

## NEWS SNAPS

## Schoolteacher killed in Kishoreganj

**UNB, Kishoreganj**  
A schoolteacher was killed when he tried to mediate a quarrel between his relatives and their neighbours at village Charhazipur in Hossainpur upazila of Kishoreganj on Friday.

Police said Khurshiduddin, 52, assistant teacher of Charhazipur Government Primary School, came under attack all on sudden. Both the feuding groups beat him and pelted brickbats on him, leaving him dead on the spot. Villagers caught victim's cousin Wahab and stepmother Jobeda Khatun for their involvement in the killing and handed them over to police. A case was filed.

## College student killed in clash over land

**UNB, Kishoreganj**  
A college student was killed and three people were injured in a rival group attack at village Panch hat in Itna upazila of Kishoreganj recently.

Police and witnesses said when Abu Taher, 18, student of Itna College and son of Ijjat Ali of the village went to prepare seedbed on a disputed plot of land along with his men when the rival group attacked them with lethal weapons on Nov 26 killing Taher on the spot. The postmortem of the body was performed at the Sadar Hospital. The injured were admitted to the upazila health complex. A case was filed.

## Panic grips people of Magura

**UNB, Magura**  
A silent terrorism across Magura district has created panic among the common people. A good number of frightened people went into hiding and passing their days with great anxiety, as they got shrouds, pieces of cloths to cover the dead body, by mail from unidentified miscreants. Five such victims, who got shrouds, are Advocate Abu Ayub Biswas APP, Nazrul Islam, Saifur Rahman, Ujir Ali and Haji Mohammad Siddique. The unidentified hooligans also sent chit with the shroud warning them to prepare for death. Meanwhile, the local terrorists demanded tolls from some businessmen in the town and threatened of dire consequences if they fail to comply with their demands. When contacted police said they got no written complains in this regard.

## Abducted man rescued after 96 days

**UNB, Magura**  
At last police rescued a man from a house at Mirjapur village in Sadar upazila of Magura on Nov 18 after 96 days of his abduction.

The victim identified as Sayen Biswas, 30, son of Nazir Biswas of Alipur village in same upazila was abducted on Aug 12. According to delayed report acting on a tip off, police raided the house and rescued him. Sensing police arrival the inmates of the house went into hiding.

## 40-km flood control dam constructed

**UNB, Netrakona**  
A 40-km flood control dam has been constructed at Jaria village in Purbadhala upazila in Netrakona under the Tk 20 crore Dampara Water Management Project.

Bangladesh Water Development Board, in collaboration with the Canadian International Development Association (CIDA), implemented the project under the joint funding of Bangladesh and Canadian government. Water Resources Minister Engr LK Siddiqui inaugurated the flood control dam on Tuesday. Some 15,000 hectares of land of Purbadhala, Dhobaura and Fulpur upazilas will be protected from flood by this embankment. Additional 9,000 tons of paddy and 15,000 tons other crops will be produced in the areas.

## Porters harass passengers at Rajshahi bus terminal

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Sufferings of the passengers in Rajshahi Bus Terminal are increasing day by day.

Harassment of the passengers by the bus workers and porters has become a regular feature.

Many passengers allege, as soon as a passenger reaches the gate or enters into the premises of the terminal, a number of conductors and helpers of buses rush to him. They catch and push him from different directions. Often the passenger is manhandled. Sometime, the clothes of the Passenger are torn and his valuables are lost or damaged.

Conductors and helpers of the buses often give the passengers false information about the time of leaving and destination of the buses which results in time killing and

financial loss of passengers.

Porters of the bus terminal do not also follow rules and regulations of the terminal, it is alleged. Often they blackmail and harass the passengers.

There are fixed rates for the porters in the terminal. But they forcefully realise excessive money from the passengers. They do not allow the passengers carry their goods even of small quantity. Passenger and the porter, are often seen to exchange hot words and drag and pull each other with the goods.

Neither the bus owners association nor the associations of the bus workers and porters show due attention to the problem.

There is no police camp inside the bus terminal. Traffic police deployed in front of the bus terminal are allegedly seen to remain busy

with collection of tolls from the buses and other vehicles, it is alleged.

Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) has a small office inside the terminal and an employee has been posted there to collect toll from the buses. Though the terminal is managed by RDA, it does not pay any attention to the sufferings of the passengers. "We are entitled only to take after infrastructural facilities, not to manage bus workers and porters," said a RDA official.

A leader of Rajshahi Bus Owners Association, on condition of anonymity said "we have no control over the workers and the porters".

Leaders of the association of bus workers and porters deny the allegation and said that these were not problems at all.

## Clash over cattle market: 15 hurt

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Tension has gripped the Kashiadanga area in Rajshahi following a clash between two rival groups on Wednesday which left at least 15 injured.

