# News snaps

Indian goods flood market

KURIGRAM, Jan 2: Local markets have been swamped with Indian goods ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitar, reports UNB. Indian goods, including sari, lungi, bed cover, sugar, salt and spices, are being smuggled into the district through Fulbari, Nageshwari, Bhurungamari, Roumari and Razibpur borders. Gorokmondol, Balahat, Balatari, Khalisha Kathal, Farusa Derusa, Jumarpar, Nandirkuti, Bidyabagis, Dhabiarpat, Dharmapur, Kashipur, Anantapur, Ramkhana, Chanderhat, Bhothat, Singjhar, Baghbhandar, Pathardubi, Maida, Sonahat, Kochakosta, Narayanpur, Datbhanga and Goitapara borders were also said to be the safe routes for the smugglers. The smuggled goods are supplied to other parts of the country from Bala-hat. Nandirkuti Dharibarpat, Jummarpar of Fulbari thana. Goods coming through Gorokmondol are supplied through river Dharla in Lalmonirhat district.

### Roads renovation scheme

COMILLA, Jan 2: Roads and Highways Department has undertaken programmes to renovate six roads at a cost of Tk 5.75

crore, reports UNB. Communications Secretary Rezaul Hayat during a recent visit to the area directed the authorities concerned to reconstruct the roads, which remained in dilapidated condition since long. Chairman of Public Administration Reforms Commission ATM Shamsul Haque and Engineers of R&H Mofizul Haque and Rasiqui Islam accompanied the secretary. The roads to be reconstructed are Alekharchar-Suwaganj road at cost of Tk 3.10 crore, Shashangachha-Palpara road with Tk 10 lakh, Majhigachha-Palpara road at a cost of Tk 30 lakh, Palpara-Shahpur road at a cost of Tk 15 lakh, Tomsom Bridge road at Tk 40 lakh and Chapapur-Tomsom Bridge road involving Tk 1.50 crore.

### Six with heroin arrested

HABIGANJ, Jan 2: Police arrested six people with heroin from village of Maholam in Shayestaganj thana on Friday night, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off, police raided the village near Shayestaganj railway station and seized 5gms of heroin worth about Tk 20,000 and Tk 11,000 in cash from the arrested people. They are: Helena Begum, Alam, Ismail, Pinku, Mahmood and Khokan.

### Convicted UP chairman held

MANIKGANJ, Jan 2: A convicted UP chairman of Shibalaya thana was arrested from Daulatdia brothel on Friday, reports

Police arrested Masudur Rahman Masud, chairman of Uthli Union Parisad and a ruling party supporter, from a room in the brothel. Masud, convicted in a case and an accused of several other cases, including murder and rape, was on hiding.

### Fine realised

FARIDPUR, Jan 2: District Administration has realised Tk 185,000 as fine from the local brick field owners for using firewood in the kilns defying government ban, reports UNB.

A mobile team conducted raids at nine brick fields of Boalmari thana on December 27 and realised the amount for violating Brick Burning Control Ordinance, 1992. They also seized 61 trucks loaded with 12,230 maunds of firewood and arrested Mokrob Ali, an employee of brick field. Earlier on December 8 and 21, district administration also realised Tk 70,000 from seven brick fields and Tk 1.20 lakh from six brick field owners in Sadar thana respectively.

#### Bumper mustard production SHERPUR, Jan 2: A bumper production of mustard is likely

in the district this year owing to favourable climate and enthusiasm showed by the farmers, reports UNB.

Mustards have been cultivated on a total of 4,800 hectares of land in the district with a production target of 4,320 metric tons, officials said. Additional 1,300 hectares of land were brought under mustard cultivation in current Rabi season, officials added.

### Construction works completed

CHUADANGA, Jan 2 The construction works of a 50 seated three storied girls' hostel building of Local Government Girls' College has been completed, reports BSS.

The Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education has implemented the construction works. According to an official source, the new hostel building will be handed over to the college authority shortly. Another construction works of the two storied academic building of Wadud Shah College at Damurhuda has already begun. The Facilities Department has allocated Taka 39 lakh for the scheme.

### Legume crop cultivation schem

CHUADANGA, Jan 2: A total of 18,850 hectares will brought under legume crop cultivation during the current Rapi

season in all the four thanas, reports BSS.

