

News snaps

Housewife beaten to death

RANGAMATI, Sept 1: A young housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband at Rangkalzayapara in Langadu thana on Sunday night, police sources said, reports BSS.

Firoza Begum, 22, was mercilessly beaten on Sunday by her husband, Zakir Hussain for dowry. She succumbed to her injuries at night, Langadu police quoted the neighbours as saying. Police recovered the body of the victim and arrested Zakir from his house. Autopsy of Firoza was done at Rangamati Sadar Hospital. A case was lodged with Langadu police in this connection.

Tk 28cr uplift projects at IU progressing

KUSHITIA, Sept 1: A number of uplift projects in the Islamic University, at a cost of Tk 28.24 crore, are nearing completion, reports UNB.

The projects are being implemented with the financial assistance of the government and Islamic Development Bank (IDB). The project works financed by the government are construction of the residence of the Vice Chancellor and central mosque. The IDB has provided assistance for construction of 400-seat Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International Hall for male students. Of the total seats, 100 will be reserved for foreign students. IDB financed other projects are — expansion of academic building, gymnasium, Begum Fazilatunnessa Mujib Hall for female students, 500-KVA external electrical work, external water-supply system, conference hall, internal road, drainage system, air conditioning system, telecom and sound system, sewerage system and procurement of furniture.

300 bottles of Phensidyl syrup recovered

RANGPUR, Sept 1: The Drug Control and Narcotics Department in an anti-drug drive recovered 300 bottles of phensidyl syrup worth Taka thirty thousand from the local Salbon Mistry Para area in last week, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off the drive was conducted by the Narcotics Department led by M A Mostafiz, an official and arrested one person in this connection, a source of the Narcotics Department told. A case was filed against the arrested person and further investigation is going on.

Fund shortage hampering pisciculture

NARAIL, Sept 1: The government hatchery here has been lying abandoned for 10 years due mainly to lack of fund and red-tapism hampering pisciculture in the district, reports UNB.

Eight ponds, costing Taka one crore, had been excavated on seven acres of land near Narail-Jessore road to boost fish production. But the hatchery which used to produce sufficient fish fry during the first five years suddenly left abandoned creating acute scarcity of fish as well as fries here. The authorities failed to take any steps so far to resume production and renovation work for its derelict ponds. At present the hatchery has been turned into a grazing field for cattle. The fish culturists are being compelled to bring fries from Jessore and Khulna region involving additional expenses.

Stolen motor cycle recovered

SATKHIRA, Sept 1: Shyamnagar thana police recovered one stolen motor cycle and arrested one person in this connection recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, police arrested one Ruhul Amin, 30, of village Bangshpur on charge of stealing one motor cycle from the house of Montajuddin of village Pathrakholo on July 30. Acting on the confession of Ruhul Amin police recovered the stolen motorcycle from village Pathrakholo under Shyamnagar thana.

1 arrested for possessing phensidyl

JESSORE, Sept 1: Kotwali police arrested a man from Raipara area of the town and recovered 300 bottles of phensidyl syrup from his possession on Thursday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, a contingent of police led by SI Atiar Rahman raided a private car at night and arrested Mintu with the contraband item. A case has been registered in this connection.

Killer husband gets life term

HABIGANJ, Sept 1: A court here convicted a man to life term imprisonment and fined Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer another six months imprisonment on charge of killing his wife, reports UNB.

The case in brief was that Atik Ullah, of Sultanshi village in Sadar thana, strangled his sleeping wife Tazon Bibi, 26, to death on her on June 7, 1993. Later, the killer husband poured poison into her mouth to prove that she committed suicide. The district Additional and Sessions Judge Mohammad Mofizul Islam after examining the records and witnesses awarded the punishment on August 24.

2 outlaws killed

JHENIDAH, Sept 1: A group of gunmen killed two alleged activists of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party at village Alanganj in Kotchandpur thana August 25, police sources said, reports BSS.

Robi, 30, of village Chand Para and Ayub Hossain, 32, of village Shanbandha in Kaligonj thana were first shot-at and then slaughtered by some alleged armed cadres of outlawed Gona Mukti Fauj. Being informed police recovered the bodies and sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Credit disbursed among landless

MEHERPUR, Sept 1: Social Welfare Department disbursed here a sum of Taka 40 lakh as credit among 650 distressed and landless families in two thanas of the district during last financial year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the credit was given for purchasing bullocks, cultivation of crops and investment in small business and pisciculture.

Girl killed in road accident

KUSHITIA, Sept 1: A 9-year-old was killed yesterday under the wheels of a speeding bus at Alampur, seven miles off Kushtia on Kushtia-Jhenidah road, reports BSS.

