

## National

## News snaps

## Shilpkala Academy poll

MANIKGANJ, Sept 6: The biennial election of Manikganj Shilpkala Academy was held on August 28 at its premises here, reports BSS.

The 10 members who have been elected are Abul Hossain Sikdar, Shamsun Nahar, Khondkar Khalequzzaman, Tawhid Babu, Mostafizur Rahman Mamun, Abdul Awal Nur, Pradip Hore, Bimal Roy, Matin Biswas and Mizanur Rouf Khan Jasu. The Deputy Commissioner is the ex-officio president of the academy. The office-bearers will be elected from among the elected members.

## Loan for unemployed youths

MANIKGANJ, Sept 6: The Youth Development Directorate will disburse an amount of Taka 94.29 lakh among the trained unemployed youths, both male and female to create self-employment opportunities for them, reports BSS.

According to an official source, Taka 67.25 has already been disbursed among 411 youths in seven thanas. The loans are being given for fisheries, poultry and dairy farms, cottage industries and small business.

## Four convicted for abduction

GAIBANDHA, Sept 6: Four people were sentenced to 10 years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) by a tribunal here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The convicts are: Harun, Mannan, Milan and Lokman of village Hatbamuni in Sadullapur thana. The case history in brief: the accused kidnapped Kamana Parveen Koya, daughter of Abdul Quddus of the village, on March 18, 1995 while she was playing with her fellow-villager Ainunnahar. Police rescued Koya and arrested Harun, Mannan, Milan, Lokman and Ainunnahar following filing of a case by Quddus against them. After a long hearing, the court found the four guilty of abduction, sentenced them to 10 years' RI under the women Repression Act and acquitted Ainunnahar.

## Two dacoities within 2 days

GAIBANDHA, Sept 6: Two dacoities were committed in Shahebganj sugarcane farm area in Gobindaganj thana on Dhaka-Dinajpur highway with a span of two days, reports UNB.

Witnesses said bandits waylaid some five passers-by and looted their cash, rickshaw-van and a by-cycle on Thursday. The dacoits also beat up the passers-by mercilessly. In another incident on August 31 at the same spot, dacoits beat up Narayan and Pachu of Shahebganj village and snatched away Tk 500 from them. The victims reached the spot when the dacoits were taking preparation to commit highway robbery.

## Raped housewife commits suicide

BARGUNA, Sept 6: A young housewife committed suicide by taking poison at Angulkata village in Amriti thana on Thursday after she was allegedly raped by her father-in-law, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Nazma, 20, wife of Shahidul Islam. Police said Mofazzel Hossain, 50, raped his daughter-in-law, Nazma on Thursday morning when Shahidul went out to cultivate his land. Taking advantage of Shahidul's absence, his father raped Nazma. Hearing her cry for help, neighbours rushed to the spot.

## Tk 10.86 cr agri-loan disbursed

CHHAGALNAIYA, Sept 6: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), Feni region disbursed a total of Taka 10.86 crore as agricultural loan among 9,700 farmers in Chhaglalnaiya and Parshuram thanas through its three branches, reports BSS.

The loan was given to provide assistance to the farmers under Post Flood Rehabilitation Programme during 1998-99 fiscal year. The bank also realised outstanding loans of Taka 8.34 crore from the borrowers during the period. The loan was used for cultivation of various crops, dairy, poultry farming, cattle fattening, pisciculture, buying of agricultural and irrigation instruments.



**Everfresh memory** Jahanara Abedin, widow of late Shilpkala Academy founder Joynul Abedin speaking at a discussion meeting arranged at Joynul Abedin Sangrahasala in Mymensingh on August 20. The speakers demanded naming an art college after the Shilpkala.

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## Discussion on Sree Krishna

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"Communal harmony must be maintained for the sake of humanity, democracy and socio-economic development," he said while speaking at a religious discussion to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Sree Krishna at Kalibari temple of Gopalchandi thana. Chaired by the President of Janmastami Celebration Committee, the function was also addressed, among others, by Ratneswar Chatterjee, Surnajani Saha and Binoy Kumar.

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## 49,000 VGF cards to be distributed

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 6: The government will distribute 49,000 Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) cards among the poor people of seven thanas here for the next three months, reports BSS.

According to an official source, 13,500 VGF cards have been allocated for 27 unions of Brahmanbaria sadar thana, 5,000 Kashba, 2,500 cards for five unions of Akhaura, 10,000 cards for 20 unions of Nabiganj and 6,500 cards for 13 unions of Bancharampur thana. Each card holder will get 10 kg of rice per month, the District Relief and Disaster Management Office sources said.

## UP polls in nine unions of Mymensingh from today

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, Sept 6: Union Parishad (UP) elections will be held in Char Nilakmiya and Dapuria unions of the Sadar thana today (September 7) and September 9, in Jashara union of Gafargao thana on

September 13 and in Chandhara and Dhakua unions of Phulpur thana on September 23 and 20, according to the district election office sources.

A total of 29 candidates are

chairman, 43 for 15 reserved seats for women and 172 candidates for 45 general member posts.

By-election in one ward of Char Sirta union of the Sadar thana will be held on Septem-

ber 7 for a member post. Four candidates are vying in the race. By-election in Padhakanai union of Phulbaria thana will be held on September 16 for the post of chairman where seven candidates are contesting. By-election in Akua of the Sadar thana and in Ksimplur of Muktagacha thana will be held on September 9 and 16 respectively for the post of member. Four candidates are contesting here.

