

## News snaps

## 5 alleged dacoits arrested

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, July 2: Phulbaria police recently arrested five alleged dacoits from Bakta and Radhakanai union. Acting on a tip-off, police raided Bakta union and arrested Abdul Barek, 36, Abdus Salam, 40, Hossain Ali, 38, Abdul Barek, 23, and Shahera Khatun, 37, on charge of dacoity. In another drive police nabbed another alleged dacoit from village Kandpara in Radhakanai union. He was identified as Nazrul Islam, 35.

## People deprived of treatment

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, July 2: Patients are being deprived of treatment at Daudpur Thana Health Complex now.

Only two doctors and three nurses are working here while there is a vacancy of nine doctors and six staff nurses. Posts of seven doctors remained vacant for years together. Although there are two doctors who are working there, but some times they are not available. As a result the patients' sufferings know no bound. Doctors remain busy with their private practice with a fee of Taka 100 or more, it is alleged. There is no medicine in the hospital and doctors prescribe only medicine to be purchased by the patients from outside. During loadshedding the hospital remains dark as there is no generator.

## No-confidence against UP chairman

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 2: All the members of Goyeshpur Union Parishad (UP) in Sreepur thana brought no-confidence motion against the chairman of the UP Abdul Majid Molla.

The members decided to abstain from all sorts of functions of the union UP. In a written complain to Deputy Commissioner of Magura, the members raised 10 allegations against the chairman including misuse of fund, abuse of power and so on.

## AL leader killed

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 2: The Vice President of Pakundia thana unit of Awami League (AL) was killed by miscreants recently.

Police sources said, AL leader Khondakar Omar Faruk Selim, 49, was called out of the house at dead of night by some miscreants. His body was found floating in the river Singra, about two kilometers away from his house at village Shaitkhana. No mark of injuries was found on the body. He was strangled to death, hospital sources said.

## Girl killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, July 2: A six-year-old girl was crushed under the wheels of a speeding micro-bus at Joyrampur, 10 km away from the town.

The ill-fated girl named Marry died on the spot when she was crossing the road on June 24. The driver managed to escape with vehicles from the spot.

## Theft committed

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 2: A theft was committed at a medicine godown belonging to Transcom Distribution company LTD at South Kalbari area in the town on the night following Wednesday.

According to local people, the thieves entered into the godown at dead of night by breaking open the ventilator and took away medicines worth Taka 10 thousand. Sheikh Sharif, in charge of the district unit of the company lodged a case with Kotwali thana in this connection.

## Lightning kills girl with cow

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, July 2: A girl and a cow were killed when a lightning struck them at village Fathapur in Matlab thana recently.

The girl was identified as Asha, 10, daughter of Abdul Manan. The incident occurred at about 8 am on the fatal day when she was going to the field with a cow.

## Armed dacoity on trawler

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 2: A dacoity was committed on a trawler loaded with huge quantity of merchandise goods on Kirtankhola river near Barisal town recently.

According to police and witnesses, the trawler loaded with merchandise goods of several lakhs of taka came under attack by a gang of armed dacoits numbering 10 to 12 at Dapdapia, 3 miles of Barisal town after sailing from the port road area in the town at about 4-30 am. The dacoits coming with another trawler swooped on the crew, tied them up and took control of their trawler on gun point. Later on they took the crew at Bhasanchar and freed them. The merchandise loaded trawler was taken to an unknown destination. Police could not trace the hijacked trawler and arrest any one.

