

## National

## News snaps

## Bomb blasts kill young man

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 3: One youth of village Chardidas in Bhanga thana was killed recently on the spot in bomb blasts. Muktar, 24, the ill-fated young man was making bombs clandestinely at a house belonging to Mohan Sheikh on the night of the fateful night.

## Smuggled onion recovered

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 3: Jhenidah police recovered 43 bags of smuggled Indian onion worth about Taka one lakh from a Faridpur bound minibus on Thursday last, according to police sources.

Police said, receiving a secret information police stopped the minibus in front of Jhenidah thana.

## Gay girls on rise

From Our Correspondent

BAHMANBARIA, July 3: Number of gay girls are increasing in the different part of the town demoralising the young boys of the society.

Local people have alleged that the gay girls roam about in different parts of the town including the bus terminal, court road, Kachary Pukurpar and Tanbazaar area. As a result, anti-social activities are being increased in the respective areas. It is also alleged that, the gay girls roam about in different mohallas and lanes of the pourasabha of the town at night and allure a group of people especially the youths with their obscene gesture. Some guardians informed that their young sons had been getting spoilt due to the influence of the gay girls.

## Man killed by miscreants

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 3: One person of village Nuhar of the sadar thana was killed recently by the miscreants.

Police sources said, the miscreants entered into the house of Abdul Kashem, 22, by cutting fence at dead of night while he was asleep. They attacked him with sharp weapons resulting in his death on the spot. A case was registered with Kishoreganj police station against seven persons including the main accused Abdul Barik Khan. There had been long standing dispute between the main accused and the deceased over land. None was so far arrested.

## Life term imprisonment for 3 killers

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, July 3: A district court has convicted three men and sentenced them to life term imprisonment with a fine of Taka 10,000 each, for the murder of a housewife, reports UNB.

Those convicted are Kamruzzaman of Tatipara and Kuddus and Samshuddin Master of Jhaudbon village in Bholahat thana. Four other accused were acquitted. The prosecution in brief said Esaron Bibi, wife of Moniruddin in village Chakdharampur was killed on February 27, 1997, over land dispute. After examining the witnesses and records, District Additional and Sessions Judge Amirunnisa Begum recently handed down the verdict.

## Fisherman drowns

MUNSHIGANJ, July 3: A fisherman drowned when a fishing boat was smashed by a Dhaka-bound launch from Barisal in the Dhaleswari river near Muktpur recently in the sadar thana, reports BSS.

According to police sources, three fishermen were fishing in the river with "Bandhi" nets when the mishap occurred. Two fishermen managed to swim ashore while the other remained missing. The missing fisherman has been identified as Birendra Barman, 30, of Mulchar in Tangbari thana.

## Dipta wants to be a computer engineer

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, July 3: A F M Nuruzzaman (Dipta), a student of Mirzapur Cadet College secured the first position in the Science group scoring 958 marks with letter in all subjects in this year's SSC examination under Dhaka Board.

He wants to be a Computer Engineer.

