condition, which was also not accepted. Doctors of the medical centre suspected that the X-ray machine might have been out of order, but after checking a specialist of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute found the machine all right.

In April last, a three-member inspection committee headed by Dr Mostian Billah, Dean of Arts faculty was formed for submitting report to the authorities about the machine. While talking with this correspondent Dr Billah told that he had already submitted his report to the authorities, but the Syndicate was yet to take any decision.

According to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of CUMC, Dr Shafiqullah, "at least six to seven patients come to the center for X-ray everyday, but we can not help them."

Two awarded 20 years RI for possessing illegal arms

From Our Correspondent CHUDANGA, July 3: Two persons have been awarded 20 years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) for possessing illegal arms.

Abul Hossain Khan, Sub-judge-2 who is also the Assistant Session Judge-5 Chudanga, has convicted Amir alias Amirul Islam of village Nabinagar in Chudanga sadar and Jahangir of Chudanga Ba ganpara and sentenced them to suffer 20 years' RI on charge of possessing illegal arms. The judgement was passed on Tuesday.

The Prosecution story in brief is, the two aforementioned convicted persons were arrested by Chudanga police in connection with a murder case and after interrogation they confessed the illegal possession of a country-made improved type pistol.

Police recovered the pistol from village Nabinagar in the sadar thana on the basis of a confessional statement of the two convicted persons on March 27, '97. A case was started against them under the Arms Act with Chudanga police station.

The Investigation Officer (IO) after proper investigation submitted charge sheet under the Arms Act against them.

The court examined nine witnesses and found the two persons guilty and sentenced them to suffer 20 years' RI.

The Public Prosecutor (P) of Chudanga Advocate Ashraf Ali and AFP Nurul Islam conducted the prosecution case while Advocate Abdul Wahab Mollick stood for the defence.

Gratuitous relief for 5 thanas of Bandarban dist

BANDARBAN, July 3: Government sanctioned 52.2 metric tons of rice as gratuitous relief for five thanas of the district on Thursday to meet the on-going food crisis, reports UNB.

The thanas are Thanchy, Ruma, Alkadam, Roangchhari and Naikhangchhari. There were no allotments for the Sadar and Lama thanas, local people said.

According to official sources, of the total 17 tons of rice were allotted for 15,000 poor and distressed people of four unions of Thanchy thana.

In absence of direct road communication with district headquarters food grains were sent to Thanchy thana by helicopter. About 10 tons of rice have been sent to the area in the last three months.

A UP chairman of the thana told, no government officials stay at Thanchy thana headquarters. All the officials of the thana are taking their salary and allowances staying at the district headquarters.

There is none to hear the grievances of people of Thanchy thana as this is the only thana in Bangladesh, which has no direct road communication with the district headquarters, the chairman added.

Meanwhile, three tons were sent to Jinnapara on emergency basis by helicopter to mitigate the food crisis on Sunday.

A relief official of DC office said 200 distressed men and women from each union will get rice under special allocation of the government.

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of financing for the following items under two envelope system:

Tender No.	Materials	Opening date	Cost of tender
1. F/17(A)/MPIC-6/47/97/POP	Spare 1 (one)-8" Kenics Static Chlorine Mixer, Model-26-1008	29.7.98	Tk. 50/-
2. F/46/MPIC-116/93/POP	Wire Roll for Paper Machine-3=5 (five) Nos.	29.7.98	Tk. 100/=
3. F/28/MPIC-25/96/POP	L&W Bursting Strength Tester (motor driven) for Paper Testing-1 set	29.7.98	Tk. 25/=

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min. Tk 1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11-00 AM in the mentioned date and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender document on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Dy. Chief Accountant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha Com. Area, Dhaka on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

BCIC-535-25/6/98
DFP-14467-28/6
G-1547

General Manager (Commercial)

Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender/Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders are invited in local/foreign currency from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indentors (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army.

Ser No	Nomenclature	Date of selling From To	Date of opening	Currency	Tender no
a.	Spare for Cessna Air Craft A152. Qty-307 line.	15-7-98 25-8-98	26-8-98	Foreign	990/P-7
b.	Watches, Survey & Drawing instruments. Qty-14 line.	20-7-98 16-8-98	17-8-98	Local	989/P-7
c.	Lifting+Field Wksp Demolition & Mining Eqpt & Sweing Machine spare. Qty-11 line.	20-7-98 16-8-98	17-8-98	Local	988/P-7
d.	Wire Concertina Long Barb. Qty-350 Coil.	20-7-98 16-8-98	17-8-98	Local	967/P-7

2. Tender schedule with detail specifications will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (not refundable) during office hour between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender will be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hrs on concerned opening dates in front of tenderers present at that time.

ISPR/Misc-98/548
DFP-14631-30/6
G-1541

Lt Col
for Director General

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Manging Director, CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong invites sealed tenders from the BCIC enlisted contractors for "Repair and Maintenance of CUFL Access Road" at an estimated cost of Tk. 4,07,878.90. Tender documents are available for sale from (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (ii) Accounts Department of CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong up to 19.07.98 on payment of Tk. 500/- (non-refundable) each set. No tender paper will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 20.07.98 simultaneously by (i) Addl. Chief Engineer (C), CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong (ii) Sr. General Manager (Const.), BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and will be opened immediately after closing. 2% of the quoted value shall be submitted as earnest money. Management reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

BCIC-536-25/6/98
DFP-14466-28/6
G-1546

Addl. Chief Engr (C)
for Managing Director

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
City PWD Division, Dhaka

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

The last date of selling and receiving of tender invited vide this office Memo No 2225 and 2226 CD dated 4.6.1998 has been changed from 29.6.1998 and 30.6.1998 to 12.7.1998 and 13.7.1998 respectively due to unavoidable circumstances for the undermentioned work. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. The notice will be the part of tender.

SL. No.	Name of work	Revised last date of selling	Revised tender receiving date
1.	Construction of BISE Mosque (remaining portion) in Housing Estate at Mirpur, Dhaka	12-07-1998	13-07-1998
2.	-do -do- Sub-Head: Providing sanitary and water supply arrangement	12-07-1998	13-07-1998

DFP-14591-30/6
G-1543

Executive Engineer
City PWD Division, Dhaka.