## Sanction for CHT uplift

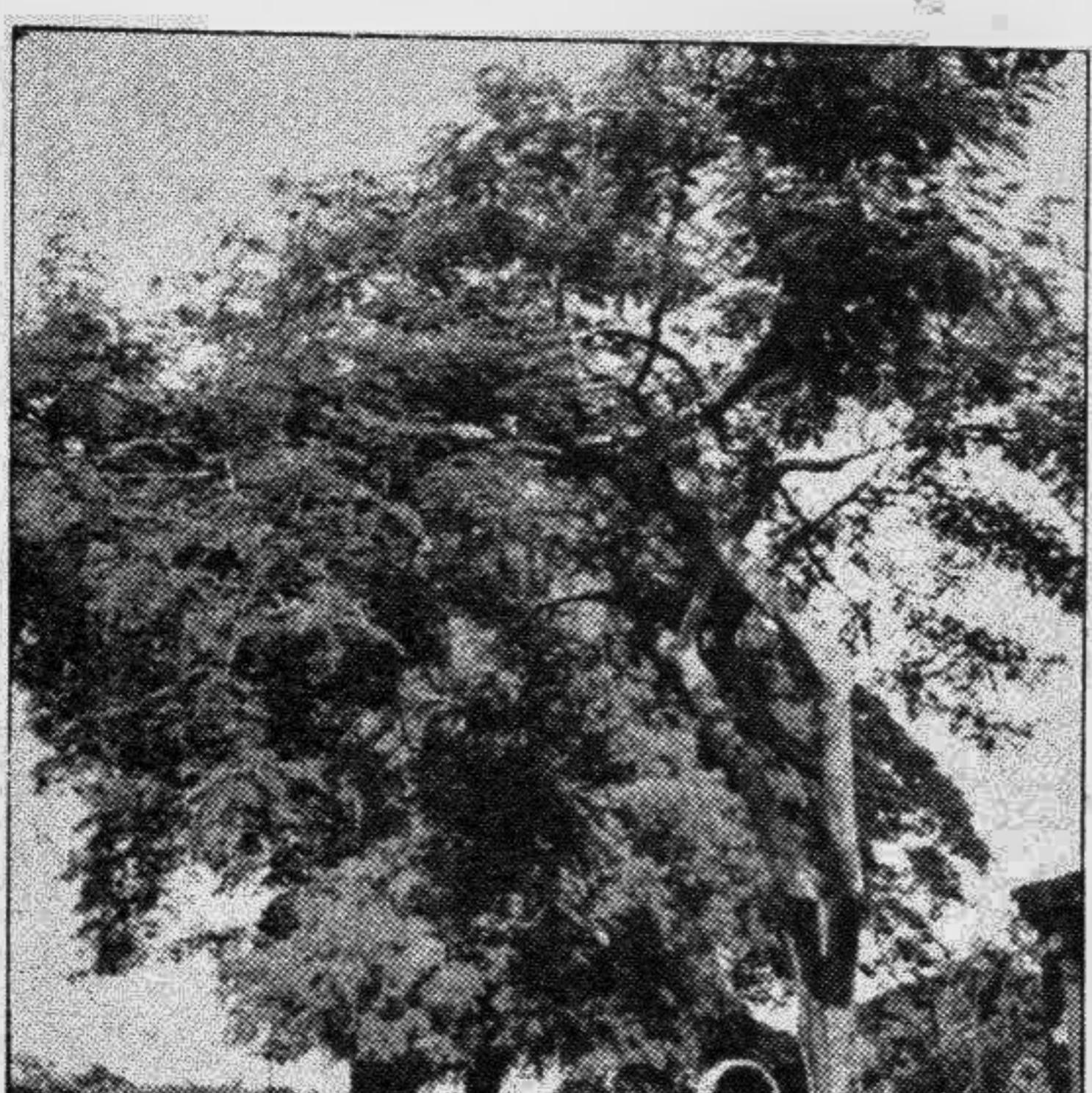
RANGAMATI, July 2: The government has sanctioned Taka 6.80 crore for the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) in the fiscal 1999-2000 to carry out development activities and meet the establishment expenditure, reports BSS.

This was disclosed in the regular monthly meeting of CHTDB held in its conference room on June 21. Chairman of CHTDB Bir Bahadur MP, presided over the meeting. It was attended, among others, by the deputy commissioners of the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban, members of the CHTDB and other high officials.

## Cold storage work nearing completion

SHERPUR, July 2: Construction work on the lone cold storage here is nearing completion, reports UNB.

Official sources said Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) is implementing the project at a cost of Taka Two crore. Ninety per cent work of the five-chamber cold storage has already been completed. On completion some 1,000 maunds of potato will be stored in the plant. An official said preservation of potato and its seeds would be started from the next season. The cold storage is being constructed near Sheri Bridge in the pourasabha area.



NETRAKONA: Now the district town has been turned into a town of Krishnachuras. This is because of abundance of Krishnachuras of red and yellow colours all over the town. Such flowers have beautified the small town. Krishnachura trees with pretty leaves not only please the town dwellers but also give shade to tired pedestrians. According to botanists saplings of Krishnachura were first brought in the Indo-Bangla-Pak subcontinent from Madagascar by the Portuguese sailors. May flower is the English name of Krishnachura, now a traditional flower of Bangladesh. In Hindu mythology Krishnachura means long hairstyle of Lord Krishna.

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## National

## Armed terrorists regrouping themselves in Jessore

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, July 2: The armed terrorists are regrouping themselves in different parts of the district.

The general public are feeling insecure as a group of outlaws are openly moving in the area in broad day light in their unsual manner.

It may be mentioned here that the law and order situation in the district improved appreciably following the police combing operation which was launched in 10 districts of the southwestern region from April 20.

People of this area regained confidence in police administration after surrender of the leaders and their cadres along with arms to the home minister at the local Town Hall Maidan on June 7 last.

But those who did not surrender fled away from the area.

A sense of insecurity was spreading among the local people

after the killing of two political leaders and three others. A number of acts of violence and terrorism were also committed in this month.

According to detailed information one Awami League leader of Montrampur thana Abdul Kader was killed by the armed terrorists on June 19 last. They chopped him to death.

On the same day another person named Asgar Ali of Komlapur in Kotwali thana was seriously injured by a group of armed terrorists. He succumbed to injuries the next day at Khulna Hospital where he was removed in a critical condition.

