

Sirajganj  
DIARY

## Two murdered

From Our Correspondent  
SIRAJGANJ, Aug 6: One betel leaf shopkeeper and another girl were murdered recently in Kamarkhand and Raiganj upazila.

Police and witnesses said a gang of armed miscreants laid siege to the betel leaf shopkeeper's house at Palkosha village in Kamarkhand upazila and chopped him to death. Identity of the victim is Abdur Rasid, 42, of Palkosha village. Cause of the murder could not be known immediately.

A case was lodged with Kamarkhand Police Station (PS). Another six-year-old girl Fowzia, daughter of Fazal Sheikh of Dohibogam village in Raiganj upazila was murdered recently. Her dead body was recovered from a ditch. She was kidnapped from her house before her death. Cause of kidnap and murder could not be known. A case was lodged with Raiganj PS.

Rivals' clash leaves  
40 injured

At least 40 people were injured, 10 critically in a clash between two rival co-villagers at a fair in presence of police recently at Nimgachi.

Police and witnesses said the clash ensued over gambling. A case was lodged with Raiganj PS.

## Transport workers' union polls

North Bengal Tank Lorry Workers' Union election was held peacefully recently at Baghabari depot here.

Abul Hossain and Shahjahan Siraj were elected president and general secretary of the union respectively. Abul Hossain got 484 votes and Siraj got 424 votes, out of 840 votes. Forty candidates were contested for 17 posts.

## Housewife beaten to death

A housewife was allegedly beaten to death recently at Rupnar Khukhi in Shahjapur upazila.

The victim was identified as Hurbala, 30, wife of Mohammad Ali of the same village. Police sources said, Mohammad Ali married Hurbala as his second wife, three years ago.

On the fateful day he demanded Tk 10,000 as dowry from Hurbala. But she refused. Consequently her husband beat her to death. A case was lodged with Shahjapur Police Station.

## Four youths arrested

The sadar thana police arrested four youths with *randao* and other lethal weapons from Bhasani Road area recently.

The arrested persons were: Hasan Alam Hillon, 14, Ariful Islam, 14, Sonet 15, and Abdul Hakim, 12. Police sources said the arrested persons were getting ready for snatching on Bhasani Road.

Local people informed police and they were arrested afterwards. A case was lodged with Sadar Police Station.

## Food poisoning

Six of a family fell sick after taking poisoned rice recently. One woman died and five others were admitted to Kamarkhand Health Complex recently.

The victim was identified as Romija Khatun, 42, of Balukul village in Kamarkhand upazila. Hospital sources said later on the five admitted persons were released from hospital after treatment.

## Thousands marooned, rendered homeless by flood

By Staff Correspondent

Flood situation worsened further in Sirajganj and Kurigram districts.

**Our Sirajganj Correspondent reports:** At least 1,000 families in 15 villages of Belutiar Char, Char Duhlabari, Dukhlabari, eastern part of Saidabad, Chhatantoli, East Mohonpur, Nakphataar Char and Randhunbari, all situated on the northern and southern side of Bangabandhu Bridge West Police Station have been marooned due to submergence of their houses by flood waters.

Increase in water level of the river Jamuna has triggered this situation. Water level of the river rose to 60 centimeters at Sirajganj during the last 48 hours ending Saturday noon.

Many affected families have constructed temporary makeshift shelters on the western side of Bangabandhu Bridge West Police Station.

Meanwhile, about 3,000 people in Sirajganj Sadar, Kazipur, Belkuchi, Chowhalli and Shahjapur upazilas have become homeless while 5,000 kutcha houses have gone under the gorge of the River Jamuna due to unabated erosion, according to official sources.

Upazilawise break-up of homeless people is as follows: Sirajganj Sadar 250, Kazipur 500, Belkuchi 200, Chowhalli 750 and Shahjapur 1300. Many affected families have taken shelter on the Water Development Board (WDB) embankment and on high land.

An earlier report says: At least 1,000 houses, high schools, madrasas and mosques of Kazipur upazila have been devoured by the River Jamuna.

According to Upazila Nirbahi Office and witnesses, Jamuna erosion has taken a serious turn and affected Uttartekane, Kantonager, Char-Kantonager, Panagari and Manikdiar of Kazipur upazila.

New flood centre constructed at a cost of Tk 27 lakh including two primary schools, six mosques, two madrasahs, and Kantonager High School have gone under river.

Affected villagers said at least 2,500 houses of the above mentioned villages have gone under river bed.

