

News snaps

Sexagenarian woman killed
SIRAJGANJ, Nov 7: A sexagenarian woman was killed by some unidentified assailants in Sadar thana on Wednesday night, reports APB.
The victim, Rabeya Khatun, 60, wife of late Ansof Ali and a VGD-card holder, of village Chandidashgati in Sadar, was found dead in a sugarcane field. Police said the miscreants abducted the woman from her residence at 12:30 pm, killed her and abandoned the body in a nearby field. The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately.

12 health projects being implemented
TANGAIL, Nov 7: Health Department is implementing 12 development projects in its sector at a total cost of Taka 399.51637 in the district, reports BSS.
Official sources said, the programmes include repair and reconstruction of sadar hospital and x-ray room, construction of Basail Hospital, Kalihati Thana Health Complex, repair and reconstruction of Madhupur Thana Health Complex, repair and reconstruction of health and family welfare centres of Kalihati, Kokdohra, Charan, Gopalpur, Hemnagar, Naruchi, Bhuyapur, Falda unions, construction and repair of Huga Union Health Sub-Centre, sadar thana maternity and health care centre, construction of medical and family welfare visitors building and training institute building extension.

20 posts vacant in dist admin level
NOAKHALI, Nov 7: A total of 20 posts including a post of Additional Deputy Commissioner in district administration level have been lying vacant for long hampering official works badly, reports UNB.
The vacant posts included ADC (General), General Certificate Officer, Assistant Commissioner, Additional Assistant Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner (Land) and other 15 associate posts. Sources said no steps have yet been taken to fill up the vacant posts after drawing attention repeatedly. The ADC has been transferred two months ago but there was no replacement as yet. Besides, TNOs cannot perform their duties in the aftermath of flood due to absence of a number of officials in thana levels.

Tk 36.29 cr sanctioned to implement PRP
HABIGANJ, Nov 7: The government has sanctioned Tk 36.29 crore in the district to implement the Post-flood Rehabilitation Programme (PRP), reports UNB.
According to official sources, Agriculture Extension Department has undertaken a programme with an involvement of Tk 41.23 lakh under PRP to recover the losses caused by the recent devastating flood. BKB, Janata and Sonali banks have set a target to disburse Tk 35 crore agri-loan among the distressed farmers. LGED will implement construction and renovation works of rural infrastructures at a cost of Tk 57.15 lakh while Livestock Department will ensure supply of poultry feed and fodder to the poultry and dairy farms at a cost of Tk 4.60 lakh. District Relief and Rehabilitation Department has already distributed 73,600 VGF cards among the distressed people.

Workshop on fruits product, management
COMILLA, Nov 7: A training workshop on fruits product and management was held at Comilla recently, reports BSS.
Thirty-eight imams of different mosques participated in the workshop. Agriculture Extension Department organised the workshop. Additional Director Fazlul Hoque inaugurated the workshop. Deputy Director Abul Hossain Mollah and other officials spoke in the workshop.

Two alleged dacoits arrested
RANGAMATI, Nov 7: Two persons were arrested in the Chandraghona and Kawkhali area here Sunday on charges of dacoity and other criminal cases, reports UNB.
Acting on secret information, police arrested Abdul Halim, son of Siddique Ahmed, of Kodala in Rangunia thana from Chandraghona area. In another drive police raided Betbunia area in Kawkhali thana and arrested Abdul Quddus, son of Abdul Mannan. They were sent to jail *hajati*.

Dacoity committed at Sebragam
RAMGATI (Laxmipur), Nov 7: A dacoity was committed at late night at Sebragam Bazar here, police said, reports UNB.
According to witnesses, a gang of armed dacoits in the guise of police asked the shopkeepers to open the door at about 2 am on the night of October 28. Later the hoodlums tied up five shopkeepers and looted their cash and valuables worth over Tk one lakh. After the incident people caught one Alauddin for his alleged involvement with the dacoity and beat him up. Later Alauddin filed a case against 12 people with the local police for the assault.

'Raas Mela' opens
DINAJPUR, Nov 7: The State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock, Satish Chandra Roy, inaugurated the traditional 'Raas Mela' of the Hindu community at Kantaji temple here on Wednesday, reports APB.
Members of the community organise the fair every year at the Kantaji temple premises in observance of the Raas full moon. More than one lakh Hindu pilgrims from different parts of the country assembled at the fair this year.

