

News snaps



At long last: Good things come to those who wait. Advocate Anwarullah of Jamalpur town waited for 12 years looking after the Night Queen plant before its flowers bloomed on October 6, at 1 am. —Star photo

10 injured in 2 clashes

NATORE, Oct 25: At least 10 people were injured, one with bullet, in two clashes in the town on Saturday, reports UNB.

In the first incident, a group of youths clashed with the employees of a ticket counter at the district bus terminal leaving five people injured. BNP activist Abdul Latif was among the injured. He was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH). Later, the unruly youths damaged a coach at madrasa crossing in retaliation. In another incident, five extortionists were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Chowkirkar in the town over sharing of extracted money. Both the groups, reportedly backed by ruling party's student wing Chhatra League, traded gunshots during the fight. BCL activist Shah Alam, who sustained bullet wounds during the gunfight, was admitted to the RMCH.

BSCIC estate now at pastureland

SHARIATPUR, Oct 25: About 14-acres of land, acquired for setting up of an industrial park, in Sadar thana has turned into a pastureland, reports UNB.

Official said BSCIC acquired the land at Baghia, 2 km north off the district headquarters, in 1987 to establish an industrial estate. They said the first installment of the fund allocated for the project was spent in acquiring land, construction of administrative building and a pump house. But the project works have been abandoned all on a sudden after completion of earth filling works a few months back for reasons better known to the authorities. Still some officials and employees of the project are drawing salaries virtually doing no work. Experts said small and medium-scale agro-based industrial units could be set up here as raw materials like bamboo, canes, coconut, cotton, jute, wheat, pulse and potato are found here in plenty.

Workshop on child health care

CHANDPUR, Oct 25: A workshop on child and mother health care was held recently in the auditorium of Kachua Upazila Parishad, reports BSS.

The workshop was presided over by Selina Akhtar, District Information Officer, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Qamruzzaman Chowdhury. Dr Mohammad Anwarul Huq, Dr Bijoy Krishna Shaha and Md Shaifuddin, among others, took part in the discussion. The workshop was participated by about 200 persons including teachers of different educational institutions and chairmen and members of union councils under Kachua Upazila.

Int'l trade fair in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 25: A 20-day international trade fair begins at the Railway Poloround here on October 28, reports BSS.

Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) is arranging the fair. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman is expected to inaugurate the fair, while Chittagong city mayor ABM Mahiuddin Chowdhury will be present as special guest on the occasion, CCI sources said. Local and foreign companies will set up 365 stalls at the fair being held for the eighth consecutive year. China, India, Pakistan, Iran and Taiwan are the possible participants of the fair.

Acid thrown on school girl

JHENIDAH, Oct 25: A schoolgirl suffered serious burn injuries in an acid attack at village Baramanil in Sadar thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Hospital sources said, a group of youths hurled acid at Ratna Rani, 16, daughter of Narayan Chandra, as she refused their incident proposal. She was admitted to Jhenidah Modern Hospital. A case was filed with the local police, but police could not arrest anyone in this connection.

So-called peer, follower held

FARIDPUR, Oct 25: A so-called peer and one of his followers have been arrested from a local hotel along with a bronze-made statue of Hindu Lord Krishna, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the hotel and arrested Harun-ar-Rashid and his disciple Fazlur Rahman along the statue, an ivory box and one decorated wooden box. Police suspected that the self-proclaimed peer was engaged in smuggling antiques out of the country.

Separate incidents kill 5

SATKHIRA, Oct 25: Four housewives and a teenage girl allegedly committed suicide taking poison in Sadar thana within a span of five days in the month of October, reports UNB.

The deceased were identified as Jahana, 22, wife of Ziarul, Moslema, 45, wife of Madar, Rashida, 25, wife of Madar, Rashida, 26, wife of Zulfiqar and Razia, 12, daughter of Golam Rahman. Another young man, Monirul Islam, 30, of Bazargra village in Kaliganj thana was electrocuted on Monday when he went to visit a neighbouring house.

Work on super market progressing

JHENIDAH, Oct 25: Construction works of the district municipality super market, involving Tk 63 lakh, are progressing in full swing, reports UNB.

Seventy per cent works of the scheme have already been completed while the rest is likely to be finished by next month. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is implementing the project with financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Scouts leadership training ends

CHANDPUR, Oct 25: A weeklong scouts leadership training concluded recently at Chandpur Hasan Ali Government Primary School premises here, reports BSS.

Organised jointly by Bangladesh Scouts Association and Comilla Regional Scouts Association, the training was inaugurated by Md Reazuddin Sarkar, District Education Officer, Chandpur. The inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Principal Md Tariq ullah, Kazi Shahjahan Ali, Deputy Commissioner of Comilla Scouts Association, Md Saifullah and Ajoy Kuma. Bicwink of Chandpur Scouts Association. About 300 scouts leaders from seven upazilas participated in the training.

Man with forged notes arrested

SATKHIRA, Oct 25: Police arrested a man with forged one hundred taka notes from the town here recently, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police caught Shimul Mukherjee, son of Profulla Mukherjee of Bagerhat district, from a tea stall. They recovered 29 forged one hundred taka notes from his possession. He was sent to jail.

Chhatra League confce

MANIKGANJ, Oct 25: The conference of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Ghior thana unit was held at the Ghior Public Library premises on October 9, reports BSS.

