

News snaps

Smuggled goods seized

BENAPOLE, May 24 : BDR jwans seized smuggled goods, worth about Tk 5 crore from Jessore-Benapole road during their patrol in last three months, reports UNB.

Women deprived of allowance

NOAKHALLI, May 24 : Some 1,575 distressed women in Senbagh and Begunjan upazilas are not getting their monthly government allowance despite necessary instruction by the authorities, reports UNB.

Three children drown

MADARIPUR, May 24 : Two little girls and a boy drowned in separate ponds in separate upazilas on the same day recently, reports BSS.

Aman cultivation scheme

CHUADANGA, May 24 : A programme has been taken up to bring a total of 3734 hectares under broadcasting Aman paddy cultivation in all the four upazilas in the current cultivation season, reports BSS.

Telecom network out of order

NETRAKONA, May 24 : The Telecommunication network here was out of order for last 22 hours causing disruption to its link with capital and other parts of the country. The network resumed functioning from 10 am on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Landslides claim 40 every year in hill dists

BANDARBAN, May 24: About 40 people die due to landslide every year in three hill districts, reports BSS.

Launch robbery in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, May 24: A launch robbery was committed on Sunday night in the river Rupsha near Labanchora under Khulna city.

Three killed in Naogaon road accident

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, May 24: Three people were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident at Badalgachi upazila in Naogaon district recently.

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COMILLA, May 24: BDR seized 13,250 kgs of sugar smuggled from India from Amandanga in frontier Choudhagram thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Municipal Tax unrealised

MADARIPUR, May 24: The outstanding revenue of different government and non-government organisations in Madaripur Municipality now stands at Tk 28.97 lakh, reports UNB.



Punishment demanded Members of some cooperative societies in Rajshahi brought out a procession in Rajshahi city demanding transfer and punishment to Reba Das, Joint Registrar of Rajshahi divisional office of the Directorate of Cooperatives for her alleged corruption and autocratic activities. — Star photo

HYV wheat seeds produced

RANGPUR, May 24 : BADC growers in Mithapukur, Pargacha and Sadar upazilas produced 900 mts of High Yielding Variety (HYV) of wheat seed worth about Tk 1.8 crore this year, reports UNB.

Body recovered

KISHOREGANJ, May 24 : Police recovered the body of a middle-aged man hanging from a tree at Nagua in the town on Sunday, reports UNB.

Insemination programme

NARSINGDI, May 24 : A total of 12,332 cows have been brought under artificial insemination programme here during the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

Ananda Mela concludes

CHUADANGA, May 24: The three-day "Ananda and Shishu Mela" concluded here at the local Jheniuk Primary and Girls High school premises recently, reports BSS.



Tributes to National Poet National level Nazrul Joyanti celebration programmes will begin at Darirampur in Mymensingh district today. On the occasion the place wears a festive look. Picture shows (Left): The famous banyan tree at Darirampur under which Nazrul used to play flute during his boyhood. (Right): The proposed place for Nazrul University at Trishal. — Star photo

Darirampur ready to celebrate Nazrul Joyanti today

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, May 24: People of Darirampur are ready to celebrate the 101st birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam tomorrow (May 25) in a befitting manner.

The main programmes will be inaugurated at Darirampur Nazrul Academy ground in Trishal where Nazrul stayed for sometime in his boyhood.

Amir Hossain Amu, Minister for Food, will inaugurate the programme at 4 pm tomorrow (May 25) as the chief guest. State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukdar Abdul Khaleque and Dr Anwarul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will attend the inaugural session as special guest.

Md Mukarram Hossain, principal of Teachers' Training College, Mymensingh will preside over there.

The entire area has worn a festive look. A fair will also be held at Darirampur.

During his study at Darirampur High School as a student he was doing fairly well.

Anandamohan College students go berserk

MYMENSINGH, May 24: A group of students of Anandamohan College went berserk on Tuesday in protest against cancellation of the registrations of 370 honours first year students and demanding shifting of the Honours Part-3 examination, reports UNB.

People still remember victims of Balaganj massacre

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, May 24: As the 26th May approaches every year, people remember the victims of Balaganj massacre with heavy heart.

During the turbulent days in 1971, the occupation Pakistani soldiers and their local collaborators, members of Rajakar, Al Badar and Al Shams forces brutally killed at least 78 innocent people on the day at Balaganj upazila in the district.

