

Seminar on 'traffic management' held

Road mishap rate in Bangladesh highest in Asia

By Staff Correspondent

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tion in Dhaka has been estimated to cause 15,000 premature deaths and several million cases of illness every year. Studies last year showed that Dhaka's air during dry season in November-January contained an average of 463 nanograms of lead, one of the highest levels in the world.

Khoka condemns police action on BNP activists

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka city BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka has strongly condemned and protested police action and terrorists attack on party's "peaceful" gherao of electricity office programme in the city yesterday.

Ctg customs seize 13000 tolas of gold in 12 years

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Apr 22: About 13 thousand tolas of smuggled gold were seized by customs officials from Chittagong airport and seaport during the past 12 years, sources said.

CHITTAGONG, Apr 22: A special team of the railways police recovered ten modern light guns from a brief-case at Sylhet bound Paharika express just prior to its departure from the railway station today, reports BSS.

maintain high channel with the administration and political parties, they added. Also, some local smugglers pay a huge amount to the identified terrorists to run their business undisturbed.

Mass reception to Hasina to be aired live on BTv

The 51-member Steering Committee, constituted to accord a reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for receiving the UNESCO Peace Award, at its first meeting yesterday formed several sub-committees to make the reception a success, reports BSS.

Layoff in Chittagong Steel Mills in a month

The government decided to declare layoff in the Chittagong Steel Mills Limited within a month for conducting BMRE in the outworn industrial unit, reports UNB.

Chairman KAM Kamaluddin, Industries Secretary KM Ijazul Huq and concerned high officials were also present.

per cent retrenchment benefits for 20 to 25 years the perks will be 18 per cent and for 25 years or more 13 per cent.

Discussion postponed

By DU Correspondent

The discussion meeting on Shaheed Madhusudan Dey, popularly known as Madhuda, has been postponed, said a press release yesterday.



A BNP demonstration in the city yesterday as part of the party's protest programme that included laying siege to the office of Power Development Board (PDB) yesterday.

DU inter hall debate held

By DU Correspondent. The award giving ceremony of Third Inter Hall Debate Competition '99 and debaters' reunion was held at the Teachers and Students Centre (TSC) auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday afternoon.

One killed in road accident

Sajwar Hossain Khan, a bus driver, was killed when he was knocked down by a speeding truck near Momenbag in the city on Wednesday night, reports BSS.



Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram at the prize distribution ceremony arranged by Prof M Lutful Rahman Memorial Trust at the Bangladesh Agricultural University at Mymensingh yesterday.

Weather Temperature may not change

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely over the region of Sylhet till 6pm today.

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal.

Govt plans environment court

Environment journalists yesterday paraded city streets calling the government to clamp down on the polluters and enroaches immediately to clean the air and water and to protect rare species, reports BSS.

BUET admission test results announced

By DU Correspondent. Result of the admission test of first year honours classes for 1998-99 session of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) was announced yesterday.

Rashidpur Gas Field Drilling of another well begins today

From Iqbal Siddique. SYLHET, Apr 22: Drilling of a new well in the Rashidpur Gas Field in Habiganj district begins tomorrow, said an official last night.

Dawn-to-dusk hartal in Jaintapur thana on April 26

From Staff Correspondent. SYLHET, Apr 22: Dawn-to-dusk hartal has been called in Jaintapur thana on April 26 to press 6-point demand of Jainta Janadal Parishad.

APEC-Bangladesh Friendship Society formed

"APEC-Bangladesh Friendship Society" was formed last Tuesday with Tanvir Newaz Khan and ATM Saidul Alam as President and Secretary General respectively, reports BSS.

RD scheme brings smile to rural women in Tangail

By Reaz Ahmad, back from Tangail. A wide variety of fish including Rui, Mrigel, Katla and Silver Carp glitter in midday sun as fishermen net those. Sitting nearby are poor village women, their faces beaming with hopes for better days.

Fertiliser

From page 1. Another official said ammonia leakage was sometimes so serious that workers and officials, while working on the reactors, had to keep slipping vinegar to reduce the risk of suffocation.

Home Minister addresses rally in Jessore

Police will have to win their fight against terrorists

JHUMJHUPUR (Jessore), Apr 22: As the country's police chief yesterday declared "war" against terrorists in the southwestern region, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim told the law enforcers they would have to win it, reports UNB.