The victim Rekha, daughter of Binoy Das of Alampur under Kushtia sadar thana was run over by the bus while she was crossing the road. She died on the spot. Police recovered body from the spot. Autopsy was done at Kushtia General Hospital.

Influentials occupy Rly land

NAOGAON, Sept 1: A vast tract of khas and railway land around Shantahar railway junction here have been grabbed by a section of influential people, reports UNB.

The government is being deprived of huge amount of revenue as well as the land due to the unauthorised holding of possession by them. Local people alleged that the lands were occupied by a section of people with the help of corrupt railway officials and employees. They said thousands of non-Bengalee families, known as Biharis, had lived in Shantahar. They left the area during the Liberation War. Hundreds of residential houses, shops and plots of lands that left behind by these families were occupied by these influential people without proper authorisation from the government.

Tajul murder
Big rally demands release of schoolboy,
withdrawal of Companyanj OC

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 1: Immediate release of a schoolboy, withdrawal of the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Companyanj PS and judicial enquiry into the killing of a poor farmer has been demanded at a big rally held in the Court Building premises of Companyanj thana on Sunday morning.

Several hundred people also brought out procession in protest against the 'unwanted' police actions after the killing.

The speakers in the rally with ex-president of Companyanj Thana Chhatra Parishad Badrul Alam in the chair said, police had intentionally arrested the school boy and involved him with the murder case of Tajul Islam, who in fact was killed by police firing. It was also addressed by Ex-Upazila Chairman of Sylhet Sadar Soifur Rahman, School teacher Ratan Miah, student leaders — Murshed Alam, Abdul Malik Amirul Hasan, Murad Ali, Mozammel Ali, and Lahi Miah. The speakers announced a programme of mass contact on Wednesday and protest rally on Thursday at the thana headquarters to press the demands.

It may be stated here that the killing of a young farmer Tajul Islam at a village in Companyanj thana and its aftermaths have caused much sensation in the area. The situation is getting more tense after the arrest of a school boy in this connection on August 27. The thana headquarters is now witnessing protest rally and processions by the agitated students, teachers, guardians and other leading people of the thana for the last few days. The local police in connivance with some local influential quarters are now trying to divert the trial of the killing, it is alleged widely in the area.

The leading people, students and teachers have alleged that, police itself had killed the innocent and poor farmer and now engaged in diverting the original case by misleading the illiterate and poor mother of the dead. A protest rally held at the thana headquarters on Friday last also demanded a judicial enquiry into the murder by the police and the incidents which took place as aftermath.

It is worth mentioning, there had been a longstanding dispute between Arjak Ali of village Turang under Companyanj thana and Ijjadur Rahman of village Chhalla under Sylhet Sadar thana over some lands at village Turang. Arjak Ali and some of his men forcibly caught and kept some bullocks of Ijjadur Rahman when Ijjadur went to the disputed land on July 17. Ijjadur lodged a case in this connection and accordingly police went to the village on the same night. The villagers swooped on the police party assuming them as dacoits at midnight. Police returned to the thana headquarters the same night and filed a case accusing 22 persons in particular and 50 to 60 others unnamed on charge of assaulting the police party. Police in the case showed Ijjadur Rahman and some of his men as witnesses, while 3 brothers — Siru Miah, Jalil Miah and Kabil Miah were included as the accused. In the case, Sub-Inspector Abdul Kalam alleged that the accused persons assaulted the police men and tried to snatch away the arms and at one stage, police had to fire 7 rounds of blank shot on self-defence. One Faruque and his men (men of Ijjadur Rahman) saved the police party, it was stated in the *ejhar*.

The Officer-in-Charge of Companyanj thana, Helaluddin Bhuiyan along with a police party went to village Turang the next day (July 18) and chasing and counter-chasing between the police and villagers took place there. Police fired 6 rounds and had to return to the thana soon. Tajul, a young and poor farmer was shot dead in the incident, but none could reach near the body apprehending police action even for 2 days. The OC just after reaching at the thana lodged another case against the villagers on charge of police assault, in which he included 3 brothers — Siru Miah, Jalil Miah and Tajul as accused number 15, 16 and 17. The OC included the name of Tajul before knowing that, he (Tajul) was shot dead. The OC in his *ejhar* stated that, he went to the village for investigating the police assault incident of July 17.