The thanas are Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar. Of the total, 15000 hectares will be brought under gram. 500 hectares under mug. 200 hectares under motor, 150 hectares under arahar and 3000 hectares under khashari cultivation, sources said. The legume crops include gram, mug, motor, arahar and khashari, sources added. It was reported that the production target of the legume crops have been fixed at 16,870 metric tons, of which gram will be 14000, mug 340, motor 144, arahar 106 and khashari 2280 metric tons.

### Police investigation centre

JAMALPUR, Jan 2: Two new police investigation centres in Narayanpur area of Sadar and Tarakandi area in Sarishabari thanas started their activities on Thursday, reports UNB. Officials said the centres were set up at the executive order of

the government to improve law and order situation in the area. The Narayanpur centre is temporarily housed at Narayanpur Government Primary School while the Tarakandi centre at the temporary police outpost at Jamuna Fertiliser Factory. There is another police investigative centre at Narundi.

#### Separate incidents kill 2 women MANIKGANJ, Jan 2: Two women were killed and 12 people

injured in separate incidents in the district on Wednesday-Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said a woman was killed and two people were injured when a Narail-bound night coach dashed a roadside tree on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Zoka in Gheor thana on Wednesday night. The dead was identified as Halima Khatun, 20. Ten people suffered injuries on the same night when a night coach and a truck collided on the highway's Zagir area in Sadar thana at about 3.30 am Thursday. The injured were admitted to hospitals in Manikganj and Dhaka. In another incident, an old woman allegedly committed suicide by taking pesticide at Konabari village in Gheor thana on Wednesday night. The victim was identified as Rahima, wife of Ashed Ali. Separate cases were filed.

### Five shops gutted

COMILLA, Jan 2: Five shops were gutted in a fire at Board Bazar in Sadar thana on Monday, burning down property worth about Tk 10 lakh, reports UNB.

Locals said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a tailoring shop and soon engulfed the five shops. BDR personnel from Bibirbazar border outpost and firefighters from the district town rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze after two hours of hectic efforts.

### Valuables looted

RAJSHAHI, Jan 2: Gunmen stormed into the residence of a businessman in the city and looted valuables worth over Tk one lakh on Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of seven robbers entered into the residence of Rafiqul Islam at Mirer Chawk, tied up the house inmates at gunpoint and made off with valuables, including cash, gold ornaments and prize bonds. When the brother of Rafique raized alarm as he came from the nearby market, the muggers fled the scene leaving behind a country-made pistol, a Chinese axe and a rifle bullet. A case was filed.

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### Ashrayan project in Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, Jan 2: The government has taken up a programme to implement three more Ashrayan projects in two thanas with a view to rehabilitating 100 destitute families, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the new three projects will be implemented at Monohorpur under Jibannagar and Laxmipur under Alamdanga thanas. Of the total, 50 families will be rehabilitated at Monohorpur Ashrayan Project, 20 families at Damosh Ashrayan Prokolpo and 30 families at Laxmipur Ashrayan Prokolpo, sources said. The implementation of these prokolpos will be started soon, sources added.

### **Body recovered**

MADARIPUR, Jan 2: Police recovered an unidentified body at Ghatokehar canal under Sadar thana recently, reports BSS.
It was reported that the body aged about 30/32 was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Sadar thana in this connection.

# ADB to implement Tk 1,000 cr uplift projects in CHT

KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 2: Asian Development Bank (ADB) will implement a number of development projects, involving Tk 1,000 crore, in the Chittagong Hill Tracts this fiscal, reports UNB.

"An ADB team is likely to visit the CHT region in February to assess the feasibility of the projects," CHT Affairs Secretary Sakhwat Hossain told a press conference here recently.

The projects include development of rural roads and infrastructure, prevention of hill erosion and establishing women's rights.

The government has sanctioned Tk 112 crore for the three hill districts in the current fiscal in addition to the fixed allocations, the CHT Affairs Secretary said.

He said UNICEF would also implement a Tk 34-crore social development project in the hilly countryside. Of the amount. Tk 12 crore will come from the government resources.

