

News snaps

Law & order body meet held

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, May 10: The monthly meeting of District Law and Order Committee was held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room here recently.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Md. Rafiqul Islam, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Advocate Moslemuddin, MP, Prof. Matur Rahman, President of District Awami League, Prof. Abdur Razzak, Advocate Wazedul Islam, President of District Bar Association, Prof. ATM Lutfur Rahman and others.

Rally of landless

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 10: Landless people of Khoksa thana brought out a procession recently in support of their demand for allotment of khas land.

The processionists began their march from village Komorhoga and paraded the streets and went to TNO office under the leadership of Niamat Ali and Altaf Hossain, commander of Ansar, VDP and freedom fighter. They submitted a memorandum containing their demands to TNO, Khoksa. They said that these landless people were living on shoal emerged from the bed of the river Goral. But some terrorists of Saitupura thana are constantly attacking them to evict from their houses and take possession of those land. They demanded of the administration to save them from the attack of terrorists and allot land officially in their favour. TNO assured them of all possible help in this respect.

Vegetable farming scheme

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, May 10: The Agriculture Extension Department (AED) here has taken up an extensive scheme to cultivate vegetables on 28,800 hectares of land in 11 districts of Barisal zone under intensive summer crop production programme in the current season with a production target of 3,600,000 tonnes, according to an official source.

District-wise break-up of land and target of production is as follows: 2,800 hectares of land will be brought under vegetables cultivation with a production target of 35,000 tonnes in Barisal, 1,800 hectares in Pirojpur with a production target of 22,500 tonnes, 1,800 hectares in Jhalakathi with a production target of 22,500 tonnes, 1,800 hectares in Bholi with a production target of 22,500 tonnes, 2,800 hectares in Patuakhali with a production target of 35,000 tonnes, 1,800 hectares in Barguna with a production target of 22,500 tonnes.

2 killed in road mishaps

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, May 10: Two persons were killed in separate road accidents in a week, police and family sources said.

Mohammed Abdul Hai, 60, of village Mouli under Muhammadiupur thana was crushed under the wheels of the bus on Magura-Muhammadpur pucca road recently. Besides, Nurpur, 18, son of Abdul Gafur at village Alokdia under Sadar thana was also crushed under the wheels of the truck recently at Kaligonj when he was going to see the biggest banyan tree of Sitatala of Kaligonj from his grand father's house.

Rajshahi AL's programmes

RASRIAHI, May 10: The ruling Awami League will observe the silver jubilee of its founding, according to some senior party

sources. The functions will be undertaken in the five divisional headquarters in phases, but those are yet to be finalised, they said. AL Presidium member Amir Hossain Amu who is Convenor of the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee, will meet party leaders of 16 northern districts here on April 28 to finalise the programmes, they said.

Undesirable person

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 10: Advocate Fazley Rabbi, MP, was declared an undesirable person by Jatiya Party, Gaibandha district unit recently.

On April 29, the district unit of Jatiya Party held the meeting at the office premises which was presided over by Abdur Rashid Sarker, MP. The meeting was addressed by Lutfar Rahman Chowdhury, MP, Waheduzzaman Sarker, MP, Ragib Hasan Chowdhury, Rezaunabi Raju and Fazley Karim Pallab. The meeting took the decision following Rabbi's joining in Jatiya Party (Mizan) faction.

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পানন্দে জাতীয় অঞ্চলিক প্রতীক

Managing Director, Karmaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of financing for the following items under two envelope system:

Tender No	Materials	Opening date	Cost of Tender
1. F/35/MPIC-20/ 32/99/POP	Horizontal Centrifugal Pump - 2 Nos	7.6.99	Tk. 100/-
2. F/50/MPIC-63/ 38/99/POP	Baling Hoops - 80 MT	7.6.99	Tk. 250/-
3. F/51/MPIC-62/ 42/99/POP	Phosphor Bronze Wire	7.6.99	Tk. 250/-
4. F/52/MPIC-70/ 40/99/POP	Dryer Screen	7.6.99	Tk. 100/-

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min. Tk.1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11:00 AM in the mentioned date and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender document on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Dy. Chief Accountant, Karmaphuli Paper Mills Ltd., 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha Com. Area, Dhaka on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

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BJMC Advertisement International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Dy. General Manager, Bagdad-Dhaka Carpet Factory, North Kattali, Chittagong from the bonafide Local Agents/Foreign Suppliers for importing the (1) Dyes & Chemicals, (2) Ledger Blade & Spare Parts & Accessories (for Jute Carpet Machineries), (3) Ball, Roller, Tapper, Needle & Thrust bearing.

Tender will be received in the form of quotation/indent mentioning the full specification of the materials in the tender box kept in the BJMC, Head Office, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, BJMC, CZ, 99-Sattar Chamber, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & mill office at North Kattali, Chittagong up to 14-6-99 Noon on 12-00 Noon and this will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of tenderers (if any).

Tenderers must have to enclose the earnest money Tk 5000/- (Taka five thousand) only refundable for each group in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of Baghdad-Dhaka Carpet Factory, North Kattali, Chittagong.

Tender schedule with full details will be available with the Dy. General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Dy. General Manager (A&F), BJMC, CZ, 99-Sattar Chamber, Agrabad, C/A, Chittagong & Manager (A&F), Bagdad-Dhaka Carpet Factory, North Kattali, Chittagong during office hours against cash payment Tk 100/- (one hundred) only per set of schedule of each group.

No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date. No tender shall be considered without earnest money and the successful bidders shall be converted into the security deposit after placing order. Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason.

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Bumper harvest of Boro paddy has been achieved in almost all the districts of the country. Photo shows growers harvesting paddy from Rakhalgachha village in Shingra thana of Natore district.

