

News snaps

Housewife strangulated to death

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, June 20: One housewife was allegedly strangulated to death here recently at village Lautara in Assasuni thana.

The victim was identified as Rehena Khatun, 18, wife of Ali Hasan of the aforementioned village. Police sources said the victim's father filed a case with Tala police station alleging that his daughter had been strangulated to death by Ali Hasan with the help of others. The cause of killing is yet to be known.

Open sale of spurious pesticides

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 20: Indian spurious pesticides are on open sale in different markets here including all the seven police stations despite government ban.

Farmers said they usually buy such pesticides at lower prices from the local markets, but they not get the expected result. A section of dishonest traders in collaboration with some government officials are engaged in such activity. According to agri-scientists extensive unplanned use of spurious pesticides decreases the land fertility.

School repair work progressing

NARSINGDI, June 20: The repairing of 275 primary schools under the post-flood rehabilitation programme in the six thanas here have been progressing satisfactorily at a total cost of Taka 62,06,600, reports BSS.

According to District Primary Education Office, of the total primary schools, 26 in Polash Thana, 109 in Narsingdi Sadar, 62 in Raipura, 38 in Shibpur, 21 in Monohardi and 19 in Belabo Thana. The work of the project is in full swing and it will be completed by the end of this month.

Adulterated food on open sale

KISHOREGANJ, June 20: Many people here have been suffering from various stomach ailments after taking adulterated foods which are being openly sold in rural markets, reports UNB.

According to a survey by a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), 60 people died of diarrhoea and dysentery in last three months and many others are suffering from various diseases taking such food. A section of unscrupulous businessmen were making money for a long time doing this business, the survey added. A physician feared the situation might go out of control if the higher authorities do not take proper action against the unscrupulous businessmen immediately.

Workshop

HABIGANJ, June 20: A five-day workshop on Reporting on Women and Children began at Moulvibazar Press Club on Friday, reports UNB.

Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) organised the workshop for the journalists of Sylhet division. Moulvibazar Press Club President Radhika Mohan Goswami presided over the inaugural session while Deputy Commissioner (DC) GKM Nurul Amin was present as the chief guest. Prof of Mass Communications and Journalism Department of Dhaka University Dr Golam Rahman and PIB trainer ASM Abdul Haque spoke on the occasion. Twenty-two journalists of the division working in different national dailies and agencies are taking part in the workshop.

Teen crushed under truck wheels

MADRIPUR, June 20: A teenaged boy was crushed under the wheels of a truck at Kalbari on Barisal-Paridpur road in Rajbir thana recently, reports BSS.

The victim, Alam, 13, son of Razzaq Sheikh of village Gobindapur in Rajbir thana was run over by the speeding truck while he was returning home, police said. In another incident recently, Awlad Hossain, son of Khabir Sardar of village Charkalkapur in Sadar thana fell from a tree and died on the spot.

Bridge over Haridua to open soon

NARSINGDI, June 20: The Haridua bridge over the Haridua river on Narsingdi-Hassaband road is expected to be opened for traffic very soon, reports BSS.

The 75-metre-long and 3.66-metre wide portable steel deck bridge, costing Taka 42,58,580, is being implemented with the collaboration of the Government of Japan. The construction of the bridge is expected to be completed by this month. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) sources said, 98 per cent work of the bridge has already been completed. On completion of the bridge, road communication between Raipura thana and Narsingdi Sadar thana will be easier and the people of these areas will be benefited.

Minister opens regulator

GAZIPUR, June 20: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq inaugurated a bridge-cum-regulator over the river Dhaur at Sripur here on June 14, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) constructed the regulator at a cost of Taka one crore and 30 lakh. Advocate Rahmat Ali MP and officials of BWDB were present at the inauguration ceremony. One thousand hectares of land would get irrigation facilities while additional 2,500 tons of rice would be produced following completion of this project. BWDB officials said.

Work progressing

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, June 20: The Water Development Board (WDB) has taken up a scheme for repair and reconstruction of a number of damaged sluice gates here in the current fiscal, reports BSS.

A WDB source said the government sanctioned Taka 26.50 lakh for implementation of the scheme. Work of the scheme is in full swing and more than 50 per cent work has already been completed. The scheme will help protect the people of the respective areas from flood water and save crops from water logging.



NARAYANGANJ: A colourful cultural programme was arranged recently on the occasion of the birth centenary of Nazrul-Zibana by Shapla, a local cultural organisation at Ali Ahmed poura auditorium. —Star photo

National

Fund shortage hits hard Chuadanga Pourasabha

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, June 20: Chuadanga Pourasabha is now on way to bankruptcy.

