

NEWS SNAPS

Three 'cattle lifters' beaten to death

UNB, Rangpur Three alleged cattle lifters were beaten to death and four others injured by the villagers at Nagardang in Gangachara upazila of Rangpur on Thursday. The dead were identified as Motiar, 45, Rafiqul, 35, and Noor Islam, 48. The angry villagers also gouged out eyes of one of the lifters identified as Mominur. Police said villagers attacked the cattle lifters and severely beat them up leaving the three spot dead when they were slaughtering a stolen cow of the village. Of the injured, Ekabbor Ali and Mominur were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition while two others to upazila health complex. A case was filed in this connection.

Three unnatural deaths in Jessore

UNB, Jessore Three unnatural deaths were reported in Jessore on Tuesday, police said. The deceased were identified as Tahmina, 20, Ali Hossain, 10, and housewife Nargis Begum, 20. Police said Tahmina, wife of Kajal of Bejpara Naldanga road in the town allegedly took her life by taking insecticides to avoid the torture of her cruel husband. Nargis Begum, wife of Bachchu Biswas of Ektarpur village in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district also took pesticides to avoid continuous torture by the members of her in-laws house. She was rushed to the Jessore General Hospital where she succumbed. In yet another incident Ali Hossain, son of late Shaheb Ali of Chauhra Goldarpara in the town also took insecticide mistaking as medicine. He died on the spot. Three separate UD cases were lodged with the police.

Clash over tilling land leaves one dead

UNB, Kishoreganj A bloody clash between the two groups of people at village Radhanagar in Bhairab upazila of Kishoreganj left a man killed and 15 injured, six seriously, on Nov 19. Police and witnesses said the clash erupted in the morning over tilling a disputed plot of land in which both the groups attacked each other with lethal weapons killing Mohammad Tara Mia on the spot. The seriously injured Nazrul Islam, 22, Shaukat Ali, 20, Abdul Kuddus, 27, Rafiqul Islam, 35, Suja Mia, 19 and Ahad, 14, were rushed to the upazila hospital in critical condition. Separate cases were filed with the police.

15 injured by Sharbahara activists

UNB, Barisal At least 15 people were injured when activists of outlawed Sharbahara party swooped on three upazilas of Barisal on Friday midnight. Police said the terrorists led by Subhash Chandra Halder, regional leader of Kamrul group and Chairman of Sharikal union of Gouranadi upazila attacked the people of Shakokathi in Gouranadi, Ghonteswar in Uzirpur and Thakurmolik and Agorpur in Babuganj upazila. They shot 15 rounds of fire on the villagers and also stabbed them indiscriminately during the attack. Of the injured, condition of Azhar, Dipu, Khairol, Salam, Hanif and Yusuf were stated to be critical. In the face of mounting tension among the people police super of the district held a meeting with the OCs of the respective thanas on Saturday at Sharikal Bazaar in Gouranadi upazila.

Acid thrown on young college girl

UNB, Barisal A young college girl sustained severe burn injuries when the miscreants threw acid on her at village Kamakathi in Sadar upazila of Barisal on Friday night. Hospital sources said the hoodlums entered into the house of Ripa Akhtar, a first year student of Barisal Government Women's College, at midnight and threw acid on her when she was asleep. She was rushed to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with serious burn injuries on her face and other parts of the body. The reason behind the barbarous attack could not be known immediately. No case was filed with the police.

Unscrupulous people hunting guest birds

UNB, Moulvibazar Despite ban a section of unscrupulous people have started hunting the guest birds in Moulvibazar. The autumn ended a few days back and slight chill is being felt. As a result a few species of guest birds have started coming from the tropical countries. But the professional hunters and the amateur bird hunters of Moulvibazar have become active and they are hunting the indigenous and guest birds indiscriminately by using guns and nets. Every year many kinds of guest birds come here in the winter. Almost every day some professional hunters are found on the main roads of the town along with cages full of different species of guest birds meant for sale. Some members of law enforcing agencies are also found buying the birds instead of taking legal action against the hunters.

Hoodlums cut tendon of leg of youth

UNB, Munshiganj Hoodlums cut tendon of leg of a youth near Darpona Cinema Hall in Munshiganj town Friday night. With critical condition the youth identified as Narayan Chandra Dey, 20, was admitted to Sadar Hospital and later shifted to Dhaka Pongu Hospital. Earlier, the same criminal gang allegedly belonging to ruling BNP, cut tendon of rickshawpuller Montu Mia, 35, at Nayagaon area. Montu is still undergoing treatment at a hospital in Dhaka.

