

## News snaps

### Water scarcity at Narayanganj

NARAYANGANJ, July 25: Acute scarcity of pure drinking water has hit the small town leading to an outbreak of water-borne diseases, reports UNB.

Townsmen attributed the water crisis in different parts of the town to WASA's inability to cope with the growing demand for water. When contacted Zahidul Arif, local Executive Engineer of WASA, said the water supply in the town has marked a fall due to low voltage of electricity in Godnail Pump House. Local people urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to resolve the crisis and thus mitigate their sufferings.

### Dainik Bangla correspondents' meeting

KHAGRACHHARI, July 25: A meeting to discuss the backlog salaries and allowances of the district correspondents of now defunct Dainik Bangla will be held at Jatiya Press Club at 11 am on Sunday, reports UNB.

All the district correspondents of the daily have been requested to attend the meeting to be organised by Dainik Bangla Sangbaddata Samity.

### Rly property theft: One gets 7-yr RI

Khulna, July 25: An additional, magistrate here on Monday sentenced Ashraf Ali to seven years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) on charge of stealing railway property, reports BSS.

The convicted person was also fined Taka five thousand, in default to suffer one year more RI. Ashraf Ali was caught redhanded by a railway police while stealing away some railway property from Paksey junction, Pabna in 1996. Ashraf Ali was absconding while the judgement was pronounced.

### Aus paddy to be cultivated on 15,680 hectares

CHUADANGA, July 25: A total of 15,680 hectares have been brought under Aus paddy cultivation in all the four thanas of Chuadanga district in the current Aus paddy cultivation season, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total land 2,650 hectares have been brought under cultivation in Chuadanga Sadar thana, 7,785 hectares in Alamdanga thana, 4,600 hectares in Damurhuda thana and 645 hectares in Jibamagar thana.

### 360 people receive old age allowance

ZURACHHARI (Rangamati), July 25: Three hundred sixty needy older people of Zurachhari thana received their pass-book of old age allowance from the Chairman of the Task Force on Tribal Refugee Rehabilitation Affairs, Dipankar Talukdar MP, reports BSS.

He addressed a ceremony giving old-age allowance as the chief guest, held at Zurachhari thana auditorium recently. Mohammad Sultan Akan, Thana Nirbahi Officer was in the chair. Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council, Chingkieu Roaza and Deputy Director of Rangamati unit of Social Services Directorate Arati Chakma were present in the meeting as the special guests, chairmen of union parishads in the thana, local elite including tribal and non-tribal leaders attended the meeting.

### Young man slaughtered

MEHERPUR, July 25: A young man was slaughtered by the members of outlawed Sarbaha Party in Sadar thana on Monday, reports UNB.

Police identified the victim as K... of N... village. They said the outlaws halted a bus at Boan... and killed the driver and passengers. They sprayed him with bullets before the slaughtering. In last one month, eight people were killed by the outlaws in the district, police said.

### Teen killed in road accident

JESSORE, July 25: A teen-aged boy was killed in a road accident on Jessore-Khulna highway near Rajarhat Konika petrol pump here on Thursday, reports UNB.

The accident occurred in the afternoon when a Jessore-bound van over the boy, identified as Emdadul Haque, 16, of Kotwali thana, while he was crossing the road. Traffic on the road was disrupted for about three hours as angry people put up barricade on it protesting the accident. They also damaged 15 buses and five trucks on the road. The body was sent to Jessore General Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed.

### Afforestation drives undertaken

NOAKHALI, July 25: Local Coastal Forest Resource Department has taken up a number of afforestation programmes in six thanas of the district under the Coastal Green Belt Project, reports UNB.

The programmes are plantation on unutilised lands of 25,000 dwelling houses, plantation of four lakh seeds, distribution of 1.4 lakh seeds and afforestation on both sides of a 122-km road, embankments and link roads. The department will collect eight lakh seeds of timber and fruit bearing trees during the period. To make its programme an all-out success, the department has been carrying out a massive campaign in this regard.

### Dacoity at rice mill

ISHURDI, July 25: A dacoity was committed at Azad Rice Mill near airport road on Lalpur-Ishurdi highway under Lalpur thana here recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, about six dacoits raided the rice mill belonging to Ashok Kumar Sarker and robbed about 50 maunds of paddy, one television set and about 20,000 Taka from the mill.

