

## National

## News snaps

## Teenager commits suicide

From Our Correspondent  
MYMENSINGH, June 1 : A teenager has committed suicide recently by jumping under the wheels of a running train near Musulli railway station. The victim was identified as Khokon, 14, son of Aumjui Mia. Police said, Khokon committed suicide following an altercation with his mother over a trifling matter. He jumped under the wheels of a local train 'Issa Khan'. He died on the spot. The body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

## Separate incidents kill 2 teens

From Our Correspondent  
FARIDPUR, JUNE 1 : Two teenagers were killed in two separate incidents in Nagarkanda thana on May 20.

Sumon, son of Abdur Razzaq of village Madanpur under Ramkantapur union was seriously injured when a bunch of green palm fell on him suddenly. Some one was cutting the tree at that time. The victim was standing beneath the tree. He was immediately rushed to Faridpur Medical College Hospital (FMC) where he succumbed to his injuries at dead of night. In a similar incident another teen named Milan of Gatti union died on the spot when a bunch of green palm tree fell on him. Two separate cases were lodged with Nagarkanda thana in these connections.

## Technical fault in telegraph circuit

JAMALPUR, June 1 : Local people are facing difficulties in sending important telegraphic messages to different parts of the country due to technical fault in the telegraphic circuit.

The sufferers said the process of sending messages is seriously hampered as important telegrams had to be sent by post for the last three years. Telegraph office sources said that a machine in the telegraph circuit suddenly went out of order paralysing the network. There is no telegraph office in Jamalpur including all the seven police stations.

## Free medical camp

From Our Correspondent  
KUSHTIA, June 1 : About 100 poor and distressed women were given free treatment and medicine at a medical camp held here recently.

Harisankarpur Mahila Unnayan Samity, an welfare organisation organised the camp in its premises situated in Ward No 12 of Kushtia Pourasabha. Dr Aminul Huq Ratan, General Secretary of Kushtia sadar thana Awami League examined the patients and prescribed medicine for them. Rezia Sultana, President, Harisankarpur Mahila Unnayan Samity, Akratul Alam, officer of district women's Director and Enamul Huq were present.

## Fugitive arrested

COMILLA, June 1 : The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested fugitive from the Court Building area in the town on Sunday, reports UNB.

The arrested was identified as Saiful Islam alias Sohel of Kaptan Bazaar in the town. Acting on the confessional statement of Monzil and Jalal, who were arrested in a case on March 2, police raided the Court Building area and arrested Saiful.

## Work progressing

FENI, June 1 : The construction work of 35 barrack-type houses under Asrayan Project in two frontier villages of Parshuram thana is expected to be completed within the stipulated time, reports UNB.

Army personnel drawn from the 59th Division of Comilla Cantonment are constructing the houses — five in Baurguma and 30 in Guthuma villages — with financial assistance from Relief and Disaster Management Ministry. The construction work of the houses of Baurguma village started on May 12 and the army men completed 30 per cent of the works. On completion of the work, they will start construction of 30 more houses.

## HSC examinees expelled

SIRAJGANJ, June 1 : Two HSC examinees were expelled from Bagura Degree College centre in the sadar thana and arrested for adopting unfair means in the examination, reports APP.

Nurul Huda and Sohel Rana were caught by the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) when they were entering into the hall with answer scripts written outside during history examination, police said. The TNO handed them over to police who sent them to jail.

## Shortage of pry teachers

SHARIATPUR, June 1 : Primary education is hampering seriously in six thanas of the district due mainly to shortage of teachers, reports UNB.

Official sources said there are 1,643 posts of teachers in 396 primary schools in the district. Some 193 posts of teachers are lying vacant since long. Besides, school going children in the shoal areas, especially in Naria, Charatra, Naopatpara, Charmoni in sadar thana, Kunderchar Barokandi in Jazira thana, Charpara, Dukhpara and Kachikata in Vedenganj thana are facing difficulties due to the shortage.