Rice distributed among flood victims

Whip of Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) Alhaj Zahed Ali Chowdhury, who is also responsible for the overall development of Sherpur, on Friday and Saturday distributed rice among 3,500 families of 18 unions in Nalitabari of Sherpur who had been affected by flood due to onrush of hilly waters coming from India recently, says a press release. On Friday Sherpur district BNP and other affiliated organisations accorded a reception to him at the local Town Hall. Among others, Mahmudul Huq MP, advocate Saiful Islam and others spoke on the occasion. In the evening he attended an 'iftar' party at Sherpur Press Club where he assured his all-out assistance for development of the club.

BIWTA takes programme to dig out shoals

BSS, Barisal BIWTA has taken up a two-month long programme to dig out the shoals formed on the bed of the river Kirtankhola near port areas of Barisal during the current season. According to an official source, the government has sanctioned Tk 37 lakh for the removal of the alluvial deposits on the riverbed here. A total of 70,000 cubic feet of silt will be removed from this riverbed this year. Starting from October 22, the digging will be continued till December 22, the source added. Meanwhile, only one-third of the silt was so far removed from the riverbed till now as the digging is progressing at a snail's pace.

Kidnapped schoolboy rescued

UNB, Joypurhat A schoolboy was rescued after five days of his abduction from Jalalpur village of Akkelpur upazila in Joypurhat on Wednesday. The rescued was identified as Suman Kumar Mondol, 15, son of Tapash Chandra Mondol of the village. Police said some hoodlums entering into the house of Tapash Chandra abducted his son Suman Kumar at gunpoint on Nov 16. On information, police launched drive in nearby Khetal upazila and arrested 4 persons suspecting their involvement with the kidnapping. Later, they again conducted raids in Akkelpur and some other areas following the confessional statement of the arrested people. In the face of vigorous raids, the abductors left Suman at a field in Khetal upazila.

Healthcare programme faces setback

UNB, Panchagarh Healthcare in Panchagarh district is being seriously hampered due to the shortage of doctors. Civil Surgeon of the district said there is only one medical officer in the civil surgeon office and there is no disease control and monitoring doctors here. Besides, 11 posts of physicians in the Sadar Hospital, 6 posts in Tetulia Health Complex, 5 in Boda Upazila Health Complex, 5 in Autoari Health Complex and 5 posts in Deviganj Health Complex have been lying vacant since long. There is no doctor in 12 out of the total 16 health sub-centres of the district. On the other hand, the operation-theater of the Sadar Hospital has become useless due to lack of necessary equipment and the lone X-ray machine has been lying inoperative for the last three years. As a result, people are being compelled to go to clinics and labs for operation and diagnosis, causing financial loss to them. Besides, poor people are being deprived of healthcare facilities as they cannot afford the cost of treatment in the clinics.

RU faces manifold problems

RU CORRESPONDENT, RAJSHAHI

Academic activities in Rajshahi University (RU) are being impeded because of short age of adequate number of class rooms, chambers of teachers, seminar rooms and laboratory rooms. The rooms in the university are too small to accommodate the students of a class. As a result, most of the class rooms remain over crowded. Many students attend the classes standing inside the rooms. The number of students under Arts and Social Science Faculties is around 13,000. There are nearly 300 teachers in 18 departments under



Shahidullah Arts Building, one of the overcrowded academic buildings of Rajshahi University.

these faculties. But there are only 36 class rooms, 129 teachers' chambers, 16 seminar rooms and 19 office rooms. There is no common room, laboratory rooms for the students of these departments. Classes of three departments under these faculties are held in the Business Studies building. Other classes are held at Shahidullah and Momataz Uddin Arts building. Students of these faculties usually gather at the teachers' rooms and the teachers ask the students where they would like to hold the class. The students have to search for a free room and accordingly the class begins. Students of three departments of Science Faculty like Population and Human Rights Department, Pharmacy Department and Computer Science Department have been facing these problems from their very outset of their university life. The Computer Science Department has only one class room. Students of five-batches are studying in the department which has no seminar and common room. Like Arts and Social Science Faculty, two or more teachers are compelled to sit in one room. Students of the Pharmacy and Population and Human Rights Department of the faculty have been confronting these problems too. Students of some departments of Commerce and Life and Earth Science Faculties have been confronting problems such as lack of laboratory and research materials. As a matter of fact, their academic activities are being hindered to a great extent. Some teachers of the university take their classes during the breaks. Sometimes classes are also held in the seminar room or even at the teachers' chambers. The academic activities of the university are also being badly hampered due to opening of new subjects and new faculties without infrastructural arrangement. These newly introduced departments have no buildings, no seminar rooms no class rooms and so on. When this correspondent asked Vice Chancellor Prof Faisul Islam Faruqi about the problems, he said "the infrastructural problem will last no longer on completion of the under-construction fourth science building for the departments of Science Faculty".