The district administration has not yet been taken any step. The affected people are living inhuman condition. They demanded immediate rehabilitation. Some 150 families of Sonatori rendered homeless due to unabated erosion.

**UNB from Kurigram says:** Some 4,500 people were rendered homeless in last few days as two villages in Roumari upazila were devoured by the River Brahmaputra.

Meanwhile, flood situation here deteriorated with the increase of water levels in Dharala, Teesta and other rivers. The villages Goalerchar and Fuluarchar in Roumari upazila were devoured in the erosion while low-lying areas went under water.

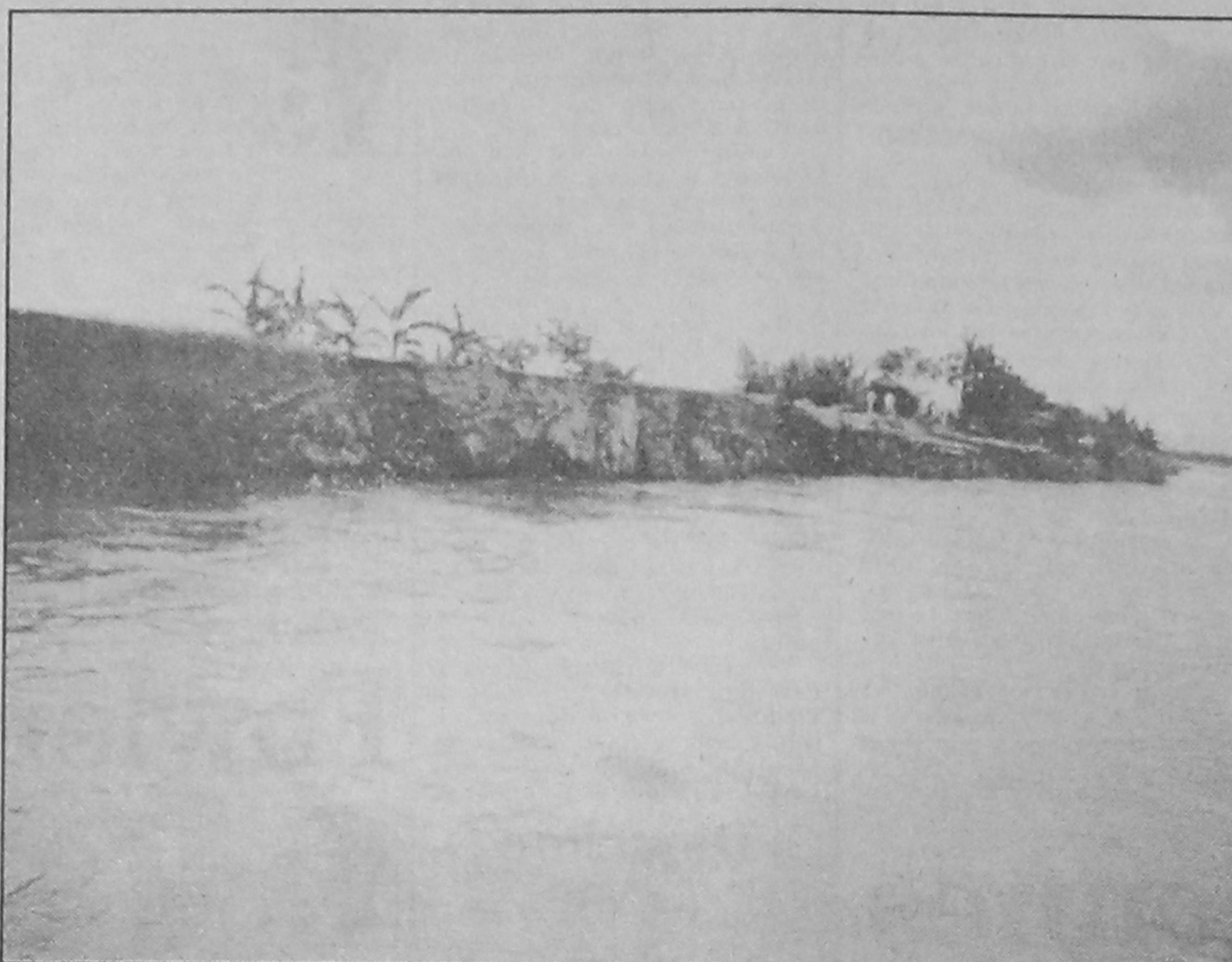
Local people said the three centres were constructed at Ujirpur, Sundarpur and Alatali unions in Sadar upazila in 1974 to provide shelter to the flood-affected people of the low-lying

areas. As there was none to look after the centres, the wooden doors, windows and CI sheets of the roofs were stolen within two to three years of construction.