### Pass-books distributed

BELAICHHARI (Rangamati), July 25: Chairman of the Task Force on Tribal Refugee Rehabilitation Affairs, Dipankar Talukdar MP distributed 270 pass-books to 270 distressed old people here, reports BSS.

The pass-books will give them access to the old-age allowance programme of the government. Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council, Chingkieu Roaza, and other officers were present on the occasion. A total of 3,236 old people of seven thanas in the district are enjoying the allowance.

### 2 alleged dacoits arrested

MADARIPUR, July 25: Rajoir thana police arrested two alleged dacoits in a raid at Kesernmore under Angram recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, the dacoits were preparing there to commit dacoity. Acting on a tip-off, police gheraoed the area and caught the dacoits red-handed and recovered two pipe guns seven bullets, two daggers and eight cocktails from their possession. The arrested persons were identified as Sujed, 25, and Aynal, 30. A case was filed with Rajoir Police Station in this connection.

### Lalmonirhat divn of Rly earns Tk 26.32 cr

RANGPUR, July 25: The Lalmonirhat division of Bangladesh Railway earned Tk 26.32 crore during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Officials said the highest collection came from goods carriage as it carried 4.46 lakh mt of goods earning Tk 15.19 crore while Tk 10 crore by carrying over 33 lakh passengers during the period.

### Contrabands seized

SATKHIRA, July 25: The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized various kinds of Indian contraband goods worth over Taka 3.70 lakh and arrested one person in this connection last week, reports BSS.

BDR members of 21 Battalion of Satkhira in several drives raided the Rudrapur, Vatsala, Goga, Boikari, Kayba, Jhaudanga, Kakkadga, Madra, Chandura, Sonabaria, Toluigachi and Satani border areas of the district and seized the Indian contraband goods smuggled into Bangladesh. BDR sources said, the goods included sugar, salt, sares, onion, cumin seeds, potato, bi-cycle, spare-parts of bi-cycle and motor cycle and bidi. BDR arrested Anwarul Islam of village Gayspur in this connection. The goods were deposited to the Satkhira Customs godown.

### 540 received old age allowance

KISHOREGANJ, July 21: Some 540 people in Mitamoin thana of the district have received old-age allowance for three months, reports UNB.

Deputy Speaker Adv Abdul Hamid distributed pass books among them in a ceremony held at local Thana Parishad Office on Monday. TNO Sampad Barua presided over the function. Deputy Commissioner AMM Farhad, SP Chowdhury Ahsanul Kabir, Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department Julfikar Haidar, Shahabuddin Thakur and Rashuddin Ahmed, among others, were present.

## Attack on police One gets life term imprisonment

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 25: One person has been awarded life-term and additional seven years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) for charging police with arms and possessing illegal arms. The convicted person is Brindabon Sarkar, 46, of Molladanga in Sripur thana.

Md A Hye, District, Sessions and Tribunal Judge, Magura delivered the judgement recently.

The prosecution story, in brief is, the convicted person, Brindabon shot bullet from his pistol when police charged him at village Suddalpur on June 2, 1996. Then Sripur thana police caught the terrorist red-handed with pistol and bullet.

Police also recovered a country-made pipe gun from the house of the convicted person.

## Corruption case against 2 LGRD engineers

KHAGRACHHARI, July 25: Local Bureau of Anti-Corruption has filed a case against two LGRD engineers and a contractor for their alleged involvement in corruption, reports UNB.

Officials said the case has been filed against present executive engineer of the LGRD Nurul Alam, its former executive engineer Mustafa Kamal Pasha and contractor Abul Kashem Chowdhury.

The engineers reportedly misused their power to help contractor Kashem in winning the contract of a road development work in 1996-1997 fiscal.

According to the case, Pasha, now transferred to Cox's Bazar, had allegedly taken Tk 20 lakh from Kashem to help him avoid the lottery for selecting the lowest bidder.

In its case, the Bureau alleged that there were at least eight bidders whose rates were far below the rate of Kashem's application.

## Kurigram Bar Assoc executives

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, July 25: The election of Kurigram District Bar Association was held here recently.

The elected office-bearers of the association for two years term are as follows: President — Advocate Idris Ali, Vice-President — Advocate Khalilul Rahman, General Secretary — Advocate ATM Enamul Haque Chowdhury, Joint Secretary — Advocate Khurshid Alam, Office Secretary — Advocate Ataur Rahman, Cultural Secretary — Advocate Abul Kashem, Library Secretary — Advocate Anwarul Haque, Treasurer — Advocate Musa Mia.