## BNP leader killed

LAXMIPUR, June 1 : A local BNP leader was killed by armed assailants at West Battola in sadar thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said about six armed men dragged Abdul Kuddus, 32, Vice-President, sadar thana BNP, out of his house while he was taking food at 3 pm and slaughtered him to death. A case was filed with the police.

## Relief distributed

RAJBARI, June 1 : District Red Crescent unit distributed relief materials including rice and pulses among the disabled people at its office on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mohammad Amirul Karim inaugurated the distribution work. About 500 disabled people received the relief. Later on a discussion meeting was held aiming at finding ways of social rehabilitation of the disabled people. Presided over by the central manager of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Fakil Abdul Jabbar, the meeting was also addressed by General Secretary Dilu Ahmed, central delegate Mohammad Sanaujia, unit members Abdus Sattar, Hafizur Rahman, Zaki Hossain and Mohammad Dulal.

## Drug trader gets 7-yr RI

JHALAKATI, June 1 : A notorious drug trader was awarded seven years Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) with a fine of Taka 2,000, in default, to suffer for two months' more RI in a case here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The convict Raja Gomota, 35, was known as 'phenidyl emperor' in the town and also an accused of two other cases. Court sources said the case started after Raja was arrested from his residence with 62 bottles of phenidyl on November 12, 1997. But after releasing on bail he continued the illegal trade and was arrested again with phenidyl in last April. Judge of Special Tribunal, Judge Court (2) Mohammad Nurul Haq after examining the records and witnesses found Raja guilty and awarded the punishment.

## Valuables looted

LAXMIPUR, June 1 : Four dacoits were committed in two days in different parts of sadar thana in the last week, reports UNB.

Police and local people said a daring dacoit was committed at the house of Dr Abdul Quader of Dhananpur village in Hamchandi union on the night of May 14. The dacoits, numbering about 20 to 25, entered into the house by breaking open the door and decamped with valuables worth Taka Two lakh. On the same night, another dacoit was committed in the house of Kalimuddin Bhuiyan of village Kalidsherbeg in Hazirpara union. The dacoits also looted valuables from the house of Noor Nabi after beating the house owner.

## Bridge construction work progressing

TANGAIL, June 1 : Bashall Thana Engineering Department is constructing a 108 feet long foot-bridge over the river Jhinai on Natlapara - Kashil Road at a cost of Taka twenty nine lakh, reports BSS.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is supervising the work to be completed within this year. A substantial development in communication sector will be made in the area after completion of the construction of the bridge, local people commented.

## Wheat for uplift work

From Our Correspondent  
KUSHTIA, June 1 : A total of 331 metric tons of wheat were allocated for 29 projects of road and other infrastructural development in 11 unions of Kumarkhali thana.

These were damaged by the unprecedented flood last year. About 80 per cent work have been completed and 20 per cent work will be completed very soon, officials said. Besides, 65 projects were taken up before the flood in the thana and 114 metric tons of wheat were allocated for the purpose. The projects have already been completed, said Atta Rahman Biswas, the project implementation officer.



The birth centenary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was celebrated recently all over the country. At Natore a three-day programme was arranged befittingly at the local district council auditorium. Photo shows a local artiste rendering Nazrul songs on the occasion.

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## Nazrul's birth centenary celebrated at Trishal, Natore

By Staff Correspondent

The birth centenary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was celebrated in Natore and Mymensingh in a befitting manner.

**Our Mymensingh Correspondent says:** A three-day long national level programme was chalked out by the District Administration at Darirampur in Trishal thana where Nazrul stayed in his boyhood in 1914. The programme continued from May 25 to May 27.

Dr M Amanullah, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the function at Darirampur Academy ground as the chief guest. Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof Muhammed Hussain was present as special guest with Maulana Hafez Rahim Amin Madani MP, and Poet Gausur Rahman.

The function was also addressed, among others, by Prof Zafar Sharkeer, Altaf Hossain Golandaj MP, and Poet Gausur Rahman.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq addressed the last day's function as the chief guest while Azad Rahman, Director of Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy was present as special guest with Mukarram Hossain, Principal of Teachers' Training College (TTC) in the chair.

On the occasion, Darirampur wore a festive look.

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