The centres have now turned into safe havens of smugglers, drug addicts and terrorists. As the area experienced flooding almost every year, the people had to take shelters on the embankment or highways under open sky during floods.

Local people urged the authorities concerned to reconstruct flood shelters for mitigating the sufferings of the flood-affected people.

**dent reports:** Erosion by the river Jamuna rendered over 90 families homeless at Fasalpur union under Fulchhari upazila of the district in the last five days.



Jamuna's toll: Erosion by the mighty River Jamuna in Shahjapur upazila of Sirajganj district continues unabated. Photo shows the damaged Sonatori embankment where many erosion affected people who took shelter during the last week have again become homeless anew due to fresh erosion. Now they have been living under the open sky.

Security in  
Bangabandhu  
Bridge area  
tightened

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 6: Security has been tightened in and around the Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge area.

The measure has been taken up following recent recovery of several powerful bombs in Gopalganj, official sources said, hinting that saboteurs may attack the world's 11th longest bridge.

Additional forces have been deployed to patrol the area. Besides, close circuit cameras have been installed at the east toll plaza of the bridge. Passengers passing the bridge have also been filmed.

Three suspected  
dengue patients  
hospitalised  
in Feni

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Aug 6: Three suspected dengue patients were admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital and a private clinic on Thursday.

The patients were identified as Nur Mohammed, 30, of village Narayanpur under Daganbhuiyan, Mohammed Faruque, 18, of village Rampur and Nela Begum, 22, of Barahapur in the town.

With the three the number of patients suspected to have been infected with dengue fever rose to five till Thursday.

Housewife  
slaughtered  
in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 6: A housewife was slaughtered at Charhoga village under Mehendiganj upazila Wednesday night.

Rina Begum, 23, mother of a child, was slaughtered near Sabir Debnath's pond in the village on her way to home from her father's house.

Police suspected husband of the woman Nasiruddin, 28, was behind the killing.

Five convicted  
in case filed  
under PSA

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 6: A court here on Thursday sentenced five people to 12 years' rigorous imprisonment each in a case filed under PSA.

The five were also fine Tk 50,000 each in default to suffer two-year RI more.

According to prosecution, Rana, Rezaul, Manik, Anwar Hossain and Mehdi Monwar looted Tk 12,000 from a bakery at Farazipara in the city on February 2, 2000.

After examining 16 prosecution witnesses the judge pronounced the verdict. Two were

Buried in  
courtyard

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 6: A man, who was killed in lightning, was buried in the courtyard of a house only to prevent skeleton thieves from stealing the body.

Family members buried Nur Islam, 14, in the courtyard at village Bazargopulpur under Sadar upazila in the district recently.

A rumour is circulating in rural areas that bodies of lightning victims possess magnetic power, which can heal a number of diseases.

At least ten skeletons were stolen from graves in the district in the last six months.

Two killed in  
Satkhira road  
accident

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 6: Two people, who were travelling in a motorcycle, were killed when a passenger bus coming from opposite direction hit the motorcycle at Komorpur in Sadar upazila on Satkhira-Assassuni road on Thursday.

The victims were identified as Samiran Kumar Singh, 27, son of Asit Singh, and Abdus Sattar, 22, son of Eyakub Sardar.

Worker  
killed

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Aug 6: A man was killed in an accident at a sawmill factory here recently.

The dead was identified as Muzibor Rahman, 50, of village Panarduali in Sadar upazila.

Eyewitnesses said the man fell accidentally on the blade of the sawmill while chopping wood. Rahman died on his way to Magura Sadar Hospital.

Robbers loot  
house

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 6: A gang of armed terrorists attacked a house at Amanatganj in the town and looted valuables from the house recently.

According to witnesses, the gang stormed into the house of Nader and took away some household articles. They also ransacked furniture.

Reason behind the attack could not be known.

Air pollution: No step to  
crack down on lawbreakers

KURIGRAM, Aug 6: Country's people have learned to live with natural calamities, but they know little how to cope with the air pollution triggered by diluted fuel used in automobiles, reports UNB.

Although unabated marketing of diluted fuel by a section of dealers has posed a serious threat to public health in northern region like other parts of the country, authorities have failed to come up with effective steps to crack down on the lawbreakers.