Executive members: Ramesh Chandra Sarker, Soleman Ali, Jamal Uddin, Nurul Huda, Mokhesure Rahman, Emdadul Haque, Rezaul Kabir, Iqbal Hossain, Mukhesure, Khondokar Mohabab Ali and Amir Uddin.

## 320 bottles of phensidyl seized in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 25: The jawans of 21 Rifles battalion recovered 320 bottles of phensidyl syrup from Hijabdi area in Kalara thana recently.

Local BDR sources said that their personnel, acting on a secret information, had challenged a group of smugglers. The smugglers left phensidyl syrup and fled away following BDR challenge.

Another report adds: A passer-by was killed when a motorcycle knocked him down near Kaligoni bazar village on Kaligoni-Shyamnagar road recently.

The victim has been identified as Abdur Rahman, 28, of Kaligoni bazar village in Kaligoni thana.

According to police sources, Mokhesur Rahman, 24, of Kalia in Satkhira pourasava was coming from Shyamnagar to Kaligoni by riding a motorcycle. When he reached the place of occurrence, the passer-by was knocked down by his motorcycle. The passer-by died on the spot.

## 3 incidents claim 5 lives in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, July 25: Five people were killed and 10 others injured in three incidents in the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Of them, three were killed in road accidents while two others in a boat capsized. Police said Abdul Aziz, 70, of Varanga village in Kamarkhand thana was crushed under the wheels of a bus near Bangabandhu Bridge.

Two unidentified people, aged about 25, died and 10 others were injured when a Pabna-bound bus tumbled into a roadside ditch at Delduar in Ullapara thana on Wednesday.

Three of the injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital. Besides, Hela Khatun, 30, and her two-year-old daughter were killed when a boat sank in the Karotoa river in Shahjapur thana on Wednesday morning.

Separate cases were filed with the local police.



SHERPUR: A girls' high school at Kamarecher has been submerged by flood water. — Star photo by Ratan Chowdhury

## 50,000 marooned people yet to get relief in Pabna

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, July 25: An acute problem of water-logging has been prevailing in the pourashava areas of Pabna, Ishurdi, Bera, Santhia and Chatmohar due to incessant and heavy showers.

Lack of proper drainage system and construction of embankments around the towns without keeping any scope for draining out accumulated rain water is the only reason for such waterlogging. As a result municipal markets, educational institutions and roads in low-lying areas of the towns have been submerged.

Flood water entered into 77 out of 150 unions in greater Pabna district. More new areas have been submerged. A total of 5,000 houses have already been damaged either completely or partially. Over 300 villages

have been affected by flood. A large number of huts, bazaars, mosques, temples, madrasahs, government and non-government offices, shops, godowns, banks and other business establishments have been inundated. Meanwhile, seven children have lost their lives by drowning.

Over 50,000 men, women and children are still marooned and no rescue operation has been done till filling of this report. Boats and banana plants are not available in adequate number.

About 80,000 persons who have taken shelter on the flood control embankment or other highlands.

In Bera, Bhangoora, Shahadpur, Ullapara, and Tarash thanas nearly 300 flood victims have already been attacked with diarrhoea and ty-

phoid. No death report has been received as yet. When contacted with the Civil Surgeon, Pabna, he told this correspondent that he had already held meetings with all officials at thana level. He had alerted them to supply adequate medicines to combat any alarming situation. According to him, the hospitals were also equipped to take immediate emergency measures. Medical teams have also been formed in every thana and they are kept ready for 24 hours.

Prices of essentials have shot up both in rural and urban areas. Acute scarcity of kerosene oil, match, boxes, salt and edible oil has been prevailing. Prices of vegetables of all varieties have also gone up and their supply in the markets has also reduced abnormally.

## Pranpur villagers become hostage of terrorists

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 25: A reign of terror has been prevailing at village Pranpur in Kawibera union of Bhanga thana for a long time.

General people of the village have become hostage in the hands of some notorious terrorists who regularly extort money and indulge in all kinds of anti-social and immoral activities.