The employees here are not getting their salaries for the last four months. There is no bank deposit of the pourasabha for the last one year.

Its chairman has been staying in Dhaka for four months. Nobody knows his whereabouts there. There is no information from any heads like holding tax, water supply, toll of 'hat' and bazaars.

The government sanction has been decreased to a great extent during the last two years. The last instalment of government grant to the tune of Taka 19 lakh of the current financial year has not reached the

pourasabha as yet.

The outstanding holding tax of the pourasabha is about Taka 65 lakh. The residents here are very reluctant to pay the holding tax. An amount of over Taka 17 lakh remains unpaid from the residents of the pourasabha on the water supply head. Several times the pourasabha authorities issued notice to the poura dwellers to pay their holding tax and water supply bills, but the poura dwellers are paying no heed to it.

All sorts of development work have been stopped for the last one year for want of fund. The contractors who have completed some development schemes during last and current

financial years did not get their bills amounting to over Taka 40 lakh for want of fund. The income from the local hats and bazaars of the pourasabha have also been decreased abnormally. This is because their is no auction purchasers. In the previous years over Taka 30 to 40 lakh used to come from hats and bazaars' auction, but during the last two years only about Taka Five lakh have come from the hats and bazaars.

A section of terrorists have been interfering in the activities here. According to the desire of the terrorists the hats and bazaars are being auctioned. It may be mentioned here that in the previous years

Chuadanga poura Barabazar hat was auctioned between Taka 15 to 16 lakh, but this year this hat has been auctioned at Taka three lakh only.

The betel leaf hat has been shifted illegally from Chuadanga bazaar to Bhalaipur, four miles from here with the support of outlawed party six month ago. But still this hat could not be returned from them. As a result a big amount of taka has remained shortfall.

There are hundreds of electric poles in where there are no bulbs for months together. Roads remain unclean for days together since sweepers are not working.

Civic reception to Shantu Larma

KHAGRACHHARI, June 20: Chairman of the interim Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council (CHTRC) Jyotirindra Bhabhipriyo Larma, popularly known as Shantu Larma on Tuesday called upon the hill people to unitedly resist the criminal activities like terrorism and toll collection, reports BSS.

Larma made this call while addressing a civic reception accorded to him at Puiganj High School ground of Panchhara in the afternoon. The reception was arranged by local people.

Larma said, proper implementation of the peace accord will immensely contribute towards socio-economic development of the neglected inhabitants of CHT region.

Chairman of the CHTRC said, a vested quarter is now busy in a conspiracy to impede the implementation of the peace accord.

Larma assured that financial assistance would be provided to those who were affected in the Logang killing.

Presided over by Panchhara UP Chairman Shanti Bikash Chakma the reception was addressed, among others, by Logang UP Chairman Satish Chandra Chakma, Social Workers Alhaj Bahauddin and Jugantar Chakma.

Among them, 11 people died only in May.

The worst affected villages are Kabakhal, Rasiknagar, Merung, Babu Chhara, Baradam, Logang, Puiganj, Tabal Chhara, Guimara, Mollahpara, Shalabagan, Comillita, Chorghar, Bajbonchhara, Gashband, Jormorong, Gamaridhal, Kambangpura, Thakurchhara, Latiban, and Kamalekhari.

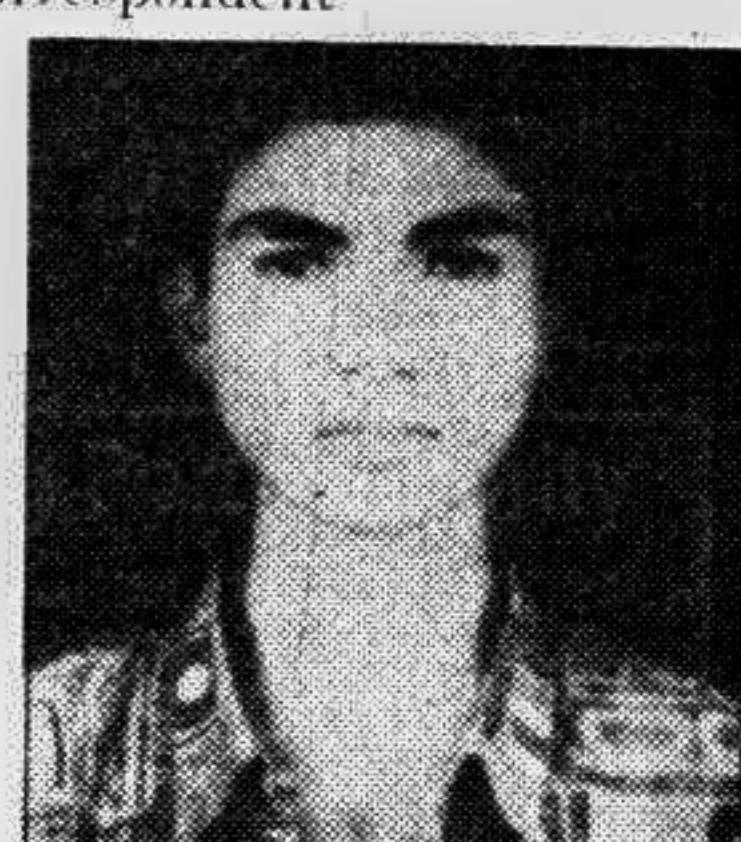
Most of the patients at the moment admitted in the district hospitals and clinics are affected with malaria, said a