Besides, he said, process is underway to upgrade the Khagrachhari Stadium. Deputy Commissioner AKM Jafrul Hossain, Additional SP

Abu Ahmed, ADC (General) Syed Abdur Raihan, ADC (Revenue) M Abu Taleb, Executive Chairman of the Development Board M Shahjahan GM Sukhmoy Chakma and Toje 1 Manager Sudibba Kanti Khisa were present.

Another report adds : The government has allocated Tk 10 crore to increase facilities for the officials and employees of the Forest Department in the 3 hill districts with expectation

of better preservation and maintenance of forests.

Officials said the main step has been taken up to increase facilities for field level employees to protect the trees from smugglers and for proper maintenance.

As part of the programme, office building, rest house and residential accommodation will be constructed and renovated as well as vehicles, arms. ammunition and wireless sets will be provided to officials to enhance their capabilities and efficiency.

Officials said the government steps would be implemented in two phases - the first during the current fiscal year and the last during the next fiscal year for which Tk 5 crore have already been allocated.



Osmani Museum, Sylhet arranged a drawing competition for children in observance of - Star photo Victory Day

# Special Boro cultivation programme in 16-N-dists

NATORE, Jan 2: Government has undertaken a special programme to bring some 11.56 lakh hectares of land in 16 northern districts under Boro paddy cultivation this season. fixing the output target at 33:27 lakh ints. reports UNB.

Four government organisa, tions - Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE). Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), Power Development Board (PDB) and Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation - will implement the programme.

A supplementary scheme, aiming to produce some 11 lakh mts of wheat from 4.81 lakh hectares of land in the districts, has also been brought under the special programme to boost the production.

PCB sources said over 12,000 diesel-driven deep tubewells,

### Work on 266 Food for Work Projects progressing

RANGPUR, Jan 2: Work on 266 Food for Work Projects is going on in full swing in eight thanas under the rural infrastructure development programme during the current, fiscal year, reports UNB.

Officials said about 2,525 metric tones of wheat were sanctioned for implementation of the projects.

Under the programme, 35 schemes are being implemented in sadar, 58 in Mithapukur, 38 in Pirganj, 18 in Kaunia, 33 in Pirgachha, 35 in Gangachhara, 37 in Badarganj and 12 in Taraganj thana.

### Obituary



Renowned physician Captain (Retd) Dr S Altaf Hossain died at his Khulna residence on December 24 after prolonged illness. He was 80, says a press release.

Dr Hossain was laid to rest at Tutpara graveyard in Khulna after a largely attended funeral prayer on December 25. Special prayers were offered for the salvation of the departed soul at a gathering at his house the following day.

Born at village Paikkandi in Gopalganj district in 1920, Dr Hossain earned MB degree from Calcutta. Later he joined the army. Dr Hossain practiced medicine in London for 10 years since 1974. He was also a family physician for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rah-

Dr Altaf has left behind four sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

14,000 power-driven irrigation Rangpur, Parbatipur and Rapumps, 2.20 lakh diesel-run ishahi. shallow tubewells and one Meanwhile, DAE has started floating pump would be in op-

distributing quality crops. eration in the region to provide seeds and seedlings among the irrigation facility. They said over 2.86 lakh mts Another report from Cha of diesel would be needed for oppainawabganj says: With a

eration of the pumps. To keep diesel supply smooth and uninterrupted in the region, BPC has taken measures, including a permanent reserve of 80,000 mts of diesel in its Chittagong depot till the season-end.

Similarly, minimum 15,000 mts of diesel will be stored at Baghabari in Sirajganj at the initial stage of the season. Steps have also been taken

to store diesel at Chilmari floating and Balashighat depots and other depots in Nature.

### Police inquiry centre opens in Noakhali

NOAKHALI, Jan 2: In a bid to combat crimes in the area, a police inquiry centre was opened at Dattapara in sadar thana, reports UNB.

On the occasion, an all-party meeting was held at Dattapara High School ground on Monday with Principal Mohammad Sadeque in the chair.

Deputy Commissioner AKM Mahbubul Alam was present in the meeting as chief guest while Police Super of Laxmipur Khairul Bashar and Additional DC (General) Fazlul Amin as special guests.