A female candidate for the reserved seat at Ward number 3 and another member candidate at ward number 6 in Jashara union of Gafargao thana have been elected unopposed.

A total of 63 polling stations and 240 polling booths will be set up to conduct the voting process smoothly, the officials said.

A total of 1,00,019 voters, of whom 51,145 males and 48,874 females will exercise their franchise.

Meanwhile, all necessary measures have been taken to check electoral violence and for maintaining law and order during election period, said District Election Officer Md Barkat Ali.

**Election campaign** Posters of contesting candidates have flooded the walls of Shambhuganj bazaar in Char Nilakmiya union of Mymensingh district.

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## Five killed in separate incidents in four dists

Five people were killed in separate incidents in four districts recently, report agencies.

A youth was killed by assailants in broad daylight on Saturday at Angaria Chapai Nawabganj Pourasabha area following previous enmity.

Witnesses said a gang of

about six terrorists hit Kabir, 21, with hammers and iron rods and left him in a critical condition. He died on way to hospital.

A government employee was killed in a road mishap at Fatik Kheyaghat area in Patuakhali town on August 30.

The incident took place when one group opened fire on the other over a land dispute. The victims were identified as Mintu, 32, and Wahab, 38. Bodies of the victims have been sent to Kushtia Sadar Hospital for autopsy. The injured persons have been admitted to Kushtia Sadar Hospital. The critically injured persons are Kalam, Mokter, Alim, Rafiqul, Motaleb and Jahir.

Police arrested six persons in this connection. The arrested persons are Nizam, Pintu, Shamsul, Soliman, Hamidul

and Shah Alam. They have been sent to Kushtia jail.

A man was killed and 19 people were injured in an attack by rival groups at village Ambari in Palashbari thana of Gaibandha district recently over previous conflicts between two groups.

The dead was identified as Hasan, 57, a day labourer.

In a sequel to group clashes, a terrorists group led by Golam, lecturer of a college attacked the people of Ambari.

Some 20 villagers were injured, seven critically, in the attack. Of the injured Hasan, Nazir Hossain, Abu, Ramzan, Haidar, Kazal and Hafiz were admitted to local clinics and hospital.

Of them, Hasan was sent to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

## Show cause notice on 38 including Cox's Bazar DC

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 6: A court here has served show cause notice upon 38 people, including the deputy commissioner why the convening committee of Cox's Bazar district Awami League will not be declared cancelled, reports UNB.

The court asked for a reply to the show cause within September 30.

Senior assistant judge of Cox's Bazar Amjad Hossain served the show cause notice on Wednesday following a petition by a member of UKhia Thana Awami League, Shahjahan Sikder.

Sikder in his petition said the 37-member district convening committee of Awami League was formed on November 26, 1996 with Moshtaque Ahmed Chowdhury as convenor.

It has no longer any legal basis, the petitioner submitted, as according to the party constitution, the committee's term had expired on February 25, 1997.

He said the members in the name of the committee conducted various activities that were contrary to the party's constitution and interest.

## 100 hurt as villagers clash in Narsingdi

From A Correspondent

NARSINGDI, Sept 6: At least 100 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of Dulalkand and Lakhsmipur villages in Belabo thana recently.

According to police and witnesses, about five hundred villagers locked in the clash.

They used machetes, spears and other sharp weapons in the clash that lasted for an hour.

The clash ensued when a school building, built on a disputed land by Lakhsmipur villagers, was ransacked by Dulalkandi villagers, witnesses said.

The injured were rushed to Raipura, Belabo and Bhairab hospitals.

## Events of districts in picture



**Hazard of labour** A woman labourer in Magura still breaking bricks despite sustenance of injury on her hand by a hammer while doing the job.

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A seminar on 'Distaster Management and Disabled People' was held recently at Aswini Kumar Town Hall in Barisal.



A congregation of Rabidas community was held recently at Rabidas Palli in Lakhniganj of Kishoreganj district.

## 29 killed in 10 S-W districts in July

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Sept 6: At least 29 people were killed in 10 south-west districts in July.

According to police sources, six people were killed in Jessore, one in Narail, four in Jhenaidah, five in Khulna, two in Bagerhat, four in Satkhira, three in Kushtia, three in Chuadanga and one in Meherpur districts during this period.

In Jessore, Braja Mohan, 50, of Sajatpur under Monirampur thana; Rabial Islam, 30, of Baropota and Saira Khatun, 22, of Basutpur both under Sharsha thana; Firoj, 32, of Noor Bag under Abhainagar thana; Azam Ali, 35, of Ram Chandra Pur under Keshabpur thana were murdered by terrorists in separate incidents. Besides, a body of a baby was recovered from under a bridge in Jessore town.

In Khulna, Abdul Matin, 30, of Senpara under Daulatpur; Sahnai, 25, of Basupara under Kotwali; an unidentified young person in Batiaghata; another unidentified person from Kaira; and Anirul Bibi, 28, of Narayanganj under Daulatpur thana were killed in the month.

In the Bagerhat district, Sonia, 2, and Shahidul, 25, of Fakirhat were killed.

Hashem Ali, 40, of Alipur under Kotwali thana; Sohel, 3, of Kadbaria under Kalabari, Komoruddin and Shahana Khatun, 18, of Tala thana in Satkhira district were murdered.

Shah Alam, 35, of Kalia in Narail; Puti Mondal, 48, and Lincoln, 26, under Kotwali and Abdul Kashem, 5, of Sallakupa and Jahid, 20, of Monoharpur under Kaliganj thana in Jhenidah district were killed in the month.

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