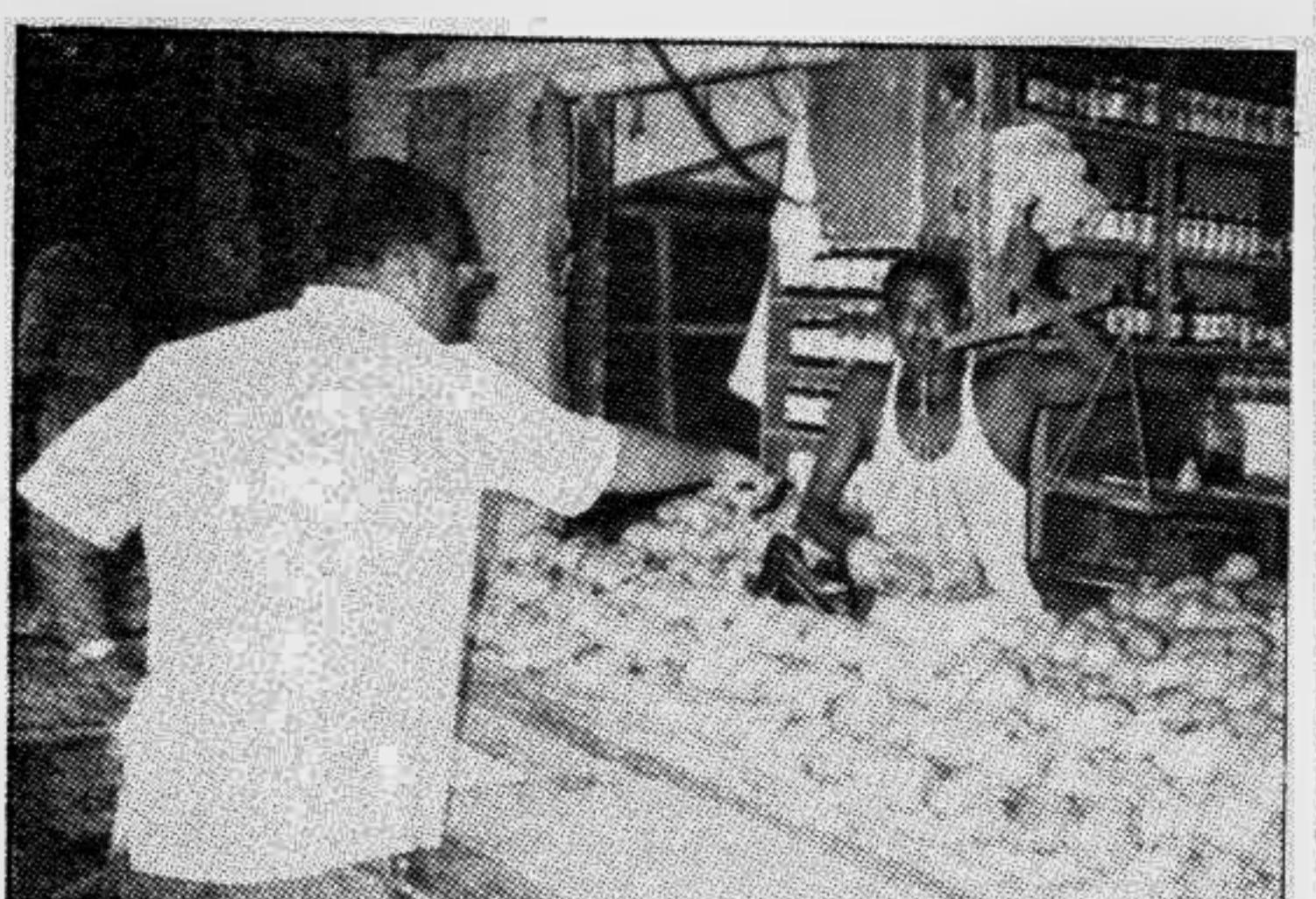
While talking to newsmen at their Saroda Gosh road residence here, Dipta said he used to study for five to six hours a day. He said a student can do well if he maintains regularity in his studies.

Dipta has no interest in student politics. He expressed unhappiness over the student politics in the country.

He is fond of English music, reading books and playing cricket. His favourite writers are Humayun Ahmed and Sunil Ganguly.

He informed that his mother had played a vital role for his excellent result.

He is the son of Md Zakaria, one staffer in a private firm in Dhaka and Nurunnahar Begum, an assistant professor in Bangla Department of Mominunnisa Government College.



MAGURA: Quality mangoes are on sale now at the rate of Taka 35 per kg in this district town. — Star photo

## 8 sued for selling mad cow meat

JHALAKAT, July 3: A case was lodged against eight people for selling meet of a mad cow in the local market on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said the General Secretary of Putiakhali bazaar committee Ashraf Ali filed the case with police. The cow became mad after being beaten by a mad dog. Veterinary Surgeon asked the owner of the cow Moslehuddin of North Chittagong village in Kathalia thana to kill and dump the cow under the ground. It was brought at the veterinary hospital. But Motahar and Abdul Borek bought the cow at a nominal price and were selling its meat to the buyers. On information, police rushed to the spot and sent the meat to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for testing. Police could not arrest anyone so far.

## Premature death of housewife

MANIKGANJ, July 3: A young housewife bled to death at the Sadar Hospital here after abortion done outside the hospital by an unidentified midwife, reports UNB.

Hospital sources said Shefali, 25, of Harazi village in Saturia thana came to the hospital on Saturday to perform her abortion. But Halima, a maid of the hospital took Shefali to her own residence and got her abortion done by an unidentified and untrained midwife. Shefali's condition started deteriorating due to profuse bleeding. She was then taken to the hospital but died after fighting for one and a half-hour. The midwife fled hearing the death news of the victim.