— Star photo

Valuable timbers smuggling out from southern dists

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL. May 10: Huge quantity of valuable timbers are being lifted and smuggled out to different destinations from Barguna and Patuakhali forest ranges for a long time.

It is going on unabated despite different endeavours taken by the Forest Department to check smuggling.

A huge quantity of smuggled timbers are being sold to some saw mills and timber 'arats' at Swarupkuti of Pirojpur, Barguna, Patuakhali even at Barisal divisional headquarters.

The smuggling is going on by the smugglers in broad day light. According to local sources, huge timbers are being smuggled from the coastal forest areas, Fartr forest, Kazura forest, Laldia's forest including

some forest areas of the Sundarbans.

The valuable timbers include Sundari, Geoa, Kakra and some other timbers. Firstly, the timber logs are being taken to the nearby saw mills at Patharghat, Bannia and Betagi of Barguna, Mathbaria, Sawrakuti of Pirojpur, Galachipa, Rangabali, Mahipur, Barabaisdia, Ranagaldi, Dashmina, Kalpara of Patuakhali from where timber-logs are sowed and sized.

After that the timbers are smuggled to different destinations by beat, trawlers in the riverways, by trucks on roads through an organised gang of smugglers in the southern districts.

Most of the owners of the saw mills, built almost illegally are the local influential backed by political bigwigs and black money.

Local people said, this organised smugglers' gangs are felling and smuggling valuable timbers from the Sundarbans and its adjoining areas for a long time. They are doing so by defying the government, ban on cutting valuable trees like 'Sundari', 'Keora' and 'Pasur' including some other trees from the areas without having valid 'pass' from the concerned authorities.

Local people alleged that the Forest Department personnel remained unaware most of the time or remained silent about the illegal misdeeds of smugglers.

They also lodged cases against smugglers and deer hunters.

'Allah'r Mosjid' needs proper preservation as a tourist spot

From Staff Correspondent



'Allah'r Masjid' at Kashba in Barisal.

— Star photo

Terrorist Hana held in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA. May 10: Abdul Hannan alias Hana, 35, a notorious terrorist and one of the FIR named accused in 15 murder cases was arrested at midnight on Tuesday from Dalmil area under Sonadanga thana.

Acting on a tip-off, Almanga thana police of Chuadanga district nabbed the terrorist who has already been awarded death sentence for his involvement in several murders in different places of greater Khulna district.

He is an armed cadre of an outlawed organisation, police said.

College teacher held with arms

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA. May 10: Prof. Sakhawat Hossain, 30, of Daulatpur Day & Night College was arrested from his house at Matamangla village under Khanjanhan Ali thana early Wednesday.

Three pipe guns and cartridges were recovered from his possession.

Police said Prof. Sakhawat is an activist of the outlawed Biplabi Communist Party based in Kushtia and Chuadanga districts.

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Indecision in installing power sub-station

Opening of 250-bed Jessore General Hospital delayed

From Atiur Rahman

power Sub-Station is needed if the total power load exceeds 30 kilowatts.

Meanwhile, construction of the Power Sub-Station house along with other relevant items has been completed. But nothing has been done about the installation of power machines.

A source on condition of anonymity told The Daily Star that non-availability of the machine at the rate, mentioned in the schedule, has been the cause of this delay. The market price of it is far above the rate quoted, the sources added.

Another source told that this problem has been brought to the notice of the authorities concerned to revise the price rate enabling the contractor to make the supply.

It is also learnt that the appointment of 80 additional manpower has now been suspended for allegation of corruption and malpractice of the recruiting authority.

The source claimed that there was no material ground for the delay in opening the hospital.

The hospital may start functioning at any moment if the cases of a total of 125 new appointments are settled and Power Sub-Station is installed.

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secretary of Health Ministry, was formed to enquire into it and report.

The Civil Surgeon, Jessore and Residential Medical Officer (RMO), General Hospital, Jessore have been transferred on the basis of this report.

Similar allegations have also been reported regarding the appointment of 45 other medical personnel including Hospital Director, Additional Director, Senior Staff Nurses and Officers. Their appointment are still pending for decision.

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Worst LP gas crisis in N-region

From A Correspondent

BOGRA. May 10: Price of LP gas has shot up in the northern districts due to its acute scarcity.

LP gas which was sold at the rate of Taka 300 per cylinder earlier is now being sold between Taka 500 and 800. LP gas is not available in Rangpur, Panchagarh and Rajshahi even after payment of double the price. At Panchagarh the gas is not available even after payment of Taka 800 per cylinder. Each cylinder of LP gas was available there at that rate during the last week.

Out of the total Padma supplied 28 thousand eight hundred 95 gas cylinders were supplied from Baghabari depots of Padma, Jamuna and Meghna. On May 6 the stock of 124 cylinders remained with Padma, 227 cylinders and 62 cylinders of LP gas remained with Meghna.

When contacted with the regional office of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation(BPC), they said that stoppage of operation at Chittagong Eastern Refinery has attributed to crisis of LP gas in this region. However, the Eastern Refinery is expected to resume operation on May 27 next, BPC sources said.

BCIC International Re-Tender Notice

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Managing Director, NGFF Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet invites sealed quotation against Tender Enquiry No. NGFF/P-430/MTS(EI/RS)/1822 for different type of Bearings on C&F(C) Chittagong basis under double envelope system. Local offer may be submitted by the Dealers/Distributors of Bearings only against the said tender. Tender documents may be purchased at Tk 50/- only per set from (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong (3) NGFF Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet on all working days during office hours. Tender will be received on 7.6.99 up to 11:00 hrs and will be opened in public immediately thereafter. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of the tender.

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