A Juba Dal Leader Helal, 30, of Paglajah in Kotwali thana was shot to death by some armed assailants on June 21 last. A student of Class X, Sarani, daughter of Khairul Alam of Doharpur in Kotwali thana was seriously injured by acid

thrown on her person by a group of terrorists while she went on a visit to her grandfather's house at Narikelberia in Bagharpura thana on June 14 last.

She is still in danger at a local general hospital. She was removed there in a critical condition immediately after the incident.

Besides, highway robberies in day light in different areas of the district have also been reported in this month.

A dacoit was killed by the local public and four others escaped while they were committing robbery in a Jessori bound passenger bus coming from Khulna at Paddabila in Kotwali thana at midday in this month.

Kotwali police arrested a going of four dacoits and recovered fire arms and looted booties from their possession when they were coming to Jessore via Montrampur in a microbus after committing da-

coity at a Sathkhira bound bus at Dumuria in Khulna in day light on June 22 last.

According to latest reports, the law and order situation in Chowgacha thana has deteriorated in this month. Dacoits were committed at seven houses at Kobilpur in Dhuliani union of this thana on June 19 last.

The dacoits decamped safely with valuables worth nearly Taka Two lakh.

It is also reported that dacoits had been committed at four houses at Bariali in Pashapole union of this thana on June 14 last. They looted away all the valuables.

Incidentally, Bariali is situated near village Dashpaka where a permanent police camp has been set up recently.

A total of eight murders have been committed in the district during this month. But the alleged killers have not been arrested till filing of this report.

**Couple beaten to death by miscreants**

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 2: A couple was brutally killed by some unidentified miscreants at Makranda village in Godagari thana on Wednesday night.

The victims have been identified as Mofizul Haque, 35, and Nazma, 28, respectively.

Local people said, a group of unidentified miscreants entered into the house of the victims and beat them indiscriminately. As a result they died on the spot.

On information police rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies. Later on they sent the bodies to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) morgue for autopsy.

Police failed to arrest any suspect of the killing incident. Tense situation has been prevailing in the area following the incident.

Lack of storage facilities  
Mangoes perishing

NATORE, July 2: When the price of mango continued to fluctuate in capital Dhaka based on supply, over 50,000 MT of quality mangoes, particularly 'Fazlee' and 'Lengra', worth about Tk 15 crore are being perish in three northern districts for lack of storage facilities, reports UNB.

Mango growers in Natore, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts, who incur huge losses every year for lack of storage facilities, said they would face the same fate this year.

According to sources at Rajshahi Regional Agriculture Information Service office, production of mango in the region this year is satisfactory despite severe drought and lack of rainfall.

Some 70 per cent mangoes, one of the most perishable tropical fruits, are produced in Rajshahi region and supplied to different parts of the country.

## SSC talents of Rangpur

From Mozammel Hoq

RANGPUR, July 2: Imtiaz Ahmed, a student of Rangpur Zila School, who stood first in the SSC examination in combined merit list under Rajshahi Education Board wants to become an engineer. He secured 945 marks and got eight letters.

**Md Shamsuzzoha**, a student of Rangpur Zila School stood second (jointly) in the SSC examination in combined merit list under Rajshahi Board. He secured 938 marks and got nine letters. He wants to take higher education in medical science.

**Md Zahid Hossain Masud**, a student of Mithapukur High School stood fifth in the combined merit list in Science group in SSC examination under Rajshahi Education Board. He wants to be a physician in future. He secured 931 marks and got eight letters.

**Md Rizwan Arif**, a student of Rajshahi Cadet College stood fifth in the Science group in future.

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BAU Bangabandhu Hall to be inaugurated soon

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, July 2: Bangabandhu Hall, the tenth

students dormitory of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), will be inaugurated soon.

The dormitory, the largest one in the university, constructed at a cost of taka about 6.30 crore will accommodate 608 students.

All necessary arrangements, including appointments of officers and other staff and purchase of furniture for the

At present the university has nine students dormitories. Of them one is meant for female students. The eight male students in the dormitory have an accommodation capacity for 3104 against 3905 students, official sources said.

The accommodation problem of male students will be solved when the newly constructed hall is opened, said a student of the university.

The female students of the university, however, have been

residential hall, have already been completed.

Provost Professor M Golam Shahi Alam told this correspondent, adding "We are expecting to open the newly constructed dormitory this month."

The newly constructed four storied dormitory will have library and other facilities.

The female dormitory has only 500 seats against the demand for about 800.

People urged to build social movement against drug abuse

By Staff Correspondent

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**Miladunnabi** celebrated in Mymensingh

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called upon the people to build a social movement against all kinds of drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

Another report from Madaripur adds: The Department of Narcotics Control chalked out various programme to mark the day.

A discussion was organised by the district Narcotics Control Department at Shadhinat Angon in the district town. The discussion was presided over by Md Saidul Haq Bhuiyan, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) while Md Masudul Haq, an officer of the Narcotics Control Department, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, an anti-drug procession was brought out from Shadhinat Angon which paraded the main streets of the town.

Similar programmes were also arranged in all other districts of the country to mark the day.

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