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Pregnant woman killed by husband

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 18: A pregnant woman in Raiganj thana was killed by her husband over a family dispute on Tuesday night, police said, reports APB.

The victim was identified as Nurunnahar Khatun, 22, daughter of Nawsher Ali of Panchila in the thana. She was married to Shahidul Islam of neighbouring Horgati village three years ago. Shahidul hit the abdomen of his seven month's pregnant wife Nurunnahar with a stick while she was locked in a brawl with him as sequel to hot exchanges with her in-laws during the day time. She died instantaneously. Autopsy of the body was held at a local hospital. Killer husband along with his family members were absconding.

Father hands over son to police

JALAKATI, Dec 18: A father handed over his 'disobedient' son to police at village in Rajapur thana of the district on last Saturday, reports APB.

Family members said Ajmal, 22, did not study, frequently wanted money from his father and ransacked household articles if his demands were not met. Repeatedly being annoyed, the father, Jahangir Hossain of village West Phuluhar, lodged a complaint and brought Ajmal to the police station.

Eight shops gutted

NOAKHALI, Dec 18: A devastating fire at Sonapur Bazar in Sudharman thana early Wednesday gutted at least eight shops causing an estimated loss of one crore taka, reports UNB.

Firefighters said the fire generated from a garment shop at about 3:45 am and sharply engulfed other shops. Family members of district Jatiya Party president Fazley Elahi are the owners of all the shops - medicine, shoe, garment and stationary and a shoe factory. As the firefighters were late to reach the spot, angry people held them in protest. Sudharman police rushed in and saved them from the wrath of the mob. Deputy Commissioner KMD Abul Kalam, Muhammad Shahjahan MP and poura Chairman Rabiu Hossain visited the spot.

Gambling in name of housie going on

PANCHAGARH, Dec 18: Gambling in the shape of game of housie has been going on unabated at the local stadium without any check for quite sometime now, reports APB.

Many have been rendered paupers as a result of taking part in this form of gambling. Strangely enough, this has been going on under the banner of Panchagarh District Sports Association. Locals complained that youths of the town got involved in this form of gambling. Members of the law enforcing agencies remained silent, it was alleged.

Tourist drowns in Kaptai Lake

RANGAMATI, Dec 18: A young tourist drowned in the Kaptai Lake on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Suman Dey, 20, who was in a group of 29 tourists from Pathargata, Chittagong, drowned in the lake while playing with the mates. He was rescued within half an hour and rushed to the general hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Dredging work yet to be finished

PATUAHALI, Dec 18: The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), which started dredging of the river Kirtonkhola on October 23, is yet to finish the work, reports APB.

But local people say the project will not benefit them unless the seven tributaries of the river are dredged. Sources in BIWTA office at Barisal and that they had identified four ghat points for immediate dredging, which would have involved dredging of one lakh cubic feet of silt by November 30. But this could not be achieved yet.

Discussion on Begum Rokeya

MADRIPUR, Dec 18: A discussion on the life and works of Begum Rokeya to mark Rokeya Day was held here on December 9, reports BSS.

Organised by the district women affairs office, the discussion was presided over by Mohammad Abdus Sattar Mollah, district women affairs officer. A colourful rally participated by women of all walks of life was brought out in the town on the occasion. Besides, several women organisations including Mahila Sangstha and Mahila Parishad organised different programmes to pay tributes to the pioneer of women liberatory.

Workshop on public adminn reforms

TANGAIL, Dec 18: ATM Shamsul Haque, Chairman, Public Administration Reforms Commission held a meeting with local officials and political leaders at circuit house recently, reports BSS.

He attended workshop, sponsored by ADAB on 'public opinion on public administration reform' at Gopalganj Public Library. He said, the aim of the present government is to reform public administration for the welfare and development of the country. One hundred twenty-five participants including officials, elite and NGO representatives attended the workshop. Zahir Hossain, President, Tangail branch of ADAB presided over the function.

Sanction for renovation of edn instts

NAOGAON, Dec 18: The government has sanctioned over Tk 6.50 crore for renovation of 50 educational institutions in the district, reports UNB.

Officials said of the total amount Tk 3.57 crore has been allocated for 21 non-government high schools, Tk 51 lakh for three government high schools, Tk 1.17 crore for three private colleges, Tk 1.8 crore for two government colleges and Tk 11 lakh for one madrasa.

Law and order reviewed

NARSINGDI, Dec 18: The monthly meeting of the district law and order committee was held on Monday at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room, reports BSS.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Narsingdi Rafiqul Islam, the meeting was attended, among others, by Police Super Maklesur Rahman, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev) Abu Baker Mohammed Shahjahan, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rev) Bijan Kanti Sarker, Pourasava chairman Abdul Matin Sarker. The members of the committee discussed the prevailing law and order situation in six thanas of the district and called upon the law and enforcing agencies to take necessary effective measures against criminals and anti-social elements.