"There are a good number of clandestine centres in different parts of the region where petrol and octane are diluted, causing damage not only to the engines of vehicles, but also the environment," said an ecologist wishing anonymity.

According to physicians, the number of patients suffering from respiratory problems, cough,

chronic headache, sinusitis, lung tumor and blood pressure are rising in the region, particularly in urban areas, due to air pollution.

Inhalation of smoke emitted by diesel-driven vehicles may also cause loss of IQ and hearing, they said.

An anarchic situation was prevailing in oil depots of the region due to illegal activities by a section of BSTI officials, adulteration of fuel, cheating in measurement, extortionism, inaction of law-enforcers and lack of steps to clean up the bottoms of oil depots at regular intervals to keep those free from sulphur and lead.

They said the use of harmful diesel continues to rise due to its low price. The diesel-driven vehicles pollute the environment sending suspended particulate matter (SPM) into the air.

The SPM that comes out from the fumes of diesel-driven vehicles is smaller than 10 microns, which can easily enter into the lung of human being, causing serious harm to it, according to the doctors.

There have been allegations that a section of employees in Eastern Refinery mix lead with crude petrol while some dishonest businesspeople mix it with the imported fuel.

In a bid to check the pollution of environment, the government has undertaken a programme of marketing lead-free petrol and sulphur-free octane across the country in addition to imposing a ban on the import of two-stroke engine and its spare parts and fuel mixed with lead.

The government has also decided to attach catalytic converters to all petrol-driven vehicles and particulate filters to diesel-engine vehicles to check the use of lead and sulphur mix fuel.

The government had also directed all the fuel distributors to clean up the bottoms of their depots to help supply lead and sulphur-free fuel, an instruction never followed by the distributors. Its instruction to attach catalytic converters and particulate filters also went unheeded.

The experts said mixing of kerosene with petrol is one of the main causes of air pollution and a large number of deport owners do that in blind pursuit of profit, an

allegation denied by the dealers.

"Dilution of fuel mainly occurs at Baghabari depot, but the blame goes to the dealers," said a dealer declining to be named.

He also accused the law-enforcers of turning a blind eye to the real culprits.

Meanwhile, Fuel Distributors Association demanded protection for their depots and putting an end to toll collection and harassment by BSTI officials.

## মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা বোর্ড

ঢাকা, রাজশাহী, কুমিল্লা, যশোর, চট্টগ্রাম, বরিশাল, সিলেট ও বাংলাদেশ মাদরাসা শিক্ষা বোর্ড

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## বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দেশের সকল শিক্ষা বোর্ড ও মাদরাসা বোর্ডের আওতাভুক্ত মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়/মাদরাসাসমূহের প্রধান শিক্ষক/সুপার ও সাংগঠিত সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২০০১ সালে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য মাধ্যমিক/দাখিল পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের আবেদন, নির্বাচনী পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ, পরীক্ষার ফি জমা ইত্যাদি সম্পর্কিত সমস্যাগুলি নিম্নে দেয়া হলঃ

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| ক) বিভাগ উন্নয়ন ও বিশেষ পরীক্ষার্থী (যার জন্য প্রযোজ্য) হিসেবে অংশগ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক পরীক্ষার্থীদের নিজ নিজ বিদ্যালয়/মাদরাসায় সাদা কাগজে আবেদনের শেষ তারিখঃ  | ০৯/১১/২০০০ |
| (কেবল মাত্র ২০০০ সালে মাধ্যমিক স্কুল সার্টিফিকেট পরীক্ষায় এক বিষয়ে অকৃতকার্য এবং মাধ্যমিক স্কুল সার্টিফিকেট/দাখিল পরীক্ষায় ২য় ও ৩য় বিভাগে উত্তীর্ণ পরীক্ষার্থীগণ যথাক্রমে বিশেষ পাস ও বিভাগ উন্নয়ন পরীক্ষার্থী হিসেবে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবে।) |            |
| খ) নির্বাচনী পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ ও ফলাফল প্রকাশের শেষ তারিখঃ   | ১৬/১১/২০০০ |
| গ) বিলম্ব ফি ছাড়া ড্রাফট করার শেষ তারিখঃ  | ০৮/১২/২০০০ |
| ঘ) পরীক্ষার্থী প্রতি ১০০.০০ টাকা হারে বিলম্ব ফিস ছাড়া ড্রাফট করার শেষ তারিখঃ  | ১১/১২/২০০০ |