## Man killed by dacoits

JOYPURHAT, July 3: A man was killed and another injured during dacoities at two villages in Panchbibi thana on Saturday night, reports BSS.

The dead was identified as Shafiqul Islam (28) of Atapur village. Injured Rahequl Islam (37) of Goneshpur village was admitted to the hospital in a critical condition. Police said the armed gang swooped on the house of Aminul Islam, a member of Atapur Union Parishad at 12.30. They indiscriminately stabbed Rahequl, elder brother of Aminul when he tried to resist them. Later the robbers decamped with valuables worth about Tk 50,000. The same group on the same night stored the house of one Azizul Islam at Goneshpur village. The robbers opened fire on Shafiqul Islam, brother of Azizul, when he tried to resist them. Shafiqul first admitted to the thana health complex in a critical condition and later died on way to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

## 19 outlaws surrender in Chuadanga in one month

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, July 3: A total of 19 terrorists have surrendered to Chuadanga police from May 31 to June 30.

Of the total terrorists three have surrendered from Chuadanga thana, six from Alamdanga thana, two from Damurhuda thana, seven from Jibannagar thana and another from Ketchandpur thana of Chuadanga district.

The Superintendent of Police (SP) Chuadanga told recently at a press conference that the terrorists had also surrendered 15 illegal arms and 58 rounds of ammunition at the time of their surrender. These include two country made double barrel guns, four shotgun guns, three country made single barrel guns, two country made pistols, one revolver, one pipe gun and two masket rifles.

Among those surrendered are 18 members of the outlawed Purbabangla Communist Party.

A Magura correspondent reports: The surrendering programmes of outlaws are now going on in the south-western districts of the country. As a result the combing operations have lost speed. Though some outlaws of this region have already surrendered, their other accomplices are doing misdeeds.

It is alleged that most of the surrendered outlaws had not laid down their modern weapons. They used these modern weapons in different times in gunfights with police. Most of them have surrendered some useless and back dated arms, only to be rehabilitated.

It may be mentioned in this

connection that outlaws of this region looted a total of 48 fire arms from police in the last 10 years. In 1990 from Chuadanga railway station seven rifles, in 1995 from Utholy railway station four rifles, in 1997 from Barobazar of Jessore district six rifles and one sub-machine gun, in the same year from Rupsha food factory of Khulna five rifles, in 1998 from Rampal of Bagerhat district three rifles, in the same year from Shironmoni cable factory of Khulna six rifles and four guns and in 1999 from Akil Jute Mills 12 rifles were looted by the outlaws.

Among the looted 12 rifles from Akil Jute Mills only three were recovered during the ongoing combing operation. But till filing of this report the outlaws did not surrender rest of

the looted 40 rifles, four guns and one sub-machine gun.

Moreover, the surrendered arms are not satisfactory in view of number and quality. On the otherhand 45 fire arms looted from police still in possession of the outlaws.

Our Staff Correspondent from Barisal says: Jaoadul Islam Dipu, 27, one of the top notorious terrorists, extortionist and accused of different cases in Patuakhali town was arrested recently by police from the Mithapukur area.

According to police, he let loose a reign of terror in the Adalatpara, Puranbazaar, Launchghat and Fouzdaripool areas of Patuakhali for a long time as a terrorist and extortionist.

He was wanted by police for quite a long time, police said.

## Power crisis makes life miserable in Faridpur

By Staff Correspondent

The persisting power crisis has made the normal life miserable in greater Faridpur district.

**UNB from Sharalpur reports:** Like other parts of the country, power outages have gripped here.

Sources said production in tea gardens and other heavy and small industries of the region is seriously being hampered due to erratic power supply.

High School students were said to be the worst sufferers of power outages as they started appearing in the first terminal examinations. In many parts of the region power goes off for hours together everyday.

Officials said five districts of greater Faridpur need 90 MW power everyday, but they re-

ceive only 50-60 MW from the national grids.

**Another report from Madaripur adds:** Like the persisting power crisis, attributed to short supply, has made the normal life here miserable.