Children's Rights Week observed

MANIKGANJ, Dec 18: The local Shishu Academy chalked out various programmes to mark the Children's Rights Week in Manikganj town and other areas of the district, reports BSS.

The programmes included colourful rally, recitation, essay and debate competitions and a discussion meeting. On the concluding day a prize distribution ceremony was held at the local government high school premises. Presided over by Md Abdur Razzak, Deputy Commissioner, Manikganj, the function was addressed, among others, by Sultanuddin Ahmed, Headmaster, Government High School and Md Ayub Hossain, district children affair's officer. The function was followed by a musical soiree participated by children.

10kg tumor removed from stomach

CHANDPUR, Dec 18: A 10 kilogram tumor was removed from the stomach of a housewife at Chandpur Maternity Hospital recently, reports APB.

Hospital sources told this correspondent that the patient, Mosammat Shefali Begum, 28, had been suffering from acute stomach pain for the last four years till the removal of the tumor. She is the wife of one Anjed Hossain of village Torkaj in Matlab thana. She had been on homeopathic medicine before receiving hospital treatment.

Human Rights Day observed

MADRIPUR, Dec 18: The World Human Rights Day was observed here recently with a vow to promote the noble ideals of human rights for creating a happy and healthy society, reports BSS.

Government and non-government organisations and district offices of various international agencies arranged various programmes and held functions to mark the day. Bangladesh Human Rights Commission, Madaripur district unit held a discussion at the paurosova auditorium of this occasion in the afternoon. Vice-President of Madaripur unit of the organisation Muhammad Basharrullah presided over the meeting. Secretary of the organisation A K M Nurunnabi read out the main paper on human rights.

'Aus' crops worth Tk 32cr produced

COMILLA, Dec 18: Some 41,000 metric tons of 'Aus' crops worth about Tk 32 crore were produced here during the last season, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, about 1.03 lakh metric tons of various crops worth about Tk 150 crore were damaged during the recent devastating flood. Sources said, in last Kharif season, 'Aus' paddy was cultivated on some 68,704 hectares of land and different vegetables on some 4,465 hectares in 12 thanas of the district. Of them, 'Aus' paddy on some 57,618 hectares and vegetables on 4,041 hectares were affected by the deluge and other natural calamities. The farmers said 'Aus' paddy on some 48,482 hectares worth about Tk 49.91 crore and vegetables on 3,274 hectares worth about Tk 31.73 crore were completely damaged.

Victory Day celebrated in dists

The Victory Day was celebrated in all the districts of the country with much enthusiasm, report agencies.

In Narayanganj, the highlights of the day's programme included a 21-gun salute early in the morning, hoisting of national flag atop all public and private buildings, garlanding on the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, painting competition, reception to the family members of martyred and disabled freedom fighters, supply of improved diet to the inmates of the hospital and orphange centres, special prayers and discussions.

An impressive rally of ansars, VDP, police, boys scouts, girl guides, ravers, BNCC and blue birds was held at Osmangazi Stadium in the morning.

Parliament member AKM Shamsul Islam, Deputy Commissioner Abdur Rahman, Police Super Samaul Haq and a large number of people were present on the occasion.

The best participants were awarded prizes.

In Rajshahi, the day's programme began with the booming of 21-gun salute early in the morning at local police line.

Different socio-cultural, educational and political organisations including Rajshahi University, Rajshahi City Corporation, local units of Bangladesh Awami League, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Mukti Joddha Sangsads and the Islamic Foundation celebrated the Victory Day in a befitting manner.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinnatun Nessa Talukder and Rajshahi City Awami League leaders garlanded the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and four national leaders - Syed Nazmul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Capt Monsur Ali and AHM Kamaruzzaman at the party office in the morning.

A victory day procession, led by Prof Zinnatun Nessa Talukder, was brought out from 'Allupatir Mor' and ended near Rajshahi Zilla Parishad.

A grand reception was accorded to the freedom fighters in the zilla parishad auditorium. Prof Zinnatun Nessa attended the function as the chief guest. Divisional Commissioner Khan Shahabuddin, DIG, Police and Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Commissioner (RMP), among others, were present on the occasion.

A combined parade of police, ansars, VDP, members, boys scouts, BNCC and juvenile organisations was held at the local stadium. Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Khan Shahabuddin took the salute at the parade.

Special prayers were offered at different mosques after Zohr prayers and other places of worship seeking continued peace, progress and solidarity of the nation.

Rajshahi City Corporation organised a six-day Bijoy Mela at local Bhurban Mohan Park in celebration of the Victory Day.

The day's programmes also included blood donation, cultural function, Quran Khwani, discussions, friendly cricket and football matches, children's art competition and drama based on the Liberation War.

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