Repression on women

skip hearing

The number of pending cases relat-

ing to women repression is amass-

Badal, accused of torturing his

extract dowry has secured bail and

never reappeared before the court.

without the consent of his first wife,

Madhabi Baishnabi, started press-

of dowry from her widowed mother

occasion on doctor's advice to save

tion of the Postal Inspector of Sylhet.

her own life.

went in vain.

Shampa, who is now living in utter killher.

ing Shampa to bring cash in the form in the house.

had to go for abortion on every women sincelong.

ing in Sylhet as the accused avoid

UNB, Sylhet

repeated reminders.

Cases pile up as accused

appearing before the court despite stabbed on several parts of her body.

young wife, Shampa Rani Das, to court on March 13. Police arrested

He is reported to have married again of jail on bail and pressed Shampa to

Shampa was married with Badal. tigation, This correspondent visited

a postman, in 1992. After only a few the Badal's residence at Lamapara

months, Badal and his mother in Jaintapur. Badal and his mother,

and brothers. When she failed to maid of Lamapara Baishnav Akhra

meet their demands, she was sub- (hermitage). Under her care, the

jected to inhuman physical torture. hermitage provided the attendants

but because of physical torture she scope for anti-social activities with

Shampa conceived four times, with hemp, alcohol, heroin and

Despite the tortures, Shampa Shampa, giving a damn to the court

tried her best to continue living with order, married Nivarani Das, daugh-

the husband. She sought interven- ter of Putul Das of village Protappur.

UP chairman and local MP Syeda and child repression tribunal said a

lying pending.

Zebunnessa Haq. But all her efforts large number of cases have been

In one such case, Haricharan Das left thinking her to be dead.

Shampa alleged that on March 11

last year Badal and some of his

accomplices came to her mother's

rented house at Loharpara in the

town. They beat her mercilessly and

As she fell unconscious, the brutes

Badal and the court sent him to jail

hajat. After 11 months, he came out

withdraw the case, threatening to

Pursuing an independent inves-

Madhabi Baishnabi, were not found

They said Madhabi is the main

Meanwhile, Haricharan Das

Sources in the district women

Badal, who abandoned his wife

Shampa filed a case with the

# Land-grabbing goes on unchecked in Magura

Child labour on rise in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Influential people in the district have been raising unauthorised structures on both sides of the highways under the very nose of the authorities con-

According to an estimate, about two hundred acres of land stretching from Alomkhali to Rajdharpur have already been occupied. Besides, a section of the locals are allegedly in bid to grab more lands along the Magura-Jhenidah and Magura-Faridpr highways allegedly in connivance with officials of the local

A reliable source with the landoffice here said departmental tangles and pressure from local stalwarts always stand and hinges on way to taking any move against them.

The source added that some of such illegal land-grabbers were also using signboards of the Muktijoddha Sangsad and other socio-cultural organisations as protection against any punitive action.

Public lands in Alomkhali Bazar, Issakhada Bazaar, Police Line, stadium area, Bhaina Square, Primary Training Institute, Dhaka Bus Stand. School area, Ramnagarbazar and WAPDA Square have already been

ALIMUZZAMAN MIAH, Gopalganj

সূত্র নং- বিপিসি/০১/৪৭/২০০১/৪১৩

পেট্রোল চালিত মাইক্রোবাস

occupied. Many illegal structures are also being built on these lands.

"It's an open secret that land-office officials are party to the encroachment, as the authorities concerned often seem nonchalant about these illegal structures on government lands," said Khan Mazharul Huq Lipu, a social worker in the town.

"I pay a certain amount of money to these officials every month for my illegal structure on public land," said a shop owner near the vocational institute here on condition of anonymity.

Another occupant at Magura Statiumpara area, who preferred anonymity, said, "I started my business here as per prior contacts with the officials concerned. If they ask me to quit the place, I shall remove my shop from here," he added.

At least 20,000 child labourers are are working as rickshaw pullers.

engaged in various types of works in day-labourers in agricultural fields.

five upazilas of the district as their hotels and restaurants, tea stalls,

number has been on an alarming engaged in brick breaking and

rise these days, according to an working as polythene bag sellers

আমদানীকারক, সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে

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unofficial estimate.

Children aged between 7 and 14

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বিমান পোল্ট্রী কমপ্লেক্স, গণকবাড়ী, সাভার, ঢাকা কর্তৃক নিম্নলিখিত গাড়ী ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে আগ্রহী প্রকৃত বিক্রেতা, প্রস্তুতকারী,

শর্ত সম্বলিত সিডিউল বিমান পোলট্রী কমপ্লেক্স, গণকবাড়ী, সাভার, ঢাকা অথবা বিমান পোলট্রী কমপ্লেক্স, বিক্রয় ও প্রদশনী

কেন্দ্র, বিমান প্রেস বিক্তিং কম্পাউভ, ফার্ম গেইট, ঢাকা অথবা ঢাকা বিভাগীয় কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ১নং ১২ তলা বিশিষ্ট সরকারী

অফিস ভবনের ২য় তলায় কক্ষ নং-২০৬, সেগুন বাগিচা, ঢাকা থেকে আগামী ১৪-০৫-২০০১ ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে

নগদ মূল্যে ক্রয় করা যাবে। দরপত্র আগামী ১৫-০৫-২০০১ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ পর্যন্ত বিমান পোলট্রি কমপ্লেক্স, গণকবাড়ী

সাভার, ঢাকা অথবা বিমান পোলট্রি কমপ্লেক্স, বিক্রয় ও প্রদর্শনী কেন্দ্র, বিমান প্রেস বিভিং কম্পাউভ, ফার্ম গেইট, ঢাকা, অথবা ঢাকা

বিভাগীয় কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ১নং ১২ তলা বিশিষ্ট সরকারী অফিস ভবনের ২য় তলায় কক্ষ নং-২০৬, সেগুন বাগিচা, ঢাকায়

রক্ষিত টেভার বাব্দে দরপত্র জমা দেওয়া যাবে এবং একই দিন দুপুর ১৪-৩০ মিনিটে দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত

থাকেন) দরপত্র সমূহ বিমান পোলট্রী কমপ্লেক্স, বিক্রয় ও প্রদর্শনী কেন্দ্র, বিমান প্রেস বিভিং কম্পাউভ, ফার্ম গেইট, ঢাকায় খোলা

হবে। দরপত্র সমূহ খোলার বিস্তারিত তথ্য ও শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে দেওয়া আছে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যাতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল

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Kuchcha bazar area. Parnanduali Picture shows unauthorised structures at Dhaka Road Bus Stand in Magura. These days the district has been wit-Baparipara area, Parnanduali High nessing the sprouting of such structures on both sides of the roads and highways.

There is however no record in the

According to a local leader,

সিডিউল মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)

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খান গোলাম মোর্শেদ

উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক,

বিমান পোলটো কমপ্লেক্স

তারিখঃ ২৫-০৪-০১ খৃঃ

district government offices on the

actual number of child-labourers,

though roughly it is estimated at

twenty thousand

When contacted, the executive engineer of the Magura Roads and Highways Department, admitted building of structure on public lands by illegal occupants. However, he expressed his ignorance about the alleged verbal contact regarding building of structures on public lands.

promised to demolish these within a very short time.

Talking to this correspondent, a renowned businessman in the town expressed his surprise how illegal building of such structures was going on in full swing amid hectic government programmes to demolish these in the

in Sherpur The engineer said he had already visited the illegal construction sites and BSS, Sherpur

though child labour is banned

world-wide as per the United

Nations declaration, it is rising

everyday in the district and these

children are mostly from underpriv-

Delowar Hossain (10), son of

Chand Mia a poor freedom fighter

of village Manikdha in Gopalganj

Sadar upazila is engaged in pulling a

rickshaw van on the Gopalganj-

Manikdha road. His father, who has

always been in severe financial

crisis, could not provide education

was forced to quit it and was given

the van to earn money for the fam-

ily's survival. He earns Tk 30 to 40

per day and hands over the same to

his father. Delowar told this correspondent that no members of their

District statistics officer Habibur

Rahman informed that 57 per cent

of the children aged between 6 to 10

are going to schools in the district.

But according to Abdur Rahman,

District Primary Education Officer

(DPEO), 94 per cent of them actually

District Social Welfare Office

sources say that there is only one

distressed child rehabilitation

centre, where some 120 children are

Kamal Sheikh, another 11-year-

old boy of village Taguria under

Gopalganj Sadar upazila, has been

working as a tea boy at a stall adja-

cent to Modhumati Bazar on the

Gopalganj-Mollorhatroad. He earns

an amount of Tk 250 per month for

his service, which starts at 8 in the

morning and continues till 11 at

is a farmer and not the least aware of the UN declaration for children.

could not send his three sons to

school due to abject poverty. As a

result, Kamal has been engaged in

child labour from his very boyhood.

When contacted, Rahman

Sheikh said that he was not in a

position to provide education to his

seven children. Finding no other

alternatives, he sent his son to work.

2 unnatural

His father Rahman Sheikh, who

family ever went to school.

After a year at school, Delowar

ileged families.

to his children.

go to school.

being taken care of.

When contacted, M Akbar Ali, the Superintendent of Police (SP), said, "I cannot take any step against anyone unless I receive specific charges."

## Bumper Boro likely

Bumper production of Boro paddy is expected in Sherpur this year. The harvesting is likely to begin soon. Weather this year was favourable.

farmers said. Farmers used high yielding variety of Boro, applied balanced fertiliser and supplied water timely on the croplands, agriculture officials said.

According to Department of Agriculture Extension DAE, 65,500 hectares of lands were brought under cultivation in the district and the production target is estimated about 2,46,200 tons.

Another report from Chuadanga says: The prospect of Boro production in the district is very bright this

Favourable weather condition and timely application of fertiliser and irrigation have been attributed to the good prospect. The harvesting is likely to begin in the next two to three weeks time.

According to official source, 32,325 hectares of lands were brought under the cultivation in the

district during the current season. Of the total lands, 6,320 hectares were brought under the cultivation in Sadar 10,000 hectares in Alamdanga, 9,000 hectares in Damurhuda and 7,000 in Jibannagar upazilas.

It is expected that over 1.50 lakh tons of Boro paddy will be produced in the district during this season.

Another report from Narsingdi says: The prospect of sweet potato cultivation is bright in Raipura upazila of the district. A vast area of sandy land across the river bank and shoal areas is suitable for sweet potato cultivation.

A large number of farmers of the upazila have involved themselves in sweet potato cultivation in the

According to DAL, farmers of Raipura have cultivated the crop on 1250 hectares lands in the current

5,000 tons of sweet potato have been expected this season. Last year sweet potato was cultivated in Raipura upazila on 1028 hectares and the yield was 4100 ton.

### NEWS SNAPS

#### 3 die in road accidents

UNB, Sunamganj

Three people, including a minor, were killed in separate road accidents on Sylhet-Sunamgani road last week.

The victims were identified as Samju Ali, 65, Arju Mia, 5, and Sumon, 18. Samuj Ali was run over by a minibus at Neagaon at about 8.30 am while Arju was crushed under the wheels of another coaster at Shantiganj bazar. Meanwhile, motorcyclist Sumon was injured when his bike collided with a tempo at Janigaon at about 10.30 am. He later succumbed to his injuries at Sadar Hospital.

#### Farmer chopped to death

UNB, Sherpur

A farmer was chopped to death by rivals while guarding his paddy field at village Chhatrakhona in Nakla upazila in Sherpur Sunday night.

The dead was identified as Hamed Ali, 45. Police said the assailants stabbed Hamed Ali indiscriminately while he was guarding his paddy field adjacent to his home at about 2,30 am. He died on the spot. Hamed Ali's wife filed a murder case with local police against 14 people naming one Abdul Matin on the top.

#### Teenage boy drowns

BSS, Narayanganj

A teenage boy drowned in the river Shitalakhya Wednesday morning as he fell from the rooftop of a passenger launch, police and Inland Water Transport Authorities (IWTA) sources said.

The boy was identified as Shahin. 16, who along with five other workers including his father came to the river port from Munshiganj. Police said Shahin drowned in the river as the launch hit the terminal while it was anchoring.

#### Robbery committed

BSS, Naogaon

A robbery and three thefts were committed in one night at Nazirpur municipality area of Patnitola upazila in Naogaon recently.

The robbers armed with sharp weapons entered the house of Azeet Shah and looted cash, ornaments and valuables. Three thefts were also committed in the houses of Shireen Akhter, Akhtaruzzaman Mantoo of Chandpur village and Nazrul of Mamoothpur village. Thieves stole bicycle, cloths, cash and valuables.

#### Man electrocuted

UNB, Satkhira

A man was electrocuted when he came in touch of live wire in Old Satkhira area in the district Wednesday.

Family sources said Khokon, 25, met the tragic end of his life when he was repairing a hairdryer in the morning.

#### Non-iodised salt on sale

UNB, Shariatpur

Non-iodised salt is being sold in various bazaars of district defying government ban.

Poor people prefer buying the non-iodised salt because of its cheaper rate. A large number of people in seven upazilas of the district are suffering from goitre and other physical and mental problems caused by iodine deficiency.

#### New HYV chili

UNB, Gazipur

Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI) has invented a new high yielding variety (HYV) of chili.

The new variety of chili was released at a press conference in Gazipur Wednesday where Director of Horticulture Research Centre of BARI Dr SM Munwar Hussain described the qualities of the chili. He said this new chili, which has tolerable pungent. can be cultivated throughout the year. It was invented after a marathon research for six years on a Sri Lankan variety. The production of the chili is expected to be three times higher than that of local variety.

#### Orientation course

UNB, Comilla

An orientation course for the headmasters of primary schools in Sadar Upazila in Comilla was held here Monday aiming to properly implement the TLM programme. Chairman of Public Administration Reform Committee ATM Shamsul Hag attended

the course organised by the district administration.

#### **Election Priority**

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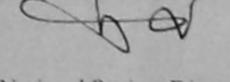
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#### deaths OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Iwo unnatural deaths were reported on Friday in Shahjadpur upazila in Sirajganj district.

Shawkat, 18, son of Mainuddin, was electrocuted at Narina village. Villagers said the victim died at a paddy field when he came in touch of live wire which was snapped during a storm.

In another incident, Kuti Sheikh, 15, son of Anwar Sheikh, drowned in r pond whiling swimming at Mosipur village.

Two held in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Two criminals have been arrested in Chittagong city. Police arrested Sohan, 22, with a revolver from Muradpur intersection areaonThursday. In another raid, Patenga police arrested Md Alauddin, 40, a listed terrorist, from North Potenga on Wednesday.

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