### Tk 1.50 er road dev schemes in Rajbari

RAJBARI, Jan 2: The government has undertaken two road development projects in Sadar thana at a cost of Tk 1.50 crore, reports UNB. Of the two roads, construc-

tion of the 5-km Nimtala-Kolahat road has begun under Rural Development Project, involving Tk 71 lakh. Meanwhile, construction of

sadar thana in going on in full swing under the supervision of Facilities Department at a cost of Tk 4.96 crore. The buildings include five government primary schools, 10 government and non-gov-

26 new school buildings in

ernment high schools, three madrasahs, four vocational schools, two double-shift schools and two colleges. 454 tubewells

### out of order in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Jan 2 : Some 454 tube-wells in four thanas went out of order, creating an acute scarcity of pure drinking water in the areas, reports UNB. Of the tubewells, 150 shallow

and 39 deep tubewells in Kalkini thana, 142 shallow and 4 deep in Shibchar, 75 shallow in Rajoir and 87 shallow and 6 remained inoperative for long.

deep tubewells in sadar thana Officials said the tubewells could not be repaired for want of grants.

Serious traffic congestion in Comilla

COMILLA, Jan 2: The district town is caught by serious traffic congestion due to rush of rickshaws from rural areas ahead of the Eid festival, reports UNB.

Severe traffic jams are reported at Chakbazar, Rajganj. Tomson Bridge, Kandirpar. Shasongachha, Police Line, Ramghatla and Mogoltuli ar-

Official sources said at present about 25,000 rickshaws are plying in the town against 7,000 rickshaws having licenses of Pourasava.

Ignorance about the traffic rule is also responsible for deteriorating situation, said a pedestrian.

Plying of the buses, trucks and tractors through the town in daytime also aggravated the situation.

### Injured young man dies at CMCH

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Jan 2: The young man who was seriously beaten up and stabbed by some miscreants a few days ago succumbed to his injuries at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) here.

Nurul Amín, 25, was mercilessly beaten up and stabbed indiscriminately in Goshail Danga Abiderpara area under Double Mooring thana at around 3 pm on December 2.

Nurul Amin was tortured allegedly by the leader Alauddin Alo of 'Alo Bahini' and three of his accomplices as he was vocal against terrorism unleashed by them, police said.

He was rushed to CMCH in a critical condition.

Police arrested Alo's wife in this connec-Parvin Alo

### Punishment to killers demanded

From Our Correspondent

PABNA. Jan 2: A big protest rally of landless peasants on December 26 at Santhia Pilot High School ground demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Tafizuddin, a landless poor fisherman.

The rally, organised by Conscious Citizens' Committee of Pabna, was presided over by Mozammel Haque, President, Santhia Thana Awami League, It was also addressed, among others, by Santhia Thana BNF President Magbul Hossain Mukul, Santhia Municipality Chairman Mozammel Haque, Prof Abdur Razzaque, Dalai Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Kader, freedom fighter Md Golam Morshed, landless peasant leader Sekandar Ali, Benay Krishna Sarkar, Rabiul Karim Hiru, Advocate Biresh Chandra, Abdul Jalil and Kartick Chan-

dra Saha. The speakers condemned the killing by the local landlords and their hired musclemen at village Matshyapara under Gourigram Union of Santhia thana on December 13, 1999 in broad day light. Ten more persons were injured while they

were fishing. The rally over, the committee brought out a protest demonstration, paraded the main thoroughfares of Santhia municipality. Later on a memorandum was submitted to the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO). Santhia for forwarding the same to the Deputy Commissioner, Pabna.

Tk 18,35.571/=

### Problems grip Jamalpur General Hospital

From Our Correspondent

problems, including shortage of medicines, have gripped the General hospital in the district headquarters, depriving pa-

tients of healthcare facilities. A large number of people visit the public hospital everyday, but the patients have to purchase most of medicines prescribed by hospital doctors from markets.

in the hospital do not pay much attention to them, rather they are busy attending patients in appeals, he added. their private clinics and chambers. They also allege child specialist, gynecologist, orthopedic surgeon, eye and dental specialists, and medicine specialist are always busy with their private practices, intensifying sufferings to poor patients.