Relief received from PM's fund
NARSINGDI, Nov 7: The district administration received Taka 75 lakh from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for repairing the houses damaged by the recent devastating flood, reports BSS.
The amount has already been distributed among 15,000 flood affected families in six thanas and two pourashavas of Narsingdi district. Each family has received Taka 500 for repairing their houses. The people affected by prolonged flood have been striving to rebound from the blow of the devastating natural calamity.

Six-year-girl raped
SHARIATPUR, Nov 7: A 6-year-old girl was raped allegedly by a fisherman on the bank of the river Padma at Kachikata on Wednesday, reports UNB.
Family sources said an unidentified fisherman took Samiya Akhter to a nearby paddy field and raped her. The miscreant left her senseless bleeding profusely. She went to the river side for collecting oysters. Local people later rushed her to a local clinic. After the incident the angry people beat up a suspected fisherman and damaged his boat.

LGED sanction for completion of projects
MEHERPUR, Nov 7: The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has sanctioned Taka 95 lakh for completion of a number of projects in Meherpur district in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.
According to LGED office, the projects include construction and reconstruction of roads, bridge and culverts in Gongni and Meherpur sadar thanas.

Old-age allowance distributed
BAGERHAT, Nov 7: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukder Abdul Khaleque distributed old-age allowance among some widows and deserted women in Rampal thana here Wednesday, reports APB.
He also addressed separate rallies at two unions of the thana on the occasion of distribution of the lump sum grant among the poor women. The minister said the government introduced the allowance for distressed women all over the country under which 10 such women of every ward have been receiving a monthly allowance of Tk 100 each. Some four lakh men and women were being provided with the old-age allowance, he added.

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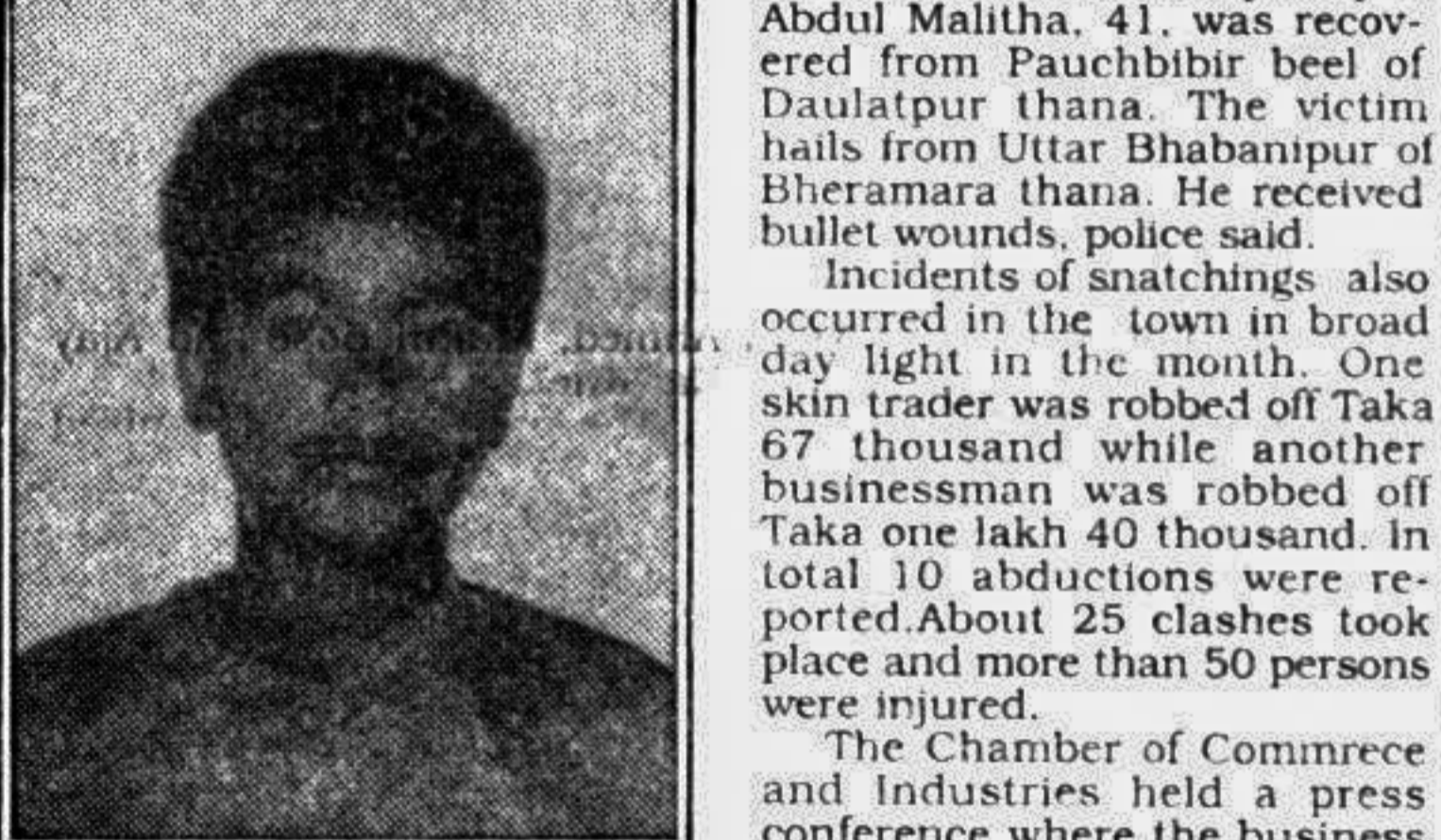
PABNA: Dr Shafiqur Rahman, leader of the medical team of Trinamul Manobik Unnayan Sangstha, a non-governmental organisation of Kashinathpur union in Santhia thana recently distributed medicine free of cost among the flood victims.



