

## National

## News snaps

## Old man abducted

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, June 7: An old man was abducted recently by a group of miscreants at village Atua Jungle in Bildora union of Haluaghata thana here.

The victim was identified as Lal Mamud.

According to the victim's family, a group of miscreants entered into the house of Lal Mamud at dead of night and abducted him. The miscreants demanded Taka three lakh as ransom while leaving the spot. Police are yet to rescue the victim or nab the culprits.

## Teen drowns

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, June 7: A teenage boy of village Puayel in Boalmari thana drowned recently.

According to local source, the victim, Shapan, son of Ananda Saha was playing near a pond when he suddenly fell down there. After searching for half an hour he was recovered from the pond. From there he was rushed to Boalmari hospital where the attending doctor declared him dead.

## Youth dies in train mishap

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 7: A young man was crushed under the wheels of an inter-city train at Islampur station on June 2 afternoon.

The victim was identified as Golam Mostafa, 24, of village Boira in Sarisabari thana. He met the tragic end of his life when he jumped out to get down from a speeding Teesta inter-city express train near Islampur station, according to eye witnesses. After autopsy the body was handed over to his relatives.

## Father killed by son

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, June 7: A father was brutally killed on Monday last by his son here at village Arangon in Alpara thana.

The victim, identified as Abdus Sattar (Dandu), 50, was killed by his son Jahangir Alam (Edumia), 22. Police sources said son of the deceased sold out a jackfruit tree without the consent of his father. A quarrel ensued between the two when the buyers came to cut the tree. At one stage the angry son hit his father with a lethal weapon. He was shifted to Netrakona Sadar Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

## 3 JSD Ganabahinim surrenders

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 7: Three armed activists of Jatiya Samajtantric Dal (JSD) Ganabahini had surrendered in the court with arms and ammunition on Tuesday.

They were Saidur Rahman, 27, and Phoolbabu, 22, of village Ratnapur and Badshah Mollah, 40, of village Bisnupur in Salkupura thana. A total of two rifles, two pistols, one charger and eight rounds of rifle bullets were deposited during surrender, court sources said.

## Free eye camp held

From A Correspondent

MAGURA, June 7: A seven-day free eye camp was held recently in Arpara Adorsho Government Primary School.

It was jointly organised by Shalikha thana administration and 'Bondhona Shilpi Gosthi'. Kopotaktho Lions club, Jessor collaborates in the programme. Advocate Biren Shikdar MP, inaugurated the eye camp, while Lion Ratna Rahmatullah, Lion Dr Azizul Haque was the special guest. A total of 350 patients were treated from the eye camp. A total of 33 patients were operated upon.

## Indian sugar loaded trucks seized

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 7: Two trucks loaded with Indian sugar were seized by anti-smuggling task force recently.

The task force was led by magistrate Ashraful Huq while BDR Jawans collaborated with the team. They also seized a Honda motor cycle and money amounting to Taka 44 thousand 425 from Trimohani on Kushtia-Bheramara road, three miles away from Kushtia. Four persons were arrested in this connection. The arrested persons are Mozibar, Rafiqul, Nazrul Islam and Shah Alam. The seized goods which included 553 bags of sugar. The goods and money have been deposited with Kushtia Customs personnel.

## Clash over harvesting: One killed

SIRAJGANJ, June 7: A farmer was killed and 20 others were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers over harvesting at Melandaha in Shahjadpur thana on Tuesday, reports APB.

Of the injured, nine were admitted to different hospitals in Sirajganj, Shahjadpur and Bera in Pabna. Police said the victim named Abdul Wadud, 39, died on the spot.

## Training on IPM

COMILLA, June 7: A day long training on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) was held at Jamirapara Primary School premises in Chandina thana on June 2, reports BSS.

About 250 farmers, agriculture officers and field workers attended the training. Agriculture Extension Department organised the training course. Additional Director Abdul Matin Talukdar was the chief guest in the training course. Deputy Director Abul Hossain Mollah, Thana Agriculture Officer Serajul Islam and Agriculture Officer Mritunjay Roy spoke on the occasion.



A shop being carried away by a truck of Narayanganj Pourasabha following launching of an eviction drive recently. — Star photo

## Valuables worth Tk 70,000 stolen

Noakhali, June 7: Thieves took away valuables worth about Tk 70,000 from two NGO offices of Raypur thana headquarters in one night, police said, reports UNB.

They said the robbers entered into the Proshika office by breaking its grille and took away a VCR, a cassette player and other valuables worth about Taka 50,000 recently. In another theft at BRAC office on the same night the thieves unlocking the office entered into it and took away valuables worth about Taka 20,000.

## Labourer dies as bag falls on him

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, June 7: A labourer of a husking mill at village Khobrak in the thana died when a gunny bag of rice fell upon him.

The victim identified as Moazzamul Haq, 35, was carrying the gunny bag on his shoulder to another place on May 24. Suddenly he slipped and fell down on the ground. The bag of rice fell upon him resulting in severe injuries. He was rushed to the Gaibandha hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

## Large scale unfair means in exam

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 7: The local district administration took stern measures to prevent the large scale copying in HSC examination halls here.

Armed battalion of police has been deployed in Bheramara and Daulatpur centres. On the sixth day of examination, 57 candidates were expelled from the Bheramara centre on charge of adopting unfair means. The number of expelled examinees from this centre rose to 126 in six days of examination.

## Election of Galachipa Pourasabha

PATUAHALI, June 7: The election of Galachipa Pourasabha was held on Saturday amid tight security, reports UNB.

The voter turnout in the election was 68.77 per cent.

Abu Taleb Miah was officially elected chairman (3,347 votes) defeating his nearest candidate Haji Mohammad Shahjahan (2,999 votes).

Aklima Begum in Ward-1, Anjuman Ara Begum in Ward-2 and Hafiza Islam in Ward-3 were elected from the reserved women seats.

The elected commissioners are Mostafizur Rahman (ward-1), Belal Hossain (ward-2), Hamed Khan (ward-3), Sussi Chandra Biswas (ward-4), Nazrul Islam (ward-5), Jahanjir Hossain (ward-6), Harun-or-Rashid (ward-7), Khilur Rahman (ward-8) and Borhanuddin Dulu (ward-9).

The election of the Pourasabha was postponed following a delimitation case of a

## They are deprived of salaries for one year

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, June 7: All the staffers of the Dehydration Project here are living with their families in sub-human condition.

This is because they are not getting their salaries for the last one year.

There is one such project in the district like five others in other parts of the country.

The employees are working round the clock to produce oral saline for diarrhoea patients. But payment of their salary remains stopped since April 1998 till filing of this report.

It seems the authorities concerned have no headache for the people who are in misery.

According to official record, there are 29 officers and staffers under this project.

They have been worst-hit during the current economic crisis.

A spokesman of the project employees told The Daily Star that despite assurance from the Health Minister to expedite the payment of their salary, there had been no improvement of the situation.

## Forest resources on the wane

KISHOREGANJ, June 7: Forest resources are on the wane in Kishoreganj due to indiscriminate felling of trees, reports UNB.

The malpractice is going on by a section of people in connivance with some forest officials causing degradation to the environment.

Local administration remained silent on the issue, although there is official ban on cutting government trees, said the local people.

Most of the trees alongside the Kishoreganj-Bhairab, Kishoreganj-Murmesingh, Kishoreganj-Chamranghat, Nikli-Kishoreganj, Pakundia-Kishoreganj-Hosainpur, Katiadi-Bajitpur, Kularchar-Bhairab roads and other places in the district have already been cut off by the dishonest people.

The number of trees is very thin along the roadsides, though the authority planted saplings of various species including Segun and Raintree about two years back.

Moreover, use of trees in the brick-fields as firewood is widespread despite the ban. There are nearly 65 brick-fields in the district and bricks are manufactured in the month of November and December.

It is apprehended that if the illegal practice goes on unabated, the forest resources here will disappear soon creating environmental hazards, said said.

They called upon the authorities concerned to take effective measures to stop the malpractice for the greater interest of the people and environment.

## Police, BNP clash: Widow of dead victim sues 18

From A Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 7: A total of 18-persons including a TNO and a magistrate were sued in a murder case here recently.

Fatema, the widow of Montaz Ali filed the case in a magistrate's court in Jamalpur, against Sarisabari TNO Abdul Musaddique Azad, Magistrate Mrinal Kanti, ASP (Circle) Moinuddin, OC of Sarisabari thana Abdus Salam and 14 other constables of Sarisabari thana.

Montaz Ali was shot dead on April 25, in a class between supporters of BNP and Police. The clash ensued when BNP supporters imposed barricade on roads preventing State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Nurul Islam from attending the governing body meeting of local Mahmuda Salam Women's College at Sarisabari.

Following the complaint from the widow the magistrate ordered a judicial enquiry into the murder. Magistrate Faruq Alam will enquire into the matter on the spot on June 2.

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