Electricity subscribers of Palli Bidyut Samity alleged that fluctuations and erratic power supply continued to damage their household electronic goods like TV sets and refrigerators.

Meanwhile, Palli Bidyut Samity has brought new areas at thana-level under its power supply network. But Power Development Board cannot fulfil its demand of power from the national grid.

Subscribers of the samity also accused its officials of indulging in malpractice, aggravating their sufferings.

## Faces of talents

From Aroop Talukdar

Rashidunnabi has a hobby of reading books. He wants to be an army officer.

**Mohammad Rakibul Ahsan**, Cadet No: 876, of Barisal Cadet College secured seventh position from the Science group in combined merit list of SSC examination this year under Jessor Education Board.

He obtained 913 marks with seven letters in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Mathematics, Elective Mathematics, Social Science and Islamic Studies. Rakib son of Md Nurul Islam wants to be an army officer. Reading books is his hobby.

**Suman Ahmed**, of Barisal Cadet College, Cadet No: 888, secured 12th place from the Humanities group in the combined merit list under Jessor Education Board this year.

He obtained 900 marks with seven letters in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Mathematics, Elective Mathematics, Social Science and Islamic Studies. Suman, son of Khaja Ahmed Fazil, wants to be an army officer. Reading books is his hobby of getting higher education.

**M Fardil Hossain Faisal**, of Barisal Cadet College, Cadet No: 904 secured 20th position from the Science group in the combined merit list under Jessor Education Board this year.

Fardil obtained 899 marks with seven letters in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Mathematics, Elective Mathematics, Social Science and Islamic Studies. Faisal, son of M Liakat Hossain wants to be an army officer. His hobby is to play games and reading books.

**AKM Rafatuzzaman**, of Barisal Cadet College, Cadet No: 880, obtained 15th place from the Humanities group in the combined merit list of SSC examination this year under Jessor Education Board.

Arafat got three letters in Geography, Islamic History and Engineering Drawing (ED). Rafat, son of FM Asaduzzaman, wants to be an army officer. His hobby is to play games and reading books.

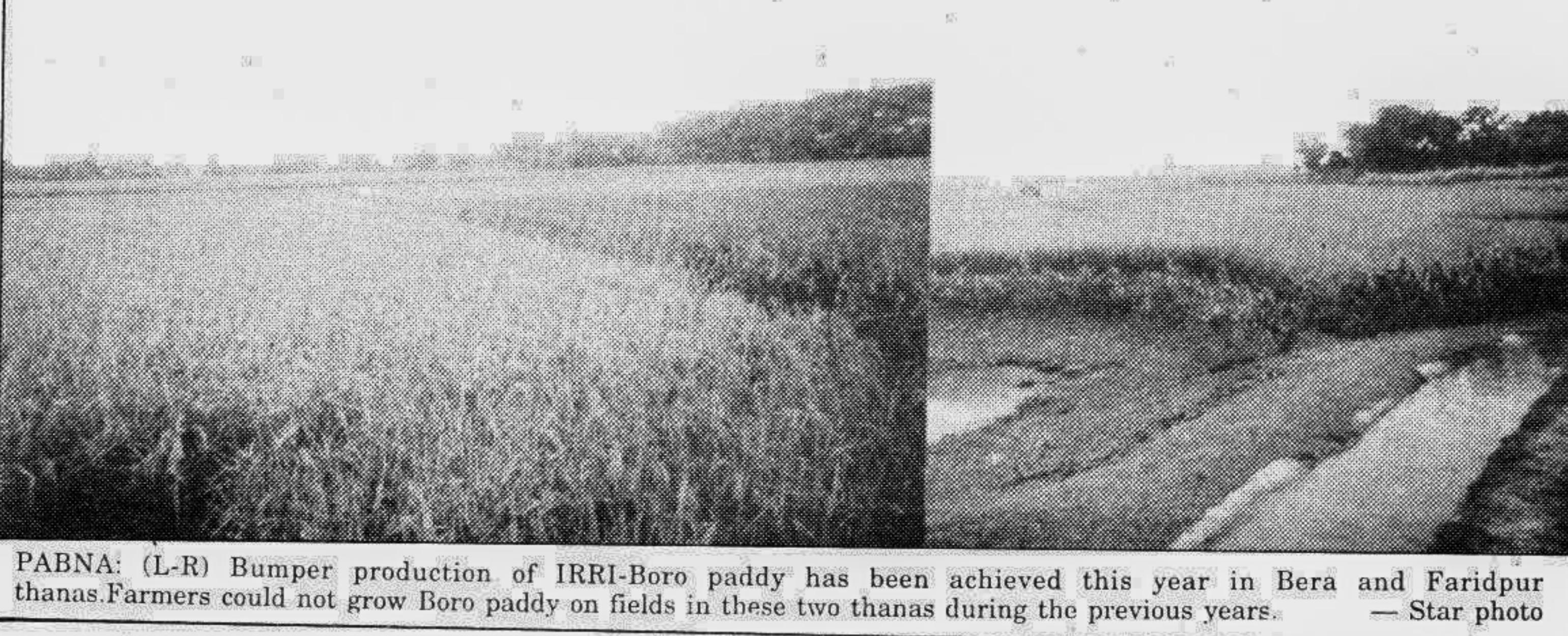
**AKM Parvez**, Cadet No: 885, secured 20th place from the Humanities group in the combined merit list of SSC examination this year from Barisal Cadet College under Jessor Education Board.