A group of armed terrorists dispossessed Ananta Kumar Roy of Pranpur village of his newly purchased house on 105 acres of land. They ousted him along with his family members recently. The terrorists led by union parishad member Faruque Hossain beat the inmates and allegedly violated the family members. They took illegal possession of the house. The terrorists are so notorious and powerful that none of the villagers dared come to the victims' help.

Ananta Kumar Roy lodged an eghar with Bhanga thana accusing 18 persons. But mysteriously the case was entered

into the registrar two days later. Meanwhile, police arrested Habibur Rahman, one of the accused persons. Since then there prevailed a lull over such a sensational case until the incident came to the knowledge of the Police Super. Md Majibur Rahman after a lapse of 20 days.

At once the Police Super directed the Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Bhanga circle to take appropriate measures against the offenders. A contingent of police raided the house of Ananta Kumar Roy and arrested from the house Ratan Matubbar and Habibur Rahman, two illegal occupants of the house. But police have failed to apprehend 15 other accused persons including the ring leaders Faruque Hossain and Munir Talukder though they are reportedly moving about in the area fearlessly.

It is learnt from local sources that Faruque Hossain and Munir Talukder demanded Taka 50,000 from Ananta Kumar Roy as subscription just after the purchase of the house. They demanded the subscription for development of the local Juba Janta Club which is allegedly known as the den of all anti-social elements. But Ananta did not comply with their illegal demand. This has enraged them who went away threatening him to face dire consequences for this refusal. Consequently the gruesome incident of dispossession of Ananta from his rightful ownership of the house and inhuman torture on the inmates of his family took place.

Now the illegal possessors, Ratan Matubbar and Habibur Rahman are putting in a claim for the house on the strength of a contract (Bainanama) allegedly executed prior to the purchase of the house by Ananta through registered deed. The Officer-in-Charge of Bhanga thana wanted to see both the registered deed and bainanama from Ananta and Ratan Matubbar and Habibur Rahman respectively.

Ananta produced his registered deed before the OC, but Ratan Matubbar and Habibur Rahman failed to show any valid deed of contact (Bainanama). This failure to produce the bainanama proves they are yet to produce a fraudulent document in their favour.

The accused persons have not been arrested. They have been threatening Ananta to withdraw the case otherwise his life will be at stake.

In the meantime, on the basis of a news item published in this regard in a national daily, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Pankaj Bhat, Acharya, Ajoy Roy, Syed Anwarul Haque and Tareq Amin, members of 'Samilita Samajik Andolan' visited the place of occurrence. They interviewed a cross section of local people, met the Bhanga thana official, Deputy Commissioner and Police Super and had a threadbare discussion with them. They assured them of their all-out co-operation to mete out justice to Ananta Kumar Roy and punishment to the offenders.



FARIDPUR: Zaker Party recently distributed relief materials among the flood affected people of North Channel union in Kotwali thana. — Star photo by Abdul Matin Fakir

## 2 burglary incidents at Gazipur Sub-judge's house

GAZIPUR, July 25: Yet another incident of burglary was committed at the official residence of the district Sub-judge and Assistant Sessions Judge within 10 months but police failed to arrest the culprits, reports UNB.

The second burglary occurred at his College Road official residence in broad day light after Sub-judge Hussain Saheed Ahmed went to the court on Wednesday. The burglars broke open the window grill and entered the house. They broke open the steal almirah, searched for valuables and left safely with clothes and other household items. It might have been occurred between 9 am and 1 pm.

Police visited the house after the incident and a case was filed. Police arrested four peo-

## Housewife beaten to death by husband

JESSORE, July 25: A young housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband at Krishnapur village in Sarsha thana here on July 15, reports UNB.

Police said the victim Dilruba Akhter Polly, 22, daughter of Sekandar Ali, was beaten mercilessly causing her instantaneous death as she refused to give her four bigahs of land to her husband Ruhul Amin and bring dowry money from her parents as per his demand.

According to neighbours the victim was tortured by him since her marriage five year ago. Several times she met the dowry demand of her cruel and greedy husband, they added.

The body was sent to the Sadar Hospital for autopsy. The culprit went into hiding after the murder. A case was filed with the police.

## Illegal fire arms possessor held

Jhenidah, July 25: Police seized fire arms and ammunition and arrested a man in a joint raid at Harinakuda here and Kushtia Sadar early this month, reports UNB.