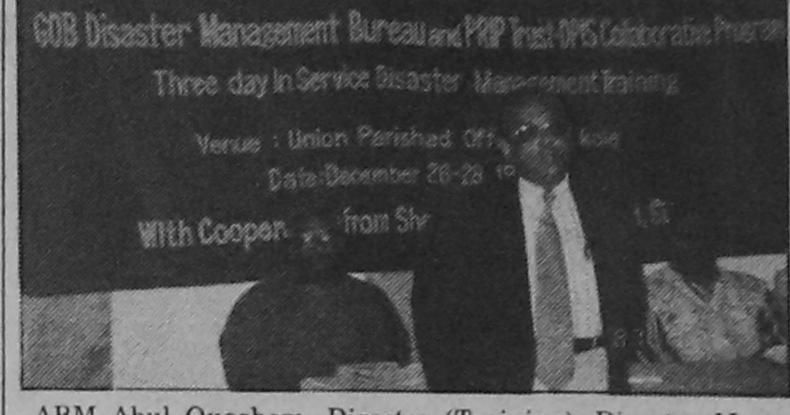
scarcity of water, gas and irregular power supply. Besides.

JAMALPUR, Jan 2: Various most of the fans do not work. causing untold sufferings to patients, especially in the sum-

Moreover, water leaks through the roof of the newly constructed operation theatre building during rainy season. Civil surgeon and superintendent of the hospital Dr Hamidullah Feroz said PWD (Public Works Department) is Patients allege most doctors responsible for repair works. But PWD is reluctant to do the repair works despite repeated

More over, development work for Jamalpur General Hospital is yet to be imple-mented. Public Works Department took up the project involving Taka 11 crore eighty lakh in December in 1995. The work was originally due to be The hospital also faces acute completed by June 1998. Fortyfive per cent work of the project has been completed so far.

# Events of districts in picture



ABM Abul Quashem, Director (Training), Disaster Management Bureau, speaking at the closing session of the inservice training programme on disaster management at Sherkole Union Parishad under Singra thana, Natore. The training was conducted by DPIS project of PRIP Trust under sponsorship of Disaster Management Bureau.



Joynal Hazari MP distributing prizes among children at Feni Zahir Raihan Hall at a function arranged recently by Feni Shishu Academy on the occasion of Child Rights -Star photo Week.



Chairman of Santhia Municipality Md Mozammel Haque Master addressing a meeting. -Star photo

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Tangail

## (R&H) Tender Invitation Notice

Division during 1999-2000 financial year.

Sealed tenders are invited through Bangladesh Form No 2911. : 19 (Nineteen)/TRD, year: 1999-2000. Tender Notice No

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Department has undertaken a

massive IRRI-Boro cultivation

programme in 16 northern dis-

lakh hectares of land in the dis-

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IRRI-Boro cultivation with a

production target of 16.82 lakh

on 47,780 hectares of land in

Rajshahi district while 35,440

in Chapainawabganj, 1.46 lakh

in Naogaon 57,470 in Natore,

1.77 lakh in Bogra, 47.780 in

Pabna, 81,740 in Rangpur,

61,000 hectares in Joypurhat

Besides, some 63.330 hectares of land will be culti-

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Thakurgaon, 14,940 hectares

in Panchagarh districts.

IRRI-Boro will be cultivated

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Officials said some 11.56

2. Name of work

Estimated cost 4. Earnest money

5. Prescribed time limit for : 45 (forty-five) days.

Eligibility of contractor Offices where tender to be had

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Offices to receive tender

: 'A' to 'D' special class (R&H), enlisted contractors.

Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail/Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Kishoreganj/Netrokona/Sherpur/Executive Engineer (R&H), Bridge Design Division-1, Bridge Zone, Dhaka//Deputy Commissioner,

> Tangail/Police Super, Tangail and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Sub-Division, Tangail, Mirzapur/Madhupur/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Tangail/Officer-in-Charge, Sadar Thana, Tangail.

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Reconstruction of damaged slab of Langulia Bridge as well as construction of

alternative road at 7th kilometre of Karatia-Tangail-Sakhipur road under Tangail Road

: Tk 36,712/= to be submitted through scheduled Bank Draft/Treasury Challan etc. in

Tangail. 19-1-2000 up to office hours. Last date & time of selling tender

10. Last date & time of receiving : 20-1-2000 up to 12-30 PM.

11. Date & time of opening tender : 27-1-2000 at 2-00 PM. 12. Date of lottery : To be held on 7-2-2000 at 11-00 AM at the office of the undersigned.

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