উল্লিখিত সমস্যাগুলি অনুযায়ী সকল শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রধানগণকে প্রয়োজনীয় কার্যক্রম গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

একই সঙ্গে পরীক্ষার্থী, শিক্ষক, অভিভাবক ও কেন্দ্র সচিবদের জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২০০১ সালের মাধ্যমিক ও দাখিল পরীক্ষায় কোন পরীক্ষার্থীর পরীক্ষা নিজ স্কুল/মাদরাসায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে না। পরীক্ষার্থী হানাতনের মাধ্যমে আসন বিন্যাস করা হবে। প্রশ্নপত্র গতাবগতির ধারার পরিবর্তন আনা হবে। কোন টেক্সট বই, নোট বই, গাইড বই, সাজেশন বই ইত্যাদি থেকে ছব্ব প্রশ্ন উদ্ধৃত করা হবে না। গণিতের প্রশ্নের অংক বা অন্য কোন বিষয়ের অংকের সংখ্যা টেক্সট বই, নোট বই, গাইড বই, সাজেশন বই ইত্যাদি থেকে ছব্ব উদ্ধৃত করা হবে না। অর্থাৎ শিক্ষার্থীর মেধা ও পাঠের মাধ্যমে অর্জিত জ্ঞান যাচাইয়ের লক্ষ্যে প্রশ্নের ধরন, ভাষা ও অংকের সংখ্যায় গুণগত পরিবর্তন আনা হবে। পরিবর্তিত প্রশ্নপত্রটি যত্ন থেকে দশম শ্রেণী পর্যন্ত সকল শ্রেণীতে সমগ্র পাঠ্যসূচির উপর পাঠদান ও অভ্যাসের পরীক্ষার প্রশ্নসমূহ অধ্যয়ন হওয়ার জন্যে এবং বিশেষভাবে প্রশ্নপত্র প্রণয়নের জন্য প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রধান ও শিক্ষক মতবিরোধ অনুগ্রহ করা হল।

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## News snaps

## Nasim addresses AL rally

BOGRA, Aug 6: Saying they won't make anymore mistake, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim on Thursday reaffirmed that those involved in the assassination attempt on Prime Minister Hasina would be tried in special tribunal, reports UNB.

"We don't want to repeat our mistake once again what was done during the trial of the killing of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," he said, adding that the killers of Bangabandhu should have been tried under special tribunal. Nasim was addressing a rally in the Goshairhat High School premises in Dhunat upazila, organised by the local Awami League, on Thursday afternoon. Accusing the four-party opposition alliance of making the attempt on Sheikh Hasina, the Home Minister said, "They are conspiring to kill the Prime Minister out of envy for the success of her four-year rule."

## Condemnation

NARSINGDI, Aug 6: Pro-BNP lawyers here on Thursday condemned the Prime Minister's reported comments regarding judges and lawyers in a recent interview with BBC, reports UNB.

Jatiyatabadi Ainjib Forum also demanded that the Prime Minister must apologise and withdraw her reported comments. The forum at a meeting also expressed solidarity with the decision of Supreme Court Bar Association to sue the Prime Minister if she does not withdraw her reported comments about judges and lawyers. Chaired by its district unit president Advocate Mizanur Rahman, the meeting was also addressed by Shaiful Islam Kamal, Rashiduzzaman, MA Awal and Khondakar Kamrul Hasan.

## Four injured by dacoit

THAKURGAON, Aug 6: Five robberies were committed in five separate houses on the same night at village Gilabari under Thakurgaon Sadar Upazila on Friday, reports BSS.

A gang of robbers consisting of 15 to 20 persons attacked the houses of Abdul Latif and Asgar Ali and four of their brothers. The dacoits broke open their houses, beat up the inmates and looted cash and valuables worth about Taka 1 lakh. Four persons received critical injury during the attack. They were admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital. The injured persons are Habibur Rahman, 45, Nazimuddin, 45, Asgar Ali, 45, and Jaheda, 40, were wounded seriously. Separate cases were lodged with the Thakurgaon police in this connection.

## Progress of FP reviewed

JAMALPUR, Aug 6: A meeting of the Jamalpur District Family Planning Committee was held at the conference room of Deputy Commissioner, here on Monday, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur presided over the meeting. Rezaul Karim Hira, MP was also present in the meeting. The meeting reviewed the performances of Family Planning in during the month of June. It expressed disapproval about the progress of distribution of family planning devices.

