

## National

## News snaps

## Bagerhat BCL's threat

BAGERHAT, Dec 13: Local unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has threatened to wage a tough movement if Police Super Sazzad Ali fails to withdraw his statement against them by Tuesday, reports UNB.

The warning came from a meeting of the ruling party's student front at its office here on Saturday. BCL leaders Kazi Ali Ashraf and MA Matin, among others, were present at the meeting. They said the Police Super at a discussion here on Thursday accused BCL president Nazmul Kabir Jhilmil of taking wine and misbehaving with people in Fakirhat thana.

## Kishoreganj Press Club poll

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 13: Election of Kishoreganj Press Club (KPC) was held here at its premises on December 7, reports BSS.

Shahid Khan and Saiful Haque were elected president and general secretary respectively. The other elected members were: Ruhul Kuddus, Abu Khaled Pathan, Saiduzzaman, Subir Bashak, Humayun Kabir, A K M Nasim, Advocate Shahadat Ali and Mokarram.

## AGM of Comilla BRCS

COMILLA, Dec 13: An Annual General Meeting (AGM) organised by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BRCS), Comilla unit was held here in Comilla Modern School auditorium on December 2, reports BSS.

It was presided over by Vice President of BRCS, Comilla Unit Advocate Afzal Khan. Among others, Al-haj Abdul Awal, Vice Principal Sayed Ahmed Baker, Al-haj M Elias, M Humayun Kabir, Advocate Shahidul Haque, Abu Hasnat Babul, Prof Shafiqur Rahman, M Rafiqul Islam and Shahid Ullah spoke on the occasion.

## Cash looted

BAGERHAT, Dec 13: Gunnmen swooped on a mechanised boat in Debra Canal in Morelganj thana and looted cash from some fishermen on Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the fishermen were going to Zewdhara depot. Two fishermen — Rafiqul Islam, 27, and Jamal Hossain, 28 — were critically injured in the attack. They were admitted to sadar hospital.

## Deer recovered

SATKHIRA, Dec 13: The forest officials of Koikhali Forest Station under Shyamnagar thana recovered one deer recently, reports BSS.

According to official sources, Koikhali Forest Officials led by Station Chief Mujibur Rahman raided the Boikari area in the Sundarbans and recovered one hunted deer. The hunters managed to escape.

## Man killed in clash

SATKHIRA, Dec 13: One person was killed in a clash at Arar Kadakti under Assasuni thana on December 9, reports BSS.

According to police sources, one person named Mohiruddin Sana with his accomplices suddenly attacked Badluzzaman, 35, of village Arar Kadakti. They beat him mercilessly. As a result he died on the spot. The body was sent to sadar hospital for autopsy and a case was filed with Assasuni thana in this connection. Assasuni thana police arrested Mohiruddin Sana, 55, in this connection.

## Body recovered

SATKHIRA, Dec 13: Police recovered two bodies from Sadar and Kaliganj thanas on Friday, reports UNB.

The deceased were identified as Nurul Islam of Assasuni and Idris Ali of Kaliganj. Police said robbers swooped on Nurul Islam in Chandpur area and killed him there while he was passing by the area in a bike. He had a considerable amount of money at that time, police said. They said unidentified assailants killed Idris Ali of Kalikarpur on the day and later hanged the body in his shop. Both the bodies were sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. Separate cases were filed.

## Satkhira dist Red Crescent body

SATKHIRA, Dec 13: A seven-member district unit committee of Red Crescent was formed here Tuesday for a two-year term (2000-2001), reports UNB.

The committee was constituted at the Annual General Meeting of the unit with Abdul Motaleb and Monsur Ahmed as its president and general secretary. The other office bearers are: Adv Abdur Rahim, Abu Nasim Moina, Adv SM Haider, Adv Syed Iftekhar Ali and Ikramul Islam Maruf.

## Loan disbursed

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Dec 13: Livestock Department under its poverty alleviation programme disbursed interest free loan totaling Tk 14.35 lakh in last three years, reports BSS.

Officials said a total of 231 people in five thanas received the loan, repayable in monthly installments, for cattle rearing. The department realised loan amounting to Tk 3.42 lakh during the period. It has also planned to disburse Tk 3 lakh among 60 people soon, the officials said.

## Night coach dacoity

RAJSHAHI, Dec 13: Road pirates looted cash and gold ornaments worth about Tk one lakh from the passengers of a Rajshahi-bound night coach on Natore bypass on Friday, reports UNB.