SYLHET: Erosion has taken a serious turn recently in Jakiganj thana. (From Left) The river Kushiara has devoured a vast tract of land at village Gangajal. (Centre): Sharp fall in water level of the Kushiara during the last few weeks has intensified the erosion. Huge croplands have already gone under river near village Manikpur. (Right) Kuti Miah, a 70-year-old villager of village Gangajal showing the place where his dwelling house was situated before erosion. A total of 20 dwelling houses have gone into the river bed. Every year such erosion reducing the Bangladesh territory and enlarging the Indian territory on the other side of the border. — Star photo by Iqbal Siddiquee

Law and order worsens in Kushtia, Faridpur dists

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Nov 7: Law and order situation has deteriorated in the district in recent time.
In the month of September 1998 there were 17 murders, 25 clashes and 10 abductions. Fifty others were injured in clashes. There were also some incidents of hijacking including the hijacking of the motorcycle of a police sergeant.
On September 5, Awlad 35, and Tofazzal, 26, were killed by the members of an outlawed Party near Kandapdia Bridge of sadar thana. On September 7 armed terrorists killed Shariful, 40, and Mannan, 35, in Badsha Bazar of sadar thana. On September 11, Abdus Satter Fakir, 50, was killed after being kidnapped by armed terrorists from Chowrangji Bazar of Kumarkhali thana.
On the same night truck driver Nawab Ali, 52, was killed by armed dacoits at Laxmipur bazar on Kushtia-Jhenidah Road, 13 miles away from Kushtia town. The victim was carrying potato in his truck. On September 16, Nazrul Islam Nazu, 40, son of Late Bhanu Mondol was killed by stabbing in connection with killing of a dog at village Goabari of Philipnagar union in Daulatpur thana.
On September 22, a group of Biplabi Communist Party shot dead Alek, 30, an accomplice of JSD leader Jamal of village Adabaria of Bagulata thana. On the same day body of Abdul Malitha, 41, was recovered from Pauchbibir beel of Daulatpur thana. The victim hails from Uttar Bhabanipur of Bheramara thana. He received bullet wounds, police said.
Incidents of snatchings also occurred in the town in broad day light in the month. One skin trader was robbed off Taka 67 thousand while another businessman was robbed off Taka one lakh 40 thousand. In total 10 abductions were reported. About 25 clashes took place and more than 50 persons were injured.
The Chamber of Commerce and Industries held a press conference where the business community expressed their concern over the deteriorating law and order situation. The SP, Additional SP, Sadar thana officer-in-charge and officer-in-charge of Kumarkhali thana were transferred by the government.
One police sergeant also lost his motor cycle. His motor cycle was stolen and it was yet to be recovered.