Many died on the spot. But many were still groaning. The barbaric soldiers poured kerosene on the injured and burnt them to silence the groaning. At least 78 people were killed on the spot.

But a few escaped the atrocity luckily. They are Nibash Chakravarty, Gopendra Dev, Jitendra Kumar Baidya, Kamini Baidya, Thakurmoni Dev, Shoshanka Dev and Ranjit Dev. They are eyewitnesses of incident.

Advocate Ramaranjan Bhattacharya, school teacher Samrajit Charavarty, Nikunja Bihari Chakravarty, Nitya Ranjan Chakravarty, Nitya Rangan Chakravarty, Biswatoth Chakravarty, Durgapada Acharya, Jogesh Kar, Rajankanta Dev, Rebaiti Mohan Dutta, Ranajit Dev, Gajendra Kumar Sen, Sukharam Sukla Baidya, Nirode Sukla Baidya, Raman Chandra Dass, Aswini Kumar Dev, Sunil Malakar, Khatar Malakar, Chittaranjan Malakar, Chhoadhan Sutra Dhar, Rabindra Sabdakar, Prahlad Sabdakar, Moina Sabdakar, Benuram Sabdakar, Dulal Namasudra, Dwarka

Feud over love affair between two police families

BARISAL, May 24: A brawl between two police families over a love affair has led to the arrest of four people at Rupatal Dighirpar of the town, reports UNB.

Hundreds of saplings die every year because of lack of care

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu

Local people alleged negligence and indifference of certain organisations in this regard.

Most of the trees also get attacked with unknown diseases. So the government losses a good revenue.

Witnesses said an organised gang in connivance with a section of officials and employees are logging trees from government lands alongside roads under Roads and Highways Department.

The areas from where the trees are felling down on large-scale include Nazimkhin, Singardabri, Chinai, Nageshwari, Bhurungamari, Durgapur, Ulipur, Chilmari, Fulbari, Jatrapur, Panchgachhi, Ghogadaha and Bhogdanga.

Local people have urged the government to erect a memorial at the mass grave to preserve the memories of the victims.

Outlaw arrested in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, May 24: Police on Monday arrested an activist of an outlawed party from from Alamnagar area.

When contacted the local forest officer said many saplings and trees die because of floods. But locals have alleged some unscrupulous persons destroy many roadside trees using poisonous chemicals. When the trees start dying the unscrupulous people illegally cut the trees and sell those to the timber traders in collaboration with some corrupt government officials.

There have been allegations that the authorities concerned, including police, are not doing enough to check the rampant pilferage of government trees. In most cases, they are performing their duties by only filing cases.

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COMILLA, May 24: BDR seized 13,250 kgs of sugar smuggled from India from Amandanga in frontier Choudhagram thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Official said the BDR seized 265 bags of sugar worth about Tk 4 lakh from 23 rickshaw-vaens. But there was no arrest. The haul was deposited with the customs office.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take proper steps to protect the trees.

They also urged the authorities concerned to take stern action against the culprits.

Police said an organised gang armed robbers, numbering about 20, boarded ML Water King in the guise of passengers and unmasked themselves at convenient time.

Three killed in Naogaon road accident

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, May 24: Three people were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident at Badalgachi upazila in Naogaon district recently.

Police said a Naogaon-bound minibus on Rajshahi-Naogaon road hit some roadside shops after the driver of the vehicle lost his control.

Abu Baker Siddiquee was killed on the spot and Gopal and Dulal succumbed to their injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The injured were admitted to Naogaon Sadar Hospital and Badalgachi Upazila Health Complex.

The victims were either the shop owners or customers.

Municipal Tax unrealised

MADARIPUR, May 24: The outstanding revenue of different government and non-government organisations in Madaripur Municipality now stands at Tk 28.97 lakh, reports UNB.

Of the amount, government organisations owe Tk 22.50 lakh while non-government organisations and individuals Tk 6.47 lakh to the municipality in revenue. The authorities have so far filed cases against 117 individuals and organisations for evading taxes. Of the government organisations, police department owes the highest amount of Tk 7.32 lakh followed by district administration Tk 4.30 lakh, thana education office Tk 5.81 lakh, Nazimuddin College Tk 3.72 lakh and UI School Tk 2.38 lakh.

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One of many damaged trees near Sirajganj Zila Parisad situated on Bogra-Sirajganj Road. — Star photo