He obtained 791 marks with letters in General Mathematics and Engineering Drawing (ED). Parvez, son of Mohammad Shahajahan Bhuiyan wants to be an army officer.

**Mohammad Abu Nayem Guraishi**, of Barisal Cadet College, bearing Cadet No: 902, secured 18th place from the Science group in the combined merit list under Jessor Education Board this year.

Nayem obtained 901 marks with seven letters in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, General Mathematics, Elective Mathematics, Social Science and Islamic Studies. Nayem, son of Mohammad Guraishi, wants to be an army officer.

**Our Pabna correspondent says: Mohammad Khaled Noman** stood 18th place securing 823 marks in the Social Science group from Pabna Cadet College in this year's SSC examination from Rajshahi Board.



PABNA: (L-R) Bumper production of IRRI-Boro paddy has been achieved this year in Bera and Faridpur thanas. Farmers could not grow Boro paddy on fields in these two thanas during the previous years. — Star photo

## 12 killed in separate incidents in dists

By Staff Correspondent

A total of 12 persons were killed in separate incidents in districts recently, according to agencies.

A young man was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus rammed into another bus from opposite direction at Kalkini Thana Health Complex in Madaripur district, eyewitnesses and police said.

The victim, Mohammad Karim, 28, met his tragic end while crossing the road. A case was filed with the police.

In Gazipur, police recovered the body of an unidentified young woman, aged about 20, from the bank of the river Turag recently.

The body bore several injury marks. Police sent the body to the Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A 12-year-old girl school student was run over by a Sylhet bound train from Dhaka at Chandar Kandi near Narsingdi, police and eyewitnesses said.

The accident occurred when Sylhet bound Titas Express hit the victim Shahida Akhtar who was going to school along the railline. She died on the spot.

Two passengers were killed and 50 others injured in a head-on collision between two buses on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Belabo thana recently.

The dead was identified as Jhuma (10), daughter of Jalal Sardar.

A 12-year-old boy was run over by a speeding truck near Noakanda Patildiara area while trying to overtake another vehicle killing Sujan and the unidentified man on the spot.

The victim Shahadat Hosain, son of Abdul Karim Mia of village Rajde in Kalkini Thana died on the spot.

All the injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital and Belabo Raipura Thana Health Complexes.

Police seized all the three buses but the drivers managed to flee.

The bodies were sent to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

In Borguna, a madrasah student was electrocuted when he came in touch of live wire.

Police said Sagir (22) of east Betagi village met with tragic end when he came in contact with the snipped wire on way back home in Betagi thana. He died on the spot.

Another report from Barisal adds: A minor girl who was seriously injured by a live electric wire at Belata area died at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

He was rushed to a local clinic where the attending doc-

tors declared him dead.

Another report says: A minor boy drowned in a pond in village Saratdi of Sripur thana.

Police said Shoeb, 3, son of Daud Ali, fell into the nearby pond of their house when he was playing on the pond-side.

A man was killed in a traffic mishap at Sonabaria in Sadar thana on Sathkhira-Jessore road.

Police said Mahatab, 35, of Sonabaria in Kalabari area was critically injured when a speeding bus hit a van in the area. He died on way to Sadar Hospital.

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