## Publication ceremony

JAMALPUR, Aug 6: Publication ceremony of Progotir Pathay' an UNICEF book let on children programmes in Bangladesh was held on Monday at Deputy Commissioner's conference room here, reports BSS.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Prime Minister's Commitment, Rezaul Karim Hira, MP, was present at the function as chief guest. Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur, Abul Basher, presided over the function. A cross section of people attended the meeting. Chairman, Jamalpur Municipality Mirza S Alam Moni and Divisional Chief of UNICEF, Dhaka, Echin Ma were also present. Speakers highlighted matters considering Child Development and Protection. They also spoke about the access of children to Health and Nutrition, Water and Sanitation. With a profile of Bangladesh, Progotir Pathay' contained descriptions, analysis and achievement of UNICEF programme in Bangladesh up to October 1999.

## Stabbed body recovered

FENI, Aug 6: Body of an unidentified woman aged about 22 with stabbing marks was recovered from in front of Sultan Mahmud municipal market on Thursday, reports UNB.

The woman was wearing salwar, kamiz and burka. Police who picked up the body said it bore stabbing marks on the abdomen and evidence of rape. Witnesses and police suspected that the victim belonged to a middle class family in some remote area. The criminals left the body in front of the market at dead of night. Police registered a case of unnatural death.

## Workshop

HABIGANJ, Aug 6: A three-day workshop on child rights concluded here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Earlier on July 28, Divisional Commissioner M Abul Hafiz inaugurated the workshop organised by the district administration in collaboration with UNICEF. Senior officials, UNOs, leaders of women organisations, lawyers and journalists attended the workshop.

## Body recovered

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 6: Police recovered the body of a young man from a room of a hotel in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

Police said the young man registered his name in the hotel situated near the sea beach as Razu Ahmed, son of Sajib Ahmed of Dhaka on Wednesday. The reason behind the murder could be ascertained immediately. The body was sent to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with the police.

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"জাল নোট হতে সাবধান"

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## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশের প্রতিষ্ঠিত ডকুমেন্টারি ফিল্ড ও বিজ্ঞাপন নির্মাণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নিম্নোক্ত কাজের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

কাজের নামঃ ক) নোট জালকরণ রোধকল্পে ব্যাংক নোটের নিরাপত্তা

সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে জনসচেতনতা বৃদ্ধির উদ্দেশ্যে প্রমোশনাল

টিভি বিজ্ঞাপন তৈরিকরণ।

খ) বিদেশে পণ্য বিপণন বৃদ্ধির উদ্দেশ্যে দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং

করপোরেশন (বাং) লিঃ এর সামগ্রিক কার্যক্রম বিষয়ক

তথ্যাদি সম্বলিত ডকুমেন্টারি ফিল্ড তৈরিকরণ।

আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ নিম্নলিখিত শর্তে সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে পারবেনঃ

(ক) সিডিউল ক্রয়ের তারিখ : ১৪/৮/২০০০ ইং তারিখ হতে

২৪/৮/২০০০ ইং পর্যন্ত।

সময় : দুপুর ২-০০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ৫-০০

ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

স্থান : (১) অর্থ ও হিসাব উপ-বিভাগ, দি

সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন (বাং)

লিঃ, গাজীপুর।

(২) মানহাটিন টাওয়ার (৪র্থ তলা), ৮৩

নং সিক্বেস্ট্রী সার্কেলার রোড, লিয়াজো

অফিস, ঢাকা ১২১৭।

সিডিউলের মূল্যঃ প্রতি সেটের মূল্য টাঃ ৫০০/- (টাকা পাঁচশত) মাত্র

(অফসেটযোগ্য)।

(খ) দরপত্র ও নলিলাদি এবং দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখঃ ২৮/৮/২০০০ ইং।

সময়ঃ বিকাল ৩-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

স্থানঃ (১) প্রকৌশল দপ্তর, দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং

করপোরেশন (বাং) লিঃ, গাজীপুর-১৭০৩।

(২) মানহাটিন টাওয়ার (৪র্থ তলা), ৮৩ নং সিক্বেস্ট্রী

সার্কেলার রোড, লিয়াজো অফিস, ঢাকা ১২১৭।

ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক মহোদয়ের বরাবরে গাজীপুরস্থ কার্যালয় অথবা

ঢাকাস্থ লিয়াজো অফিসে দুটি আলাদা সীলমোহরকৃত খ