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Another new police station

COMILLA, Dec 4: Meghna police station set up recently started operation on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Meghna police station covers four union parishes of Homna thana and three of Daudkandi thana. The union parishes under the new police station are Barakanda, Gobindapur and Looterchar, Chandrapur, Kalibanga, Radhanagar and Manikchar. The temporary office of the thana was set up at the Manikchar Union Parishad building. An OC, two SIs, two ASIs and 20 constables have been posted in the new police station.

JCD men with phenisidyl arrested

JOYPURHAT, Dec 4: Akkelpur police on Wednesday arrested two young men along with 105 bottles of phenisidyl from near Kathal Kuchmara Bridge on Akkelpur-Tilakpur road, reports UNB.

They are Bidyut and Palash. The contraband items were found on search of a cartoon of biscuit they were carrying in a rickshaw at 4 pm. The police identified Bidyut as a general secretary of Akkelpur thana Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Palash as an activist of the organisation.

Fake police officer arrested

MYMENSINGH, Dec 4: A young man, who identified himself as an officer of the detective branch of police, was given mass beating for demanding bribe when he falsified his identity, reports UNB.

Mostafa came to the house of Selim at Bhati Bar under Sadar thana on Tuesday night, told him that he was involved in a criminal case and demanded Tk 8,000 to relieve him from the charge. Being suspicious at his behaviour, the inmates of the house caught Mostafa and gave him a good beating. He was later handed over to the police.

Care Enterfish project ends

BENAPOLE, Jessore, Dec 4: The project of Care Enterfish concluded at village Borokuli under Jhikaragachha thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

The concluding ceremony was presided over by President of Care Enterfish Ataur Rahman. It was addressed, among others, by Supervisor of Care Enterfish Mahbub Alam, Samail Islam, Bakuzzaman and Salim Reza. The project started two years ago. The farmers were imparted training on modern methods of cultivation of fishes.

Music festival concludes

BARISAL, Dec 4: A four-day long musical festival of Rabindra-Nazrul-Muktundu concluded here in the Aswini Kumar Town Hall premises on November 30, reports BSS.

The programmes included awarding ceremony, reception to prominent persons, rendering Rabindra, Nazrul and Mukunda songs, discussion and cultural function. Presided over by SM Janan the function was attended by M Alauddin, Deputy Commissioner of Barisal, as the chief guest. Among others, Manabendra Batbaly, Mintoo Bose and Enayet Hossain Chowdhury took part in the discussion.

Killer husband gets life term

JESSORE, Dec 4: A district court here has sentenced a man to rigorous imprisonment for life for killing his wife seven years ago, reports UNB.

Mustafizur Rahman alias Kota of village Chanda in Jhikaragachha thana was also fined Tk 2,000, in default, to suffer for another six months. The prosecution said Kota strangled his wife Firoza Begum on February 27, 1993, following a feud over his second marriage. He then poured poison into the mouth of Firoza. Police recovered the body of Firoza the following day and filed a case against Kota following the postmortem report. Examining the records and witnesses, Judge Abdul Hai found Kota guilty and delivered the judgement on November 28.

Three arrested for smuggling

MAGURA, Dec 4: Police arrested three persons, including two Indian citizens, in two separate drives and seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 9 lakh at Shalikha thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided Arpara bridge area and stopped a Dhaka-bound bus, coming from Jessore. Police seized the smuggled goods worth Taka 8 lakh 50 thousand from the bus. The goods included Indian audio cassettes, automobile parts, cosmetics and readymade garments. Dulia Mia, driver of the bus, was arrested. In another drive, Magura thana police seized some contraband Indian goods worth Taka 50 thousand from in front of Magura Palli Bidyut Bhaban. Police arrested two Indian citizens in this connection.

Woman killed in road mishap

SATKHIRA, Dec 4: An old woman was killed and 15 people were injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch in Sadar thana on Satkhira-Kaliganj road Wednesday evening, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Hamida Khatun, 60. Police said the mishap took place at Alipur as the Kaliganj-bound bus from Satkhira tried to avert a cyclist. The injured were admitted to a local clinic. A case was filed with Sadar police.

Man with firearm held

MYMENSINGH, Dec 4: A man with firearm was caught by villagers at Nijhum under Bhaluka thana and handed over to the police on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Villagers said Akkas along with his armed accomplices came to the village and tried to forcibly take his wife Shirin Akther despite her refusal to go with him. Hearing the hue and cry neighbours came out and caught Akkas with a pipe gun and harpoon and handed over to the police along with the arms and car. His accomplices, however, managed to escape. Jalal Uddin, the father of Shirin, filed a case with the local police.

Four shops gutted

SHERPUR, Dec 4: A devastating fire that broke out in a market in the town on November 27 gutted four shops damaging goods and property worth Tk 10 lakh, reports UNB.

It is suspected the fire originated from a burning candle in a grocery shop in the market at Nouhata crossing that engulfed neighbouring shops. Fire fighters and local people put off the blaze after struggling for 90 minutes. Another report from Bagerhat said: Fire gutted machines and valuables worth Tk 2 lakh of a courier service office at Light House cinema hall road Wednesday night. Electric short circuit was suspected to have originated from office while it was closed. Fire fighters doused the blaze after half an hour.