Colonel (Retd) M A Malek, member, advisory committee of Bangladesh Awami League, was present in the meeting as the chief guest. Siddiqui Rouf Khan, assistant office secretary of Awami League Central Committee, and Bahadur Bepari, president, Bangladesh Chhatra League, were special guests. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Masud Chowdhury and Ansur Rahman Anis, vice-president and joint secretary of BCL Central Committee respectively. Advocate Golam Mohiuddin, secretary, Manikganj district Awami League, Sultanul Azam Apel, secretary, Manikganj district Jibto League and Abu Bakr Siddique Tushar, secretary, BCL Manikganj district unit. The conference was presided over by Mashur Rahman Rashid, president, Ghior thana Chhatra League.

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Mymensingh becomes a den of criminals

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, Oct 25: The number of crimes increased here alarmingly endangering the security of life and property of common people in recent days.

A dacoity was committed in a bus at Kanthali village in Bhaluka thana on Dhaka-Mymensingh Road at about 11pm on October 10.

A gang of armed miscreants boarded a Dhaka bound bus coming from Sherpur. When the bus reached at village Kanthali, the miscreants attacked the passengers and the driver. They overpowered the driver, took control of the steering wheel and looted away cash and goods worth about Tk 1 lakh from the passengers including ASP of Khalajuri police circle in Netrakona and SI of Sherpur DB Police. The miscreants took away the wireless set and uniform of the ASP which was kept in a brief case.

The miscreants left the bus safely at Habibbari of the thana.

A case was lodged with Bhaluka thana in this regard.

Two dacoities were committed at village Baula in the same thana on October 12 night.

A gang of armed dacoits raided the house of Nabi Hossain and Abdul Baten of the village and looted away cash and goods worth about Tk 30 thousand.

Kotwali thana police recovered the body of Sufiqa, 10, son of Tofazzul Hossain of village Gopalnagar in the sadar thana from a paddy field of the village on October 9.

According to family and police sources Sufiqa was missing since the noon on October 8 and local people saw his body with several marks of injuries in the paddy field on the following day.

They recovered it to the police who recovered the body and sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed with Kotwali Police in this regard.

Mymensingh Railway Police recovered the body of an unidentified young man from the rooftop of Ekata Express, an inter-city train on October 9.

The body marks several injuries. Police recovered the body of a school boy from the River Brahmaputra near Shambhuganj bridge in the sadar thana on October 7.

Mizanur Rahman (Sunny), 14, son of Abdul Mannan of Shyamacharan Roy Road who was a student of Class eight of the zilla school was missing since the break of the morning shift class of the school on October 6.

Being informed by the local people police recovered the body from the above mentioned place on the following day.

Father of the victim filed a murder case against 12 classmates of Sunny with Kotwali police.

Another seven year old school girl was abducted by some miscreants at village Beeltail in Nandail thana here recently.

The girl was identified as Razia, daughter of Najar Ali. She was abducted on way to school, family sources said. But the victim is yet to be rescued.

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The miscreants went away demanding Taka three lakh as ransom.

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lage Garbazail in Muktagacha thana. But the villagers were compelled to retreat in the face of gunfire shots from the kidnappers.

However, police recovered two abducted boys including Azizul from sadar and Muktagacha thana. Police also arrested seven persons with arms in this connection on October 16.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of Muslemuddin at village Kazipara in sadar thana, rescued Azizul and another boy Fazlul Hoque, 7, of Ghatail thana in Tangail district.

Police arrested seven people identified as Salam, Kamrul, Sharif, Tofazzol, Selim, Muslemuddin and Sohrab. Police also seized three pipe guns from their possession.

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Not a Jainul's painting !: This is not the famous painting of Jainul Abedin, but a typical scene of daily struggle of Jhenidah villagers. Rains have forced a villager to push his bullock cart loaded with jute sticks to make way through the muddy Saduhati-Saikupi road while his son drives the cart.

Terrorists intimidating journalist

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 25: A group of terrorists are intimidating a local journalist here.

K M Quamruzzaman Korban, Rajshahi University correspondant of vernacular daily the Inqilab, said terrorists have been threatening him since a news item regarding a flaw of the establishment department of the university was published in the paper on October 14.

Recently a group of unidentified young men raided my room in the university dormitory and threatened to sever my hands, the newsman said.

A general diary was lodged with Motihar thana in this connection.

Scholarship awarded to 3 students

From Our Correspondent

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Body found from train compartment

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RAJSHAHI, Oct 25: Body of an unidentified man was recovered from a compartment of a goods train at Rajshahi station on Thursday night.

Railway police suspected the man was strangled. The body was sent to Rajshahi Medical College for autopsy.

The train reached here from Ranapurna station under Chana-pawabganj district.

Faizunnesa's contributions recalled

COMILLA, Oct 25: Contribution of Nawab Faizunnesa Chowdhury in the awakening of women and spread of education was presided over by Dr Zobaida Hannan, president of Nari Dipita and Founder-president of the Comilla Diabetic Centre.

AHM Mohiuddin, a researcher, on the life of Faizunnesa and former Principal of BNBN Girls' College, Director of Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) Khairul Kabir, Project Co-ordinator, Department of International Development, United Kingdom visited Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) recently.

The visit was arranged in a bid to make a comprehensive base line survey of the University Fisheries Education and Research. The team also called on BAU Vice-Chancellor Dr Muhammed Hussain at his office. He apprised them about education and research activities under the Faculty of Fisheries. Dr EH Allison and Dr M Graves of the visiting team and Dr M Shahjahan Howlader, local consultant took part in the discussion.

Meritorious students awarded

A total of 61 brilliant students of Muktagacha thana who secured good positions in the SSC and in the Dhakhal examinations of 1999 were awarded the Education Medals by AKM Mosharraf Hossain, MP at a function held at RK Pilot High School in Muktagacha recently.