Passengers alleged that a gang of robbers in collusion with the driver and his helper boarded the coach in the guise of passengers and decamped with the booty. They further alleged that police had arrested the driver and helper of the bus and later released them after taking bribes. Another report from Barisal adds: At least 11 passengers of a BRTC bus were injured in an attack by dacoits near Dignagar bridge on Dhaka-Barisal highway early Thursday. Witnesses said the bandits barricaded the highway in an attempt to commit dacoity in buses and attacked the passengers of the BRTC bus through its windows as they found its door locked up.

## Two youths arrested

PATUAKHALI, Dec 13: Two youths were arrested as they appear in examination for recruitment to vacant posts of assistant teacher of government primary schools by proxy on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said M Anisur Rahman (roll-3664) and M Shahidul Islam (3665) were caught red-handed from PTI centre in the town for appearing in the examination on behalf of each other.

## Rabi farming faces setback

GOPALGANJ, Dec 13: Cultivation of winter (Rabi) crops in five thanas appears to fall short of target, reports UNB.

A total of 500 hectares of land have so far been brought under winter crop cultivation this season, according to agriculture officials. They said it's unlikely to bring the targeted lands in various thanas, except Mukshudpur and Kashlani, under cultivation of winter crops. They attributed the possible failure to slow harvesting of Aman crops and lack of interest of farmers.

## 10 uplift projects taken up

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 13: Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED), Kishoreganj, has taken up a total of 10 development projects in 13 thanas here in the 1999-2000 financial year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the government has sanctioned Taka 1,65,00,000 for implementation of the projects. The projects included development of rural infrastructure. Sixty-five per cent work of the projects has already been completed. The rest work is in full swing.

## Prize giving ceremony

BRAHMANBARIA, Dec 13: A prize giving ceremony, organised by Anyatma Shatya Sanghita, was held here in the Zilla Parishad Auditorium recently, reports BSS.

The function was held to distribute prizes among the meritorious students of Brahmanbaria district. Additional District Magistrate M Afzal Hossain presided over the function. Private Secretary to the Prime Minister RAM Obaidul Muktedar Chowdhury attended the function as the chief guest while General Secretary of Brahmanbaria Samity Mizanur Rahman, Pourasabha Chairman Helal Uddin and Prof Abdun Noor were special guests.

## Qulhwani held

KUSHTIA, Dec 13: The qulhwani of three police personnel was held here at the district police line on Tuesday, reports BSS.

They were killed by road accident on Kushtia-Jhenidah Road near Islamic University on December 4. Names of the three police personnel are: M Ayenuddin, Rabiu Islam and Baset. The qul was attended, among others, by Deputy Commissioner Abdus Salam and Police Super Anwar Hossain. A mafatul mafat was also held at the mosque of the district police line.

## Unsung personalities in Jhenidah district

## From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Dec 13: As the anniversary of Victory Day of the War of Liberation approaches, people with heavy heart remember some local personalities who embraced martyrdom in 1971 for the cause of national independence.

People from all walks of life in the district forged strong unity during the war. When the Pakistani occupation forces tried to enter the district headquarters, they faced resistance on Jhenidah-Jessore road at Bishaykhali, about eight kilometres south from the town, in late March.

Manamoy Banarjee, a teacher, joined local people to resist the Pakistani soldiers from entering Jhenidah, the then sub-divisional headquarters. Banarjee and his group put up barricades on the road. However, the soldiers equipped with modern weapons broke the re-

sistance. They detained Banarjee and others on April 1. Later Banarjee was gunned down.

Mir Sarwar Hossain, commonly known as Salok Mia, was a well-known singer. Salok Mia, son of Mir Tofazzel Hossain of Shailakupa Shahi Masjid Para area, worked as an informer of freedom fighters. On September 27, Nurul Islam, local collaborator of Pakistani forces, requested him to see the Officer in Charge of Shailakupa thana. Salok did not come back from police station. Later his body was recovered from the Teltulta area under Sadar thana.

Dr Manoranjan Joarder, 75, was another renowned martyred personality. During the War of Liberation he attended wounded freedom fighters. On October 28 he was detained by the Pakistani soldiers and their local collaborators picked him up from his house. He was shot dead in Humoder Beel area.

their local collaborators put him into a sack with his hands and legs tied and threw in the River Kumar. He could not be traced later.

Rustam Ali, son of Omar Ali, was an officer of Agriculture Department. On April 20 the occupation soldiers picked him up from his house. Later he was gunned down in the premises of Kaliganj Girls' School.

Golam Mahiuddin Ahmed, a renowned social worker in Harinakdu thana, was detained by the Pakistani soldiers. His body was later recovered from Tetultula area under Sadar thana.

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