Bangladeshi boy gets US President's Education Award
By Staff Correspondent
Misha Rahman, a Bangladeshi school student studying in the United States recently received the US President's Education Award, 1998, in recognition of his outstanding educational improvement in pursuit of academic excellence.
Misha has been living in Los Angeles with his parents Mizanur Rahman and Sheully Rahman.

Probe body reveals Large-scale irregularities in leasing jalmahols, bazaars in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Nov 7: Large-scale irregularities in leasing out jalmahols, sairat mahols (Fishery, Sand and Stone Quarry), hats and bazaars in Sylhet district was detected on Friday by the enquiry committee formed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee of the Ministry of Land.
The five-member probe body sat at a meeting at the Sylhet Circuit House in the afternoon. The body included Prime Minister's Advisor for Parliamentary Affairs Suranjit Sengupta MP, Enamul Haque MP, Abdul Latif Siddiqi MP, Julfikar Ali MP, and Salahuddin Ahmed MP.
Land Secretary Omar faruque also accompanied the body. The meeting was also attended by Syeda Zehrunesa Haque MP, Mujibur Rahman Manik MP, Imran Ahmed MP, Syed Abu Nosor PP and ANM Shaiful Haque, General Secretary of Sylhet district Awami League.
It was revealed in the meeting that 30 jalmahols in the district had long been lying open and being cultivated by unauthorised groups due to unknown reasons. The probe body members expressed their dissatisfaction over the matter. They charged the district officials for the failure. The authorities, however, could not show satisfactory reasons for such irregularities.
Besides, it was also revealed in the meeting that most of the jalmahols in the district had been lying 'unleased' for the last nine months. Officials like the Divisional Commissioner, DC, ADC (Revenue), RDC, District Fisheries Officer and District Co-Operative Officer failed to justify the situation. They were rebuked openly by the probe body members during the two and-a-half-hour meeting held at the Circuit House.

Death sentence to killers of Bangobandhu demanded
From Our Correspondent
GOPALGANJ, Nov 7: A week long programme was chalked out by the district unit of Awami League and its associate organisations from Monday morning demanding death punishment to the killers of Father of the Nation Bangobandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and jail killers of four national leaders Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Captain Mansur Ali and AHM Kamruzzaman.

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Jail Killing Day observed in districts

KHULNA, Nov 7: The Jail Killing Day was observed here on November 3 with due solemnity, reports BSS.
Awami League and its front organisations chalked out a day long programme in memory of the martyred national leaders.
In observance of the day, a public meeting was held on the day at the local Shaheed Hadis Park. Presided over by the president of Khulna city Awami League advocate Manjurul Imman, the meeting was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleque, Monnujir Sultan MP, Sekander Ali Dalim MP, Awami League presidium member Shamsur Rahman Mani, advocate Shaikh Mohammad Ali, SMA Rob, Prof Hosne Ara Runu, Mohila League and leaders of Juba League, Chhatra League, Krishak League and Sramik League.
The speakers demanded immediate punishment to the killers of Father of the Nation Bangobandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and four national leaders.
Netrakona district units of Awami League and its front organisations including Juba League and Chhatra League chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.
The programmes including placing of floral wreaths at the portrait of four national leaders, wearing of black badges, *Quran khawni mlad mahfil*, special prayer and discussion meeting and feeding of destitutes.
A public meeting sponsored by Netrakona district Awami League was held at Netrakona Shaheed Minar premises.
A central working committee member of Bangladesh Awami League advocate Fazlur Rahman Khan MP attended the meeting as the chief guest while vice president of Netrakona district Awami League advocate Sadiruddin Ahmed was in the chair.
Similar programmes were also arranged in all the districts of the country in observance of the day.

Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Rangamati Road Division

Short Notice of RHD Inviting Tenders

- Tender Notice No : 2/EE/RHD/1998-99.
- Name of work : As per Group List.
- Estimated cost : As per Group List.
- Earnest money : As per Group List.
- Time allowed : As per Group List.
- Eligibility of contractor : As per Group List.
- Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Chittagong Divisional Commissioner, Ctg./Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Rangamati/Khagrachhari-III/P & D Division, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Ctg./Planning Division, (Roads & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & Road Sub-Division-III/Chandraghona /1st Line Mechanical Sub-Division, Rangamati under this division up to 18.11.98.
- Name of officer to receive tender : The Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Ctg. Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Ctg./Divisional Commissioner, Ctg./Superintending Engineer (RHD), Roads Circle, Rgtl/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Rangamati.
- Last date of receipt of tenders : Up to 12:30 PM on 19.11.98.
- Date & time of opening Bids : At 12:05 PM on 25.11.98 by the undersigned or his authorised representative in his office chamber in presence of the intending tenderers if they like to remain present.
- Date & time of lottery (if necessary) : On 30.11.98 at 11:30 AM.
- Chargeable to : 168-RBF.
Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted Contractors of RHD as per financial & jurisdiction power under general category for the above mentioned work.

NB: Work order will be issued after getting the Fund.

Group No	Name of location of the work	Group List				
		Chargeable to	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 (One)	Flexible pavement works by Re-Sectioning damaged pavement portion & repairing existing macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 19th & 20th KM of RMMK Road (Manik-Chari-Mohalchhari Portion) under Rgtl. Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 45,29,009/-	Tk. 90,585/-	80 (Eighty) days	A to C general category of RHD, Department.
2 (Two)	Re-Construction of RM K Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari portion) by Flexible Pavement work at damaged road bed at 15 KM (P) 16th KM (P) & 17th KM (P) of the road under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 36,75,582/-	Tk. 73,515/-	70 (Seventy) days.	-Do-
3 (Three)	Flexible Pavement works by Re-Sectioning Damaged Portion and improvement existing damaged macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 24th KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 32,43,842/-	Tk. 64,880/-	70 (Seventy) days	-Do-
4 (Four)	Flexible Pavement by Re-Sectioning Damaged Portion and improvement existing damaged macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 23rd KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 25,12,007/-	Tk. 50,245/-	60 (Sixty) days	-Do-
5 (Five)	Flexible Pavement works by Re-Sectioning Damaged Portion and improvement to damage existing macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 36th KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari Portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 23,77,521/-	Tk. 47,555/-	60 (Sixty) days	A to D General Category of RHD, Department.
6 (Six)	Flexible Pavement work by Re-Sectioning in the damaged portion and improvement to damage existing Macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 37th KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari Portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 23,56,507/-	Tk. 47,135/-	60 (Sixty) days	-Do-
7 (Seven)	Flexible Pavement work by Re-Sectioning damaged Portion and improvement existing damaged macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 25th KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari Portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 22,26,459/-	Tk. 44,530/-	55 (Fifty five) days	-Do-
8 (Eight)	Flexible Pavement works by Re-Sectioning in the Damaged Pavement and Improvement to damaged existing Macadam with carpeting & seal coat work of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari portion) at 14th KM of Rd under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 20,66,298/-	Tk. 41,330/-	55 (Fifty-Five) days	-Do-
9 (Nine)	Flexible Pavement work by Re-Sectioning in the Damaged Portion and Improvement to damaged existing macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 38th KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 20,32,854/-	Tk. 40,660/-	55 (Fifty-Five) days	A to C General Category of RHD, Department.
10 (Ten)	Flexible Pavement works by Re-Sectioning in the Damaged Portion and Improvement to damaged existing Macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 39th KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari Portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 20,19,234/-	Tk. 40,385/-	55 (Fifty-Five) days	-Do-
11 (Eleven)	Flexible Pavement work by Re-Sectioning Damaged Portion and Improvement existing damaged macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 18th KM of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 13,97,787/-	Tk. 27,960/-	50 (Fifty) days	-Do-
12 (Twelve)	Flexible Pavement works by Re-Sectioning with Damaged Portion and Improvement to damaged existing Macadam with carpeting & seal coat work at 39th KM (P) of RMMK Road (Manikchhari-Mohalchhari Portion) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 1998-99	168 RBF	Tk. 12,98,951/-	Tk. 25,980/-	50 (Fifty) days	-Do-

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