Kamalapur Rly Station murder still a mystery

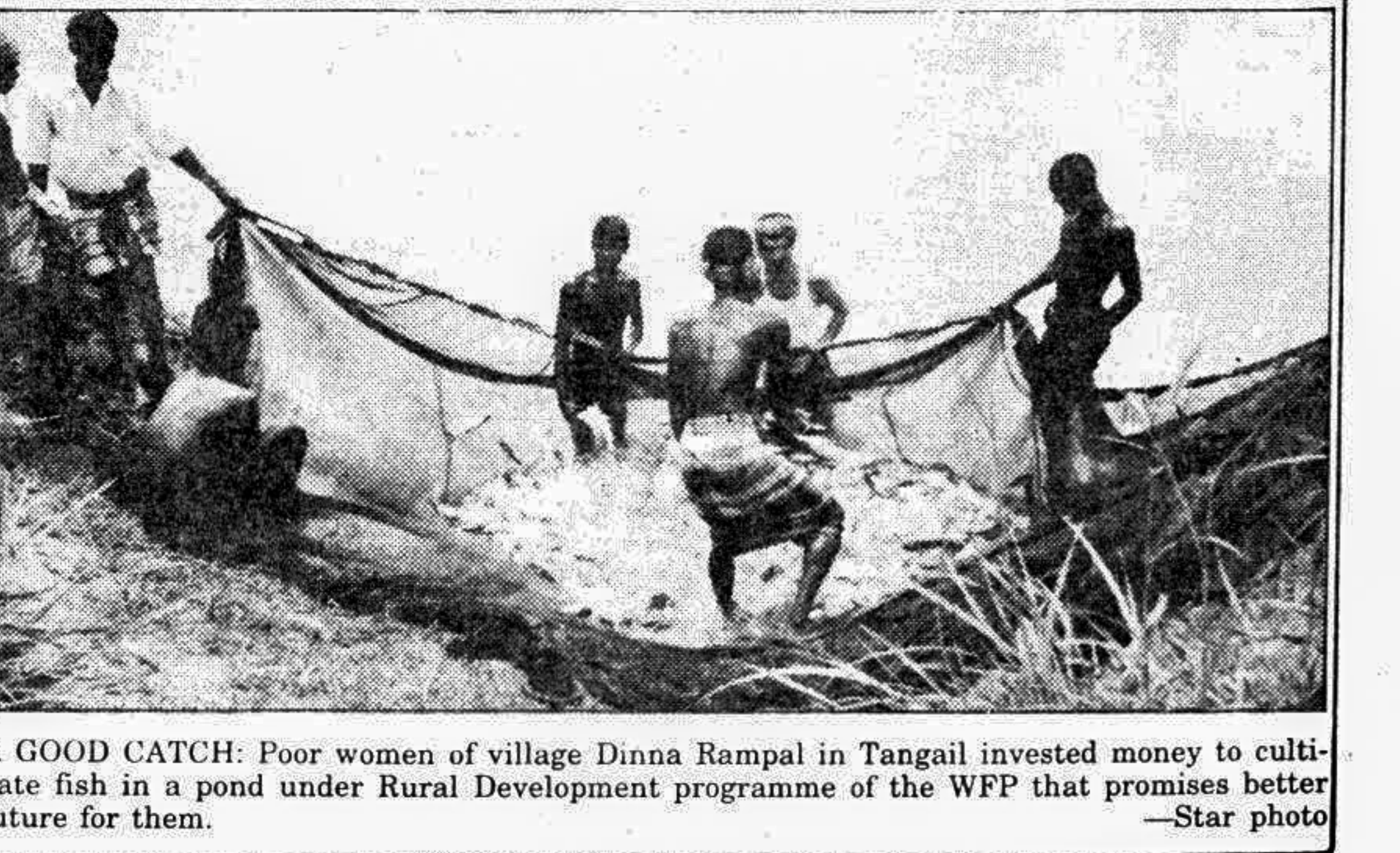
By Staff Correspondent. Identity of the young man whose beheaded body was found on the rooftop of Kamalapur railway station platform tunnel on April 19 could not be ascertained till yesterday.

Obituary

Chand Sultana, wife of Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) died yesterday morning at Dr Salahuddin Hospital in Dhanmondi. She was 46, says a press release.

Chehlum

The chehlum of Farid Khan, will be held today after Maghreb prayers at his residence at 1/15 Humayun Road, Mohammadpur, says a press release.



A GOOD CATCH: Poor women of village Dinna Rampal in Tangail invested money to cultivate fish in a pond under Rural Development programme of the WFP that promises better future for them.