The arrested man was identified as Tulu. The arms include one sawed-off rifle, one short machine gun and more than 100 live bullets.

Acting on a tip, Jhenidah and Kushtia police jointly raided the neighbouring villages of Teltupi in Harinakunda thana and Abdalpur in Kushtia Sadar on July 10 to arrest the armed groups while they were preparing for a clash with the rivals.

Police chased four armed men on their way to Abdalpur and seized the arms and a motor cycle when the group left these behind in their attempt to escape. On their way back police

arrested Tulu, an accused of several criminal cases including murder, from Jhaudia.

Another report from Sylhet adds: Police arrested six young men as they reportedly went to extort tolls from a shop at Sheikhhat here on Saturday. The arrested were identified as Romaz, 23, Imran, 25, Nurul Islam, 24, Soleman, 25, Manik and Abul Kalam, 26.

Kalam hails from Shol-laghat village in Begumganj thana of Noakhali district while all the other arrested are the residents of Kuarpura area in the town.

They went to the shop of Huq Brothers to realize Tk 20,000 which was demanded earlier to the shop owner who informed the matter to the local police.

A case was lodged with the police.

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## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from person/firm/traders for sale of the old office of Bangladesh Jatiya Mohila Sangstha at 145, New Baily Road (as and where as it).

**Description: One two-storied building and adjoining semi-pucca buildings**

### Terms and Conditions:

1. Schedule containing terms and conditions of auction notice will be available from the office of the undersigned till 06-08-98 during office hours on payment of Taka 500 (five hundred) in cash (non-refundable).
2. Tenders will be received at the tender box kept at the office of undersigned till 2.00 PM on 09-08-98 and will be opened at 2.30 PM office of undersigned in presence of participants in tender (if anyone remains present).
3. No schedule will be sold after 06-08-98 and no tender will be received after the expiry of stipulated period of 09-08-98.
4. The authority reserves the power to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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## Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Supply) Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Dhaka

## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide traders/contractors/supplying firms for procurement of the undermentioned ration goods for the period mentioned against them as per requirement to Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ration Store, Rajarbag, Dhaka. Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received in the tender box kept at the Chamber of Assistant Commissioner of Police (Supply), Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Dhaka by 12:00 Noon of 3.8.98 & the tender box will be opened on the same day at 12:30 hours in presence of the attending tenderers. Interested tenderers must be VAT registered. Interested tenderers shall have to collect schedule containing terms & conditions by depositing in cash Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only for fuel wood & Tk 400/- (four hundred) only for all other items separately as cost of schedule (non-refundable) to Assistant Commissioner of Police (Supply), Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Dhaka.

### Terms & conditions

1. Attested photocopy of the undermentioned up to date renewed certificates should be submitted at the time of obtaining schedule:
  - (a) Trade Licence, (b) Bank Solvency Certificate with statement of transactions, (c) Income Tax Clearance Certificate, (d) Nationality Certificate, (e) VAT Registration Certificate, (f) In case of wheat crushing, the firm owner must have in own name automatic/semi-automatic 4 (four)-hauler strong wheat crushing mill with adequate provision attached to mill for accommodating 6 (six) whole time sentries within Dhaka City Corporation area, (g) In case of carrying, the contractor must possess truck ownership document.
2. Pay Order/Bank Draft (security receipt not acceptable) for Tk 70,000/- (seventy thousand) in case of fuel wood, Tk 50,000/- (fifty thousand) in case of wheat crushing & sugar carrying and Tk 30,000/- (thirty thousand) in case of general carrying & sugar carrying should be submitted as security with the application for receiving schedule.
3. Rates for all the said items should be distinctly quoted in figures & words in the tender.
4. Schedule will be sold any day during office hours from the date of publication of this notice in newspaper. Schedule will be sold up to 15:30 hours of the day before the date of receiving tender. No schedule will be sold on the date of receiving tender.
5. Fresh earnest money should be deposited for new work even if the contractors have security deposit for any other work.
6. The authority is not bound to give schedule until assured through proper investigation in case of any doubt arising in execution of any work.
7. "Submitting tender abiding by the terms & conditions" should be superscribed on the schedule with signature and submitted with tender.
8. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

- Items: 1) Fuel wood October/98 to December/98  
2) Wheat crushing October/98 to December/98  
3) Carrying October/98 to December/98  
4) Sugar carrying October/98 to December/98

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