Complainant of the first case Ijjadur Rahman and witness of the July 17 incident, Faruque Ahmed and some others accompanied the police, the *ejhar* added. Assuming the presence of the police party, Arjak Ali and his men armed with sharp weapons and fire arms swooped on the police unit, it said. The accused Tajul tried to snatch away the rifle from Constable (number 545) Fazul Haque while the accused, Alkas and Shafique tried to snatch away the rifles from Constable (number 158) Abu Taher, the OC said further. During the scuffle, two rounds of bullets came out of the rifles, the OC added saying that, accused Arjak Ali hit Sub-Inspector Dolan Biswas with a stick and caused his injury. Arjak Ali and his men snatched away 2 rifles from police, but later on these were recovered after firing 4 blanks shots, the OC stated in his *ejhar*.

The body of Tajul remained abandoned and untouched for 2 days together, as none of the villagers went there apprehending police action. Police also did not go there for sending it to the morgue for post-mortem.

Tajul's mother Rokeya Begum herself took the body and when she was on way to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College on July 20, Ronikhat UP Chairman Nojruddin took it and asked her to put thumb impression on a blank paper on the plea of doing all necessary measures.

Police started a murder case on the next day — July 21. Police with reference to the written statement received through the UP Chairman included the names of Faruque Ahmed (accused of the police assault case) alongwith 11 others named and 15 to 20 unnamed accused for killing of Tajul. Even, bullet from the cut rifle of Faruque caused the death of Tajul, it was stated in the *ejhar*.

But Rokeya Begum through an affidavit on July 28 before a magistrate totally disowned the case lodged with her reference on July 21. She said that the UP Chairman Nojir Uddin at his own risk took the body of her son Tajul and took her thumb impression on a plain paper at the same time while she was on way to Sylhet for post-mortem. He used the paper in lodging a case according to his own wishes, she alleged adding that, the main culprits were dropped in the case with an ulterior motive. Tajul's mother also filed a case accusing the OC as the main accused for killing her son. She said that, Constable Fazul Haque shot her son dead by order of the OC.

A deep discontent has been prevailing among common people in the thana after police filed more than one case regarding the same murder. A huge difference had also been marked in the statements given by different quarters including police.

The OC himself in the case lodged by him stated that, one round of bullet came out from the rifle of Constable Fazul Haque during his scuffle with Tajul, whereas, eye-witnesses alleged that the constable himself shot Tajul dead. The *ejhar* lodged through the UP Chairman stated that the death of Tajul was caused by a bullet from the rifle of accused Faruque Ahmed.

1,000 shallow tubewells installed
by Habiganj farmers in 4 yrs

HABIGANJ, Sept 1: A vast crop lands of the district are being facilitated by proper irrigation since the inception of North East Minor Irrigation Project (NEMIP), reports UNB.

The project plan was undertaken in 1992 under private sector with a view to expansion of irrigation facilities, proper utilising of water and for diversified crop cultivation.

The ambitious project area included, Habiganj, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Kishoreganj and Netrakona districts. Asian Development Bank is financing for the project.

Under the project, started in 1993 in the district, 210 shallow tube-wells have so far been installed in seven thanas.

Of these, 43 tube-wells were installed in Sadar, 38 in Chunarughat, 38 in Bahubal, 40 in Baniachang, nine in Ajmiriganj and 11 in Lakhat thanas.

According to the Agriculture Extension Department, the district has 405,792 acres of cultivable land, of which 215,920 acres are under the irrigation network.

Now the farmers are very much interested to install shallow tubewells to irrigate their land with the implementation of the NEMIP.

An official of NEMIP told that about 1,000 shallow tubewells have been installed in the district by the farmers during last four years which is a good sign for successful implementation of the project.

2 dacoits arrested
in Feni

FENI, Sept 1: Police nabbed two dacoits while fleeing with valuables in a truck after committing dacoity in an oil depot here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of dacoits looted 15 drums of fuel oil and cash of the oil depot at Devipur on Dhaka-Chittagong highway, two kilometres from Feni town at midnight on Tuesday.

The arrested dacoits were identified as Karam Ali of Gendaria, Dhaka, and Ibrahim Khokan of village Batanara in Bhola district.

The other dacoits managed to escape. Police seized the truck and a case was filed.

Hilsa production decreasing gradually

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Sept 1: The Rupali Ilish' hilsa has become very scarce now-a-days in the southern districts due to various reasons and more costly than before. The total production of hilsa is about 3 lakh metric tons.

Nearly one lakh metric tons of hilsa is collected from different rivers and the rest is from the Bay of Bengal and coastal areas, according to official records.

According to official and other sources, production of hilsa is decreasing gradually for various reasons. According to informed sources, the main reason is indiscriminate fishing of under size 'Jatka' hilsa from the different rivers by a large number of unscrupulous fishermen even knowing the government restriction. They fish 'jatka' throughout the year despite official ban on fishing.

