

# Poor patients get only paracetamol tabs from Naogaon Sadar Hospital

NAOGAON, Nov 17: Despite the government slogan of 'Health for all by the year 2000' people here are being deprived of minimum healthcare facilities, reports UNB.

Poor patients are getting only paracetamol tablets from the hospital since long.

Hospital sources said the government has upgraded the Sadar hospital to 100-bed from the 50-bed to ensure better healthcare facilities to 26-lakh people.

Local people said as the announcement was made without any physical facilities the suffering of the treatment seeking people could not be minimised, rather massive irregularities by some doctors, officials and employees have multiplied it.

It was learnt that doctors and nurses often misbehave with patients and their attendants.

Being the lone hospital in the district it cannot cope with the increasing number of patients and most of them are to stay on the floor of the hospital.

Faucity of water, absence of regular cleaning, shortage of medicine and pathological test facilities, negligence of the doctors made the situation worse in the hospital.

There are no facilities of ECG and ultrasonogram and the X-ray machine of the hospital remained out of order since long. A staff of the hospital on condition of anonymity said the X-ray machine was made inoperative to compel the patients to go to the private pathological laboratories of some doctors of the hospital.

The lone ambulance of the hospital remained inoperative for the last three years as it could not be repaired due to shortage of fund.

Patients complained that the doctors and nurses do not take care of them. Moreover, they directly and indirectly influence them to go to their private chambers and pathological laboratories.

They said the doctors are not interested to provide treatment to the patients in the hospital, rather they remain engaged with their clinics most of the time.

Some patients alleged that the contractors supply substandard food to them with the connivance of a section of hospital officials.

Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil expressed his displeasure over the performance of the hospital at a meeting of the district development and coordination committee recently and urged them to provide services to the patients with utmost sincerity.

# Arsenic panic grips Gaibandha people

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 17: Arsenic panic has gripped Gaibandha district.

Fear stricken villagers in some arsenic affected areas hesitate to take tube-wells' water for drinking purpose.

According to the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), they conducted a survey on 4,392 tube-wells water in some areas under seven upazilas where they identified 69 tube-wells arsenic affected. Arsenic contamination was found in the water of four tube-wells, out of 700 at Sadar upazila, five tube-wells, out of 386 at Sadullapur, two tube-wells, out of 732 at Palashbari, nine tube-wells, out of 716 at Shaghata upazila, 39 tube-wells, out of 677 at Sunderganj, 10 tube-wells, out of 38 under Gaibandha Municipality area.

The department concerned disclosed that they had supplied

700 kit boxes for testing tube-wells' water in seven upazilas. They, however, could not supply enough kit boxes due to shortage of stock.

The village, Mashjid Vita under Shaghata upazila is the worst affected area where over 15 persons have been identified to be arsenic victims.

Considering the situation Dhaka Community Hospital and some other local NGOs rushed to the affected areas. During joint survey they detected 15 arsenic patients. They are Selina Begum, 17, Asaduzzaman, 15, Ranju Ahmed, 25, Al-Mamun Sarker, 15, Zakir Hossain, 18, Sadru Islam, 33, Papiya Begum, 22, Milly Begum, 40, Tota Mia, 35, Rezaul Hossain, 30, Asgar Ali, 50, Shakina Begum, 60. Of them Ranju Ahmed has been shifted to Dhaka Community Hospital for better treatment.

# Ambitious Rabi crops cultivation programme in Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Nov 17: A massive Rabi crops cultivation programme has been taken up this year in this agricultural zone.

According to Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), a total of 1,82,000 hectares of land will be brought under Boro cultivation with a production target of 5,36,200 metric tons (MT) of paddy this year in all 12 upazilas here.

Of the total land, 175,000 hectares will be brought under High Yielding Variety (HYV) and 7,000 hectares under local variety.

The upazilawise break-up is as follows. A total of 14,500 hectares with a production target of 42,800 MT in Sadar upazila, 11,870 hectares with a production target of 35,092 MT in Muktagachha, 13,050 hectares with a production target of 38,800 MT in Phulbaria, 11,950 hectares in Trishal with a production target of 35,360 MT, 13,400 hectares in Bhaluka with a production target of 39,640 MT, 13,950 hectares in Gafargaon with a production target of 41,360 MT, 15,000 hectares in Nandail with a production target of 42,200 MT, 12,400 hectares in Iswarganj with a production target of 36,640 MT, 15,100 hectares in Gouripur with a production target of 44,320 MT, 37,020 hectares in Phulpur with a production target of 109,632 MT, 13,950 hectares in Haluaghat with a production target of 41,392 MT and 9,810 hectares in Dubaura upazila with a production target of 28,996 MT of Boro paddy, local DAE said.

