

## NEWS SNAPS

**Two shot dead by Indian BSF****UNB, Thakurgaon**

Border guards of India shot dead two persons as they were crossing the Bangladesh border from West Bengal on Sunday morning.

Border Security Force of Fulgazi in India shot dead Azizul Haq, 30, of Haripur village of Thakurgaon while entering into Bangladesh territory through Dabri frontier. Another unidentified Indian national was also killed in the fire while he was helping Aziz crossing the border. Local people said BSF took away both the bodies.

**Motor cyclist killed in road mishap****UNB, Comilla**

A motor cyclist was killed on the spot and two others injured in an accident on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Amanganda in Chouddagram upazila of Comilla on Thursday.

The deceased was identified as Halim, 