After the bloody clash over establishment of a cattle market in the Kashiadanga area, both the rival groups are getting prepared for further clashes. Both the groups have mobilised more manpower and arms in the spot to establish their

supremacy.

Police sources said more police forces have been deployed in the area in order to control the situation. Local people have been suspecting possible massacre at Kashiadanga.

Meanwhile, Rajshahi Truck Owners' Council has decided not to allow entry of any truck heading towards Kashiadanga area due to clash between the two rival groups.

Two cases have been recorded with Rajparha thana in this connection.

## Step to boost agri output in 16 N dists

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore**

For boosting agri-production, creating employment in agri-sector and for poverty alleviation, an extensive programme costing about Tk 250 crore is underway in the country's northern region.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) has been implementing the programme under its seven years long North-West Crop Diversification Project (NCDP), from January 2001 to December, 2008, in 60 upazilas of 16 northern districts including Natore.

Under the programme, small and marginal farmers will be organised and imparted trainings. The trained farmers will be given technological and financial support to boost agricultural production. Authorities will provide the farmers agri-loans up to Tk 20,000. They will also assist them in marketing of their products at fair prices.

About two lakh families of this region will be benefited and about 3.50 lakh metric tons of additional agri products worth about Tk 150 crore will be produced, if the project is implemented, officials said.

A boost in agri production in the northern region, the store-house of foodgrains in the country, would play a positive role in the rural economy, it is widely apprehended.

## Attack on ICS leader creates tension at RU

**RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Tension has gripped the Rajshahi University (RU) campus following attack on a leader of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) and burning of a banner of the same organisation on the campus recently.

Abu Hanif Khandaker, president of Sayed Amir Ali Hall unit of ICS, was attacked by a group of terrorists in front of the Provost's bungalow of Latif Hall on the night of November 25. Moreover, a political banner of ICS hung in front of the university branch of Agrani Bank was burnt by a group of unknown terrorists on the night of November 27.

Shibir activists brought out processions on the campus in protest against the incidents and demonstrated demanding arrest and exemplary punishment to the culprits immediately.

The victim alleged that the cadres of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were directly involved in the incidents. But some other sources alleged that a section of JCD leaders had been patronising these terrorists.

Meanwhile, Anwar Hossain Ujjal a leader of the university unit of JCD regretted the matter to this correspondent. JCD leaders are also trying to find out the real culprits.

The incident has incited some ICS cadres so much that in case of any misunderstanding between JCD and ICS, a bloody clash may occur among the cadres of these two dominating student organisations on the campus.

When asked about the matter, the newly-appointed Proctor, Prof Nurul Afsar informed, "we are aware about campus peace and protecting the campus from violence."

## Number of birth, death registration very poor

**BSS, Madaripur**

The registration of birth and death is not being maintained properly by the municipality and union parishads in Madaripur, local people said.

There are four upazilas, 57 union parishads and three municipalities in Madaripur. Because of non-registration of birth and death, complications arise during the admission in educational institutions or in getting passport and visas. Authorities of hospitals, clinics, maternity centres mother and childcare centres do not report the birth of a baby to the authorities concerned.

According to office sources, the number of birth or death registration is very poor in the district town. Town dwellers have no idea on the registration matter though it is very important.

Under the provision of the existing law parents are to register the name and particulars of a new born baby with the local bodies like municipalities and union parishads within 90 days of birth. Health workers of the Health Department and Family Planning Department also collect information of newborn

babies and register the names with local bodies. The parents of a newborn baby have to pay a fine of Tk five if they fail to report to the local bodies within the stipulated time.

There is no system to give money for birth certificate from municipalities or union parishads. Some birth certificate seekers, however, complained that a section of staff of the Health Department or municipality or union parishad claim Tk 200 to 500 or more for a birth certificate.

## Outlawed party member slaughtered

**A CORRESPONDENT, Pabna**

Rivals have slaughtered a member of an outlawed party at remote Monoharpur village in Ataikula thana of Pabna on Tuesday.

Police sources said the victim Matin, 30, was killed 'probably for abandoning the party. Ataikula Thana police recovered the body on Tuesday morning.



PHOTO: HOSSAIN SERAJ

An example to emulate!

A poor blind couple enthralling a footpath gathering with songs and music. Blind Sufia is singing while her blind husband Shukur Ali is playing a violin to earn a living. Because they hate begging. The snap was taken from Magura.



PHOTO: STAR

Rajshahi University Vice Chancellor Prof Faisal Islam Faruqi speaks as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a six-day training on reporting for the female journalists of northern region which was organised by Centre for Communication and Development (CCD) on Saturday. The training course supported by DFID and The British Council was held at the seminar room of Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS) of the university.