Interest free loan disbursed

NETRAKONA, Dec 4: District Social Welfare Department disbursed Taka 2.70 lakh here as interest free loan under the poverty alleviation programme during the last financial year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the loan was disbursed among 166 people in five villages under Sadar thana. The villages are Kangsha, Bashati, Chandrakon, Faridpur and Palashati. The loan was given for starting income generating works like poultry, cattle and handicrafts, the sources added.

Construction work begins

TANGAIL, Dec 4: The construction work of Tangail Press Club building began on Wednesday at a cost of Taka 15 lakh, reports BSS.

Of the total, Taka five lakhs was received from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as grant and the rest is being available from Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), official sources said. It was attended, among others, by Abdul Mannan, MP, President and General Secretary of Tangail Press Club and Executive Engineer of LGED, Tangail. Earlier, the prime minister laid foundation of the press club building.

Farmers' conference

BARISAL, Dec 4: A farmers' conference was held at Runshi village under Kirtipasha union of Jhalakathi sadar thana recently, reports BSS.

Organised by the Jhalakathi District Agriculture Extension Department, the conference was attended by M Kafuddin, corn preserver of the department, as the chief guest. Samir Ranjan Sikdar, officer of this department presided over the function. About 200 farmers were present at this conference. Some 25 farmers were awarded.

Open sale of meats of sick animals

MAGURA, Dec 4: A section of butchers are sealing the meats of sick cows and goats right under the nose of law-enforcing agencies, causing hazards to public health, reports UNB.

Locals alleged that the butchers sometimes slaughter pregnant animals as there is none to control them. Health and Livestock departments are supposed to oversee the matter, but both the administrative organs can hardly take action against these butchers for reasons unknown. Besides, the butchers slaughter animals in unhygienic places although there are specific slaughterhouses in the pourasabha area. There have been allegations that the butchers slaughter animals on 'meatless days' too.

Separate incidents claim 27 lives in 4 dists

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A total of 27 persons were killed in separate incidents in four districts recently, report agencies.

Eighteen people were killed in various incidents in Sylhet district during the month of November.

The victims were identified as Nazimuddin, 22, of Barochar village in sadar thana, Neharun, 55, of Jamalpur in Bagerhat thana, Latifa Begum, 38, of Munishipara in the town, Abdur Rashid, 45, Abdul Karim, 25 and another unidentified man of Natunhat in Tahirkpur thana.

The deceased also included Kamal, Moazzam, Dilara, 30, of Joyntapur thana, Jhutan Majumdar of pourasabha area, Nurul Mia, 60, of Companyganj thana, Tota Mia, 30, Tera Mia, 60, of Chatak thana, Tarek Mia, 45, of Jagannathpur thana, Samoruddin, 45, of sadar thana, Saiful, 22, of Golapganj thana, Jewel Ahmed, 20, of pourasabha area and Aziruddin, 62, of Baniabazar thana.

Six people died and 11 others were injured in separate incidents in Feni on Monday and Tuesday.

Police said two tempo passengers were killed and 11 others sustained injuries at Natun-

Ranirhat area of the town when their tempo collided with a truck at 3 pm.

The dead were identified as Sabita Rani, 16, and Serajul Islam, 45. The injured were Lovi, 30, Parul, 20, Sakina Begum, 56, Rezia Akther, 40, Konica, 17, Shuba Chandra, 38, Shahabuddin, 15, Nur Alam, 20 and Abdul Mannan, 25 were admitted to the Feni Sadar Hospital.

Shah Alam, 35, peon of Feni South East College was run over by a speeding truck at 1 pm at Fazilpur on Dhaka-Chittagong highway. He met the tragic end of his life while crossing the road.

A middle aged unidentified man was run over by a train at Feni railway station on Monday night.

On the same night Joynal Abedin, 22, son of late Abu Ahmad Mintu of Kalidaha village in sadar thana allegedly committed suicide in his room due to poverty.

In yet another incident Shafiqur Rahman, 40, of Joshpur village in Chhagolnaiya thana was killed in his mud house collapse on the same night.

Separate cases were filed with the police.

Two persons were killed here in a road accident on Thakurgaon-Dinajpur highway near Youth Development Centre (YDC) on November 24.

The victims were identified as Jamila Khatun, 60, wife of Asgar Ali and her grandson Parvez, 5.

It was reported that they were waiting on the roadside near YDC. All on a sudden a microbus knocked them and as a result they were killed on the spot.

A case was filed with Thakurgaon Police Station in this connection.

A boy was killed and seven others injured as a tempo tumbled into a canal alongside Bagerhat-Khulna highway in sadar thana on November 30 after hitting by a truck. Police said the 7-year-old boy, Rubel, was killed on the spot in Kathalata area when the Khulna-bound tempo from Bagerhat was dashed by the truck and fell into the roadside canal.

All the injured were admitted to sadar hospital where condition of tempo driver Isarat, 40, passengers Aklima, 30, and Mukid, 28, was stated to be critical.



Traffic jam in front of Sabujkanan Preparatory and High School on Mujib Sarak in Sirajganj town is a regular feature. As a result the road is blocked for traffic creating problem for school students, their guardians and passers-by.

— Star photo

A new horizon of prawn cultivation

SHARIATPUR, Dec 4: A new horizon of prawn cultivation has been created in the district following the findings of a recent survey carried out by the Fisheries Department, reports UNB.

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The programmes included holding discussion, youth rally, clean-up campaign, mobile sewing training course for women, musical game and charity football match.

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Later, a discussion meeting was held at the town hall with Additional Deputy Commissioner in the chair.

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