Fishermen say, the 'Jatka' fish remain in fresh water for five to six months in average, later migrate to the sea. Normally, January to June-six months, are the high time for fishing 'Jatka' from the rivers. Fishermen informed 'Jatka' is abundantly available in the foreshore and river waters of the rivers Meghna, Padma and some other rivers. Practice of fishing 'Jatka' is to be controlled. According to informed sources, this unlawful practice should be dealt with stricter laws immediately.

The other major reason of declining the supply of hilsa fish is shortage of ice in coastal areas. The production of ice has fallen sharply in 25 ice factories due to frequent loadshedding. At least 4 to 6 hours non-stop power supply is necessary for normal production of ice.

Acute scarcity of ice is still prevailing at Alipur, Mahipur, Kuakata in Patuakhali, Patharghata of Barguna, Charfation and Daulatkhana of Bhola where more than 25 thousand fishermen are living on fishing throughout the year.

According to Fisheries Research Institute (FRI), change of environment, problems in navigability, change of river routes are also the causes of fall in hilsa production. The FRI's survey report also revealed that indiscriminate fishing of Jatka is the vital cause of falling big size hilsa production. Nearly 50 thousand 'Jatka' are being caught by fishermen annually, they said. According to FRI January to March and July to October period is the breeding time of the hilsa. So in this period hilsa fishing is restricted. But some fishermen seldom abide by this rule.

In such case, government should compel the fishermen to follow the order strictly.

A big size hilsa fish carries nearly 30 lakh eggs during the breeding season.

The Fisheries Department should take adequate measures also to retain the interests of the fishermen as well.

The government, naturally, earns huge foreign currency exporting hilsa to Myanmar, India, UK, UAE and some other countries every year. Exports of hilsa has been considerably last year.

Over five thousand metric tons of hilsa fish worth several hundred crores of taka were exported to different countries abroad during last two seasons.

Besides, other problem are also hindering the fish exporting. Fish smuggling through fishing trawlers in the Bay and piracy by the foreign fishing pirates with speedy trawlers is very rampant.

It is learnt that during the



fishing season pirates of Myanmar, Thailand and India intrude into the Bangladesh territorial water and catch fishes and sometimes commit piracy on the Bangladesh fishing trawlers in the deep sea.

In that case, fishermen urged the concerned authority several times to reinforce the patrol of coast guards along the Bangladesh territorial water to check the foreign invaders.

Number of TB patients
on rise in 2 dists

SHARIATPUR, Sept 1: The number of tuberculosis (TB) patients here and neighbouring Madaripur district has been increasing in an alarming rate due to lack of proper treatment facility, reports UNB.

The number of such patients now stood at 1.5 lakh in the two districts and it is increasing day by day, said the sources involved in TB treatment.

The situation has aggravated due to poverty, lack of awareness among the poor and illiterate people and inadequate number of doctors and medicine.

Sources said many TB patients die here every year due to lack of treatment facilities.

There is a government TB clinic at Saidarbari at the outskirts of Madaripur town and a number of private clinics in the two districts which cannot cope with the increasing number of patients.

The government clinic was established in 1965, said the sources adding that there is no government facility in Shariatpur district for providing treatment to the poor TB patients.

It is learnt that a government plan to establish a TB hospital here was taken long ago, but no step has so far been taken in this regard.

The patients are now suffering much as they have to go to Faridpur or Barisal for treatment.

Local people urged he authorities to take up the work of constructing of at least a 20-bed TB hospital here without further delay.

Passenger train averts accident
near Mahimaganj

GAIBANDHA, Sept 1: A passenger train averted accident on Saturday near Mahimaganj station here when the local people stopped it at a place where there were no slippers under the track, reports UNB.

Local people said an organised gang stole 15 slippers on Thursday and Friday from a point one kilometre north of the station.

They alleged that the railway officials and railway police personnel did not seize five bullock carts carrying the stolen slippers they caught from the area.

They said the gang has been engaged in stealing railway slippers and machinery from the station for long and the officials concerned are not taking action against them due to mysterious reasons.

The railway authorities, however, repaired the track with new slippers and the movement of trains resumed after the repair work.

Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
B'baria PWD Division, B'baria
Phone No. 52362

Notice Inviting Tender

Tender Notice No. EE, B'baria-4 of 1998-99

- Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved special Class-I (one) bldg. contractors of PWD, Class-II (two) bldg. contractors of PWD Zone, Chittagong and Class-III (three) bldg. contractors of PWD Circle, Comilla for the unmentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Chandpur/Noakhali/Feni/Lakshimpur in their respective offices up to 1.00 PM on 8.9.1998 and will be opened on the same day at 1.15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.
- Tender form will : 7.9.1998.
- Name of work : Constn. of Training & Rehabilitation Centre for the Socially Handicapped Girls at B'baria (Sub-heads:- Construction of bituminous carpeting approach road) during the year 1998-99.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 7,14,885.00
- Earnest money : Tk. 14,298.00
- Time allowed for completion of work from the date of issue of work order

NB: In case of lowest equal rate, the contractor will be selected by lottery. Lottery will be held on 17.9.1998 at 11.00 AM in the office of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer
B'baria PWD Division
B'baria.

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Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 05 JRD of 1998-99.
- Name of work : Repairing of iron bridge and RCC consealed culvert at different k.m. of Rajapur-Kathalia-Bamna-Patharghata Road under Jhalakati Road Divn. during 1998-99. Ch. to 266 Dev.
- Estimated amount : As per group list.
- Earnest money : -/-
- Time allowed : -/-
- Eligibility of contractor : -/-
- Name of offices where tender document will be available : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jhalakati/Barisal/ Patuakhali/ Pirojpur/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division Jhalakati during office hours on all working days. No tender form will be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Last date of selling of tender : Up to 5:00 PM on 25.5.1405BS/9.9.98 Eng.
- Name of offices where tender will be received in sealed cover : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Barisal Road Circle Barisal/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jhalakati/ Barisal/Patuakhali/Pirojpur.
- Last date and time of receiving of tender bids in sealed cover : Up to 12:30 PM on 26.5.1405BS/10.9.98 Eng.
- Date & time of recording tender bids in sealed cover : At 12:45 PM on 26.5.1405BS/10.9.98 Eng.
- Date, time & name of office where tender will be opened : Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Jhalakati on 30.5.1405BS/14.9.98 Eng. at 11:00 AM.
- Lottery date & time : At 4:00 PM on 1.6.1405BS/15.9.98 Eng.

Group No	Name of work & location	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
One)	Repairing of 80.80m long iron bridge at 17th km of Rajapur-Kathalia-Bamna-Patharghata Road	Tk. 2,99,265/-	Tk. 5986/-	30 (thirty) days	'A' to 'C' class enlisted contractor under special category of R&H & 'D' class enlisted contractor under special category of Bansal Road Circle, Barisal.
Two)	Construction of 1.53m span RCC consealed box culvert at 7th km of Rajapur-Kathalia-Bamna-Patharghata Road	Tk. 2,58,474/-	Tk 5170/-	35(thirty five) days.	-/-
Three)	Construction of 1.53m span RCC consealed box culvert at 3rd km of Rajapur-Kathalia-Bamna-Patharghata Road.	Tk. 2,58,474/-	5170/=	-/-	-/-

Md Jafar Ullah
Executive Engineer, RHD (CC)
Jhalakati Road Division

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Metalex Corporation Limited (BSEC)
99, Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur

Local Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the General Manager, Metalex Corporation Ltd (BSEC), 99, Tongi Industrial Area, Tongi, Gazipur from BSEC enlisted contractors for supply of undermentioned goods.

Serial No	Tender number	Description of goods	Cost of tender schedule	Last date and time of receiving tender	Date and time of opening tender	Rule	Source
1	MCL/B (Purchase)/Sub-Contract-04/98	1. Regulator cover and base plate 95,000 sets. 2. Rotary open switch 15,000 pieces. 3. PVC eyelet 60,000 pieces. 4. PVC washer 40 kg. 5. MS armature shaft of deluxe fan 8,000 pieces. 6. MS armature shaft of deluxe fan 12,000 pieces for standard fan. 7. Plastic canopy (white/green) 15,000 pieces. 8. Body name plate 20,000 pieces. 9. Regulator name plate 20,000 pieces. 10. PVC insulator 15,000 pieces.	Taka 200/00 (two hundred) (non-refundable)	23-9-98, 11 AM	23-9-98, 11-10 AM	Goods will have to reach store at party's own expenses	Local

Schedule will be sold from Accounts Division, Metalex Corporation Ltd, 99, Tongi Industrial Area, Tongi, Gazipur and Accounts Division, Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.

NB: (1) Tenders will be received/opened in the same venue at the same time on the following working day if it is not possible to receive/open tender in the specific date and time due to unavoidable circumstances.
(2) No tender will be sold on the day of opening of tender.

No-BSEC/PRD/034
Date: 25/8/98
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