Faces of talents

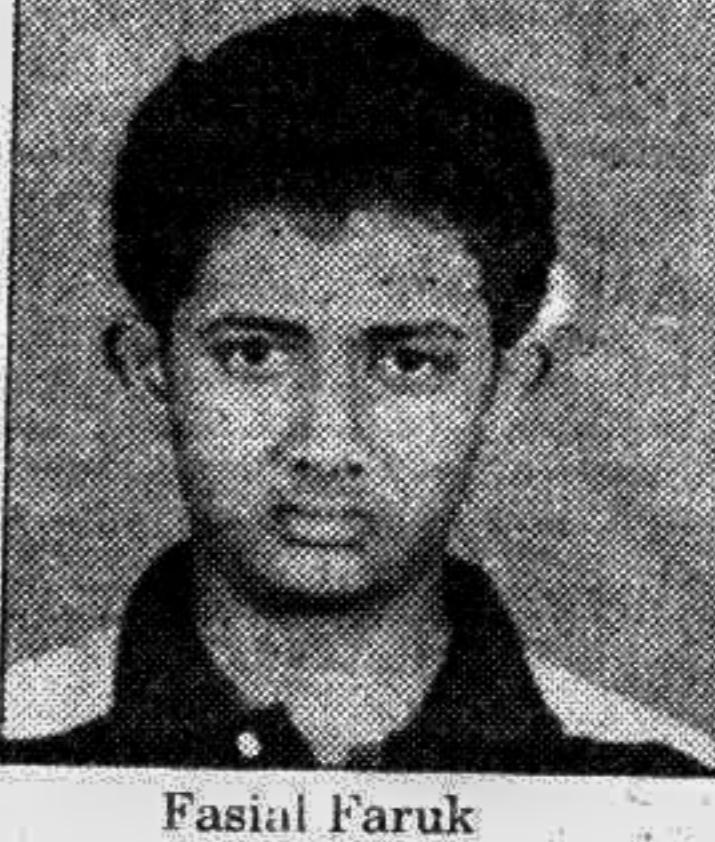
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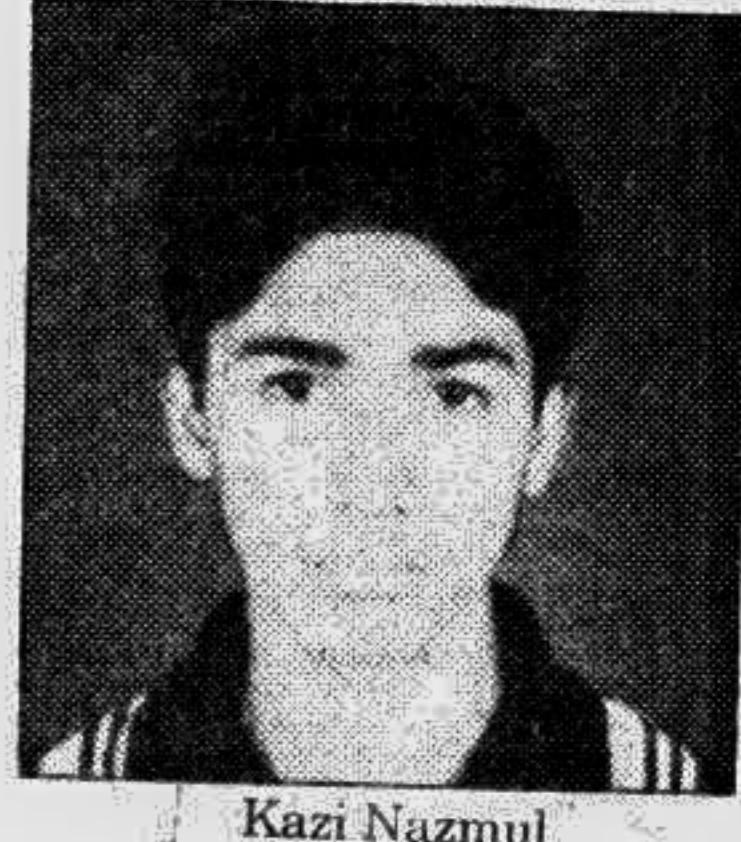
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marks in the General Science group.