Boro cultivation is yet to be started here. This is because, the harvesting of Aman paddy has started in a small scale here.

However, local DAE has taken up a massive programme for wheat cultivation in all 12 upazilas here. A total of 18,000 hectares of land will be brought under wheat cultivation with a production target of 41,400 MT of wheat.

Of the total, 1,300 hectares with a production target of 2,990 metric tons (MT) of wheat in Sadar upazila, 1,500 hectares in Muktagachha with a production target of 3,450 MT, 2,600 hectares in Phulbaria with a production target of 5,980 MT, 1,300 hectares in Trishal with a production target of 2,990 MT, 1,100 hectares in Bhaluka with a production target of 2,530 MT, 1,600 hectares in Gafargaon with a production target of 3,680 MT, 2,600 hectares in Nandail with a production target of 5,980 MT, 2,000 hectares in Iswarganj with a production target of 4,600 MT, 1,000 hectares in Gouripur with a production target of 2,300 MT, 1,300 hectares in Phulpur with a production target of 2,990 MT, 1,000 hectares in Haluaghat with a production target of 2,300 MT and 700 hectares in Dubaura upazila with a production target of 1,610 MT of paddy, said the local DAE.

Meanwhile, the local DAE has fixed 700 hectares of land for maize cultivation with a production target of 2,275 MT of maize, 3,500 hectares for potato cultivation with a production target of

35,000 MT while 1,000 hectares will be brought under sweet potato cultivation with a production target of 10,000 MT. DAE sources said.

# Recruitment on merit basis in BCS cadres sought

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Nov 17: The quota system in government service is an obstacle for meritorious people to join Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) lowering its standard of efficiency, management and service, according to some brilliant students of Dhaka University.

The students residing in Bangabandhu Hall and Ziaur Rahman Hall of Dhaka University told this correspondent requesting anonymity that under the current system 45 per cent of the people in government service are recruited on merit basis, 30 per cent from the reserved quota for freedom fighters, 10 per cent from women, five per cent from tribal groups and 10 per cent from general quota on the basis of region.

They urged the government to recruit BCS servants on purely merit basis abolishing the existing quota system to uphold the standard of BCS.

# Natore DIARY

## Narcotics cases resolved

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Nov 17: Out of a total 7,222 cases filed by the Narcotics Control Directorate (NCD) in the northern districts up to August 2000 since 1990, at least 2,602 cases were disposed of so far.

According to sources concerned, of the resolved cases, accused persons of only 1,074 cases faced different terms of punishment while all the accused persons of 1,526 cases were acquitted as allegations against them could not be proved. However, 4,620 cases filed by the NCD remains still pending in different courts in 16 districts of Rajshahi division.

## Reception

A grand reception was accorded to 29 ex-student leaders of Natore Nawab Shiraj-ud-Dowla Government College Students' Union at the college premises recently.

Sheikh Altaf Ali, Deputy Commissioner, Natore attended the reception ceremony as the chief guest with principal professor Kamar Uddin in the chair.

Among the old student leaders, Natore municipality chairman Advocate Qaumrul Islam, JP leader Khondoker Jubayer Hossain, ex-MP Zillur Rahman, Abu Zahed Mollah, BNP leader and ex-president of Natore Chamber of Commerce and Industries Abdul Mannaf, Advocate Syed Moazzammel Haq Morit, Abdus Salam, Sushahan Islam Dabbu, Motafjuzur Rahman Shahin, Samsul Islam Kollol and Shahidul Islam Liton spoke on the occasion.

Khondoker Istiak Ahmed Dolar and Zahir Uddin, present VP and GS respectively of the college union jointly conducted the ceremony.

## 60 arrested

About 60 alleged criminals were arrested after three local firearms were recovered in three days since October 14 night from six upazilas of Natore district.

Police started Operation Tiger, a month-long special drive against criminals from October 14. Most of the total arrested persons were wanted in various cases.

## Land dev tax unrealised

An amount of Taka 1,79,19,063 general land development tax was realised from six upazilas of Natore district during 1998-99 fiscal, official sources said.

The achievement is much more than the target which was Taka 1.52 crore.

# Unfit vehicles ply on Jamalpur roads

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Nov 17: Emission of black smoke from the vehicles here has been polluting the environment seriously.

Most of the vehicles which are plying in the town emit black smoke violating traffic rules and causing health hazards.

About 575 vehicles including buses, trucks, tempo and jeeps are plying on different routes of the small town every day.

Owners of the vehicles or the law enforcers took no measures to stop emission of black smoke which has been causing outbreak of various diseases.

Local physicians said black smoke is the reason of hypotension, hypertension, carcinoma, heart and other bronchial diseases.

School going children are the worst sufferers. Mechanical and automobile workers in the district headquarters are also polluting environment.

There are allegation that Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) do not bother about the problems of pollution as they are providing fitness certificate to the black smoke emitting vehicles taking bribes frequently.

A BRTA official, however, denied the allegation and said traffic police can fine the faulty vehicle owners.

Inhabitants of the town have urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps for preventing emission of black smokes to make the area pollution-free.

# 20 injured as villagers clash in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Nov 17: At least 20 people were injured, eight of them seriously, in a clash over a trifle at village Kalisankarpur in Mohammadpur upazila on Monday noon.

Police and witnesses said two rival groups one led by Tabibur Rahman and other by Azizur Raham - clashed after some villagers allegedly damaged standing crop in the village. Both the groups used iron rods and sticks during the clash.

Critically injured persons, identified as Muntaj, 35, Raju, 25, Noor Islam, 40, Kuddus, 32, Salam, 25, Nurul, 42, Anwar, 28, and Delwar, 27, were admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital.



Informatics Institute Bangladesh arranged a seminar on 'E-Commerce and Internet Revolution' on Tuesday at Ananda Mohan College in Mymensingh. The audience participated in a question and answer round and gifts were presented to four winners. Photo shows the winners being called for receiving the prizes.

# News snaps

## Workshop

RANAGAMATI, Nov 17: A two-day workshop on 'Increasing the skill of Headmen and their duty and empowerment' concluded here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

A number of recommendations were adopted in the workshop on maintenance of law and order, land and natural resources management, collection of revenue, judicial system and skill development of the headmen. The recommendations include cancellation of land settlement given without the permission of the headmen, resettling the dispute land after proper investigation, rearranging the survey of land record by the government and to provide the land record to the headmen, seeking the opinion of concerned headmen before giving lease or auction of any water body of Kaptai and providing logistic support to the headmen. More than 50 headmen took part in the workshop, jointly organised by local NGO 'Tonga' and District Headman Welfare Association with the financial sources from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

## 5,000 rehabilitated

LALMONIRHAT, Nov 17: The distressed families have started taking their possessions at Zamirbari Asrayan Project in Kaliganj upazila after its completion, reports UNB.

Some 5,000 people of 800 families have already rehabilitated in 800 tin-shed houses of 80 barracks. Some 4,000 people in erosion-hit areas were rehabilitated in last three years under 'Ideal Village Project'. In a step to make the rehabilitated people self-reliant, eight ponds were also excavated for fish cultivation, official sources said. The Prime Minister is expected to inaugurate the Asrayan in December next.

## Another dowry victim in Comilla

COMILLA, Nov 17: A young housewife of Bangalmuri in Chowddagram upazila was beaten to death allegedly by her in-laws for dowry recently, reports UNB.

Police said Rekha Akhter, 21, was mercilessly beaten by her father-in-law Ataur Rahman, mother-in-law Pier Banu and sister-in-law Honifa Begum for refusing to pay dowry money. She was brought to Dhaka and admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Medical University where she died on November 3. A case was filed in this connection.

## Top terror arrested

JOYPURHAT, Nov 17: A top terror of the town was held from near the underconstruction BDR camp at Parulia on Panchbibbi-Joypurhat road Sunday, reports UNB.

BDR personnel arrested the top terror, Maruf Haider Shipon, 26, when he tried to take away a rifle from a BDR man following an altercation with him. A case was filed against him under Public Security Act. Police said he was wanted in connection with two more cases under the same Act after being acquitted from another case on Oct 17.

## New varieties of paddy evolved

GAZIPUR, Nov 17: Bangladesh Rice Research Institute has evolved two high yielding new varieties of paddy, reports UNB.

Official sources said the two varieties of Aman paddy, BRI-40 and BRI-41, are also suitable for cultivation in coastal areas as these can grow in saline water. With cultivation of the variety, farmers can get one and a half tons more paddy than the existing varieties, officials said.

## Two sentenced to 10-yr RI

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 17: A court here has sentenced two people including former LGED executive engineer to 10 years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) each for misappropriating government fund, reports UNB.

The court also fined the convicts -- Engineer M Kaem Uddin, Tk one lakh, in default, to suffer two years' RI more and accountant Alauddin Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer another five months' RI. According to the prosecution, the convicts embezzled tender forms sale proceeds amounting to Tk 1,35,790 of different works of 10 upazilas here in fiscal 1990-91. After examining the records and witnesses, Special Tribunal Judge SM Helal Uddin handed down the verdict on Thursday.

## Greedy husband punished

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 17: A court here has sentenced a man, in absentia, to two years in jail for torturing his second wife, reports UNB.

The convict, Murshid Mia of Kalakupa-Agarpur in Kullarchar upazila was also fined Tk 1,000, in default, to suffer another three months' RI. According to the prosecution, in brief, Adar Banu, 2nd wife of Murshid, took poison on May 1, 1995, due to frequent mental and physical oppressions by her husband over dowry demand. Later a case was filed and police after investigation submitted chargesheet against the greedy man. After examining records and witnesses Additional Sessions Judge ASM Salauddin Khan found him guilty and awarded the punishment recently.

## BCL wins Sirajganj college polls

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 17: Ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) won all posts of students' union of Sirajganj University Government College unopposed as other student organisations boycotted the polls.

Rashed Yusuf Jewel, Mehedi Hasaan and Nurul Islam Sajal have been declared vice president, pro-vice president and general secretary respectively.

## Newborn stolen from hospital

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 17: A newborn baby boy was stolen from obstetrics ward (ward No 22) of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Wednesday.

The mother, Shukaman of Silinda under Rajpara police station in the city, gave birth to the baby at the about 12:00 am. As the mother's condition was critical, a woman, introducing herself as aunt of the baby, took the baby from the on duty nurse and fled the hospital.

A general diary was recorded with Rajpara police station in this connection.

## Robbery at police officer's house

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 17: A robbery was committed at the residence of a police officer in the town on Monday night.

According to police, masked robbers numbering about nine entered the house of Nurul Haque Sarkar, Sub Inspector of CID of Police, in post Uttar Chashara area in the town. Sarkar and his wife were not present in the house.

The robbers looted Tk seven lakh in cash and gold ornaments weighing about 40 bhoris at gunpoint.

A case was filed in this connection.

## Executives of co-operative society

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 17: Biennial election of Dudsar Ashrayan Prakaipa Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity Limited (co-operative society of Dudsar cluster villagers) was held here recently.

Janab Ali and Abdul Momin Biswas were elected president and secretary respectively. Sajedur Rahman was elected vice president while Ranajit Kumar Das, Taslima Begum and Sandeshi Khatoon were elected executive committee members.

M Anwar Hossain, upazila co-operative officer of Shallakupa acted as election commissioner.

## Obituary

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Nov 17: Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Boalmari Md Abdul Halim Mia, 45, died of cardiac arrest on Monday night in his official residence in the upazila headquarters.

The UNO had been staying alone. His family members stay at Mohammadpur in Dhaka.

As there was no response from inside the bedroom until 9 in the morning, domestic helps informed police. Police rushed to the place and broke open the door of the room and found the UNO dead.

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03. Time limit of selling tender documents	20-11-2000 to 30-11-2000.	
04. Date & time of receiving tenders	03-12-2000 up to 12.00 Noon.	
05. Date & time of opening tenders	03-12-2000 at 12.10 PM.	

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide local suppliers/dealers for supply & installation of Computer, Printer & UPS to Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka. Tender documents will be available during office hours up to 4-12-2000 at a cost of Tk 450/- (Taka four hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) from the Accounts Officer (Works), Finance & Accounts Division, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka on written request & prior permission from the Sr. Administrative Officer (Proc) BAEC. Bidders will have to furnish documents like: (1) Current year trade licence, (2) Uptodate income tax clearance certificate, (3) Bank solvency certificate, (4) VAT registration certificate and (5) Authorised dealership certificate. Tender with 2% (two per cent) earnest money of the total tendered amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Dhaka" shall have to be sent through "guaranteed express post" or courier service so as to reach the Senior Administrative Officer (Procurement), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka on or before 06-12-2000. Tenders will be opened on 07-12-2000 at 11.00 hours in presence of those tenderers or their representatives who may wish to be present. If there occurs total transport disruption or govt holidays on the opening date of tender, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid opening date of tender keeping time, place and other term in tact. No tender documents will be sold on the opening day of tender.

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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- Tenders in sealed envelopes are invited from bonafide traders/suppliers/hoarders for purchasing 39 types of stationery items in local currency for Bangladesh Coast Guard.
- Tender schedule with requisite terms and conditions at specific cost (non-refundable) can be procured during office hours (0900-1200 hours) on any working day from the headquarters of Coast Guard. The list of stationery will be given with the schedule of tender. The cost of sale of the schedule of tender is Tk 100/00 (one hundred) only. The last date of selling of tender schedule is 29th November, 2000. The date of opening of tender schedule is 30th November 2000 at 1200 hours. The last date of receiving tender is 30th November 2000 at 1130 hours.
- Two copies of tenders will have to be submitted. Total cost will have to be mentioned along with single cost. The lowest tenderer will have to submit specimen of all goods within 5 days of opening tender. Otherwise tenders will be treated as rejected.
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