Top terror of Tengra union in Moulvibazar arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At last police of Rajnagar Police Station have arrested notorious terror of 'Tengra union' and joint secretary of Rajnagar upazila BNP Md Selim Miah alias Selim member from the upazila headquarters on November 5. Police of Rajnagar Police Station said Selim member was arrested while he was trying to arrange a function of 'Jatra' (rural theatre) and 'Houzi' (gambling) by force. Besides this, he was also an accused in many other criminal offences. However, all section of people of 'Tengra' area in Rajnagar upazila have become very happy after hearing the news of his arrest. Meanwhile, supporters of Selim member put up barricade at Tengra bazar on Moulvibazar-Kulaura-Baralekha road in the morning of November 6 to press home their demand for release of Selim. Later police and upazila leaders of BNP came to the spot and cleared the road. People of the area said that notorious criminal Selim member had come to line-light following the announcement of the result of 8th parliament election on October 1 last. Selim Member and

his terror gang had started attack on shops and houses of the people of minority community of Rajnagar upazila. He also started toll collection from the minority businessmen and AL supporters. Selim and his gang had also been pilfering roadside trees near 'Luhayuni-College' portion of Kulaura-Moulvibazar road and along 'College-Munshibazar' portion of Rajnagar-Fenchuganj road. More than one hundred roadside trees were cut down in 15 days, local people alleged. Bail prayer of Selim was rejected by the court and now he is in Moulvibazar jail.

Rabi crops cultivation on 91,760 hectares in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur

A massive programme has been taken up to bring 91,760 hectares of land under Rabi crops cultivation with an output target of 3.92 lakh mts in five upazilas of Sherpur this season. Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources said the crops included Boro paddy, wheat, potato, groundnut, maize, mustard, pulses, spices and winter vegetables. Of the total land, Boro paddy will be cultivated on 64,500 hectares of land with a production target of 2.17 lakh mts while wheat on 14,000 hectares to produce 32,340 mts. Besides, potato will be cultivated

Two college students killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Two college students were killed and another was injured in a road accident at Matikata bypass intersection on Rajshahi-Chapainawabganj highway in Godagari upazila of Rajshahi on Tuesday. The dead were identified as Ziaul Huq, 17, and Jahurul Islam, 18, students of Matikata Degree College. Injured Manik, 20, a student of the same college, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. According to witnesses, a microbus hit the three when they were gossiping beside the road at about 5:15 pm. Ziaul and Jahurul died on the spot. Local people rushed to the spot and set the microbus on fire.

Quader Bhuiyan new KU VC

BSS, Dhaka

Prof Abdul Quader Bhuiyan of Sociology Department of Rajshahi University was appointed the new Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Khulna University (KU), an official handout said.



President Secretary Magura Press Club office bearers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura The biennial election of Magura Press Club was held recently at its auditorium. Twenty-four members out of 25 casted their votes from 10 am to 2 pm. District Information Officer M Zaved Iqbal played the role of Election Commissioner. The elected office-bearers are: Daily Ittefaq correspondent Adv. Dipok Roy Chowdhury (President), Daily Jugantar correspondent Adv. Shrif Amirul Hassan Bulu (General Secretary), Dinkal correspondent Abul Khayer Ablu (Vice-President), Editor of The Daily Khedmat Khan-Sharrifat Hossain (Assistant-Secretary), Daily Manabjamin correspondent Shameem-Ahmed Khan (Treasurer), Daily Desh Janata correspondent Shafiqul Islam Shafiq (Office Secretary), Daily Sangram correspondent Waliur Rahman (Sports Secretary) and Daily Al-Amin correspondent Liton Kumar Ghosh (Library and Cultural Secretary). Besides, seven other journalists were elected executive members of the press club.