Fasial Faruk stood 19th place in the combined merit list from Pabna Government Girls' High School of Rajshahi Board securing 914 marks. She also stood third among female candidates of the group scoring 912 marks in eight subjects.

Kazi Nazmul Hossain stood 18th from Pabna Zilla School of Rajshahi Board securing 928 marks in the General Science group.

Malaria claims 71 in Khagrachhari

From CHT Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, June 20: Malaria claimed at least 71 lives in the district in the last six months, local civil surgeon office sources said.

Among them, 11 people died only in May.

The hospital and clinics only provide prescriptions to patients, not necessary medicines.

Shortage of doctors in hospitals is also hampering the malaria treatment.

According to civil surgeon office source, the posts seven thana health officers out of eight of the district have been lying vacant for a long time.

Only 26 doctors against 85 posts are employed in eight thanas of the district.

Chittagong Port Authority

Office of the Chief Hydrographer

Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from reputed repairing firms of Bangladesh for repairing theodolite, distometer and ammonia printing machine used in survey work of Hydrography Department of the Chittagong Port Authority. Machinery can be seen in every working day during office hours in the office of the undersigned. 2 (two) sets of tenders in sealed condition will have to be dropped into the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned by 12:00 Noon on 14-7-99 and will be opened the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of tenderers (if there is any). 2½% of the quoted rate in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Authority will have to be submitted with the tender.

Tender schedule can be procured on payment of Taka 500/- (five hundred taka) (non-refundable) on all working days during office hours from the office of the undersigned or Liaison Office in Dhaka (House No-49/C, Road No-4/A, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka). No schedule will be sold on the day of opening tender. The port authority reserves the power to accept or reject any tender partially or fully.

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Chief Hydrographer

Chittagong Port Authority.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)

Road Division, Gopalganj

R&H Notice Inviting Tender

Tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 in sealed envelope for the undermentioned work:

1. Tender notice no	35 (1998-99) EE/GRD			
2. Name of work	Different kinds of work on different K metres different roads under Gopalganj Road Division during 1998-99 fiscal year. (As per group list):			
3. Estimated cost	As per group list:			
4. Security money	Do			
5. Time allowed	Do			
6. Head of expenditure	266-Development capital accounts.			
7. Eligibility of contractors	'A' to 'C' general category of Roads and Highways Department, 'D' general category contractors enlisted with Faridpur Road Circle.			
8. Offices from where tenders will be available	Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Gopalganj/Faridpur/Madaripur/Shariatpur/Rajbari/Barisal/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban Ramna, Dhaka/Divisional Commissioner Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Sub-divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-division, Gopalganj/Bhatiapara/Kotalpara/1st Line Workshop Sub-division, Gopalganj.			
9. Name of offices where tenders will be received	a) Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Barisal Zone, Barisal. b) Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Faridpur c) Superintending Engineer, R&H, Monitoring and Procurement Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. d) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka. e) Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Gopalganj.			
10. Last date and time of selling tender	28-6-99/14-3-1406 Bang till office hours.			
11. Last date and time of receiving tender	29-6-99/15-3-1406 Bang till 12:30 PM.			
12. Place, date and time of opening tender	4-7-99/20-3-1406 Bang at 11:00 am in the office room of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Gopalganj.			
13. Date, place and time of lottery (if necessary)	6-7-99/22-3-1406 Bang at 11:00 am in the office room of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Gopalganj.			
14. Group List:				
Group No	Name of work and site	Estimated cost	Security money	Time allowed
1 (one)	Palsading work to protect pavement from river erosion on the 29th km of Gopalganj-Kotalpara-Paisarhat Road under Gopalganj Road Division during 1998-99 fiscal year.	Tk 8,89,968/-	Tk 17,800/-	20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
2 (two)	Repairing work of old damaged brick pavement on the 9th (P), 10th, 11th (P), 14th (P), 15th, 16th and 17th (P) KM of Kotalpara-Rajbari Road under Gopalganj Road Division during 1998-99 fiscal year.	Tk 8,14,468	Tk 16,290/-	-do-

Md Moshtaq Hossain
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Gopalganj

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Tender Invitation Notice

No 58, dated 9-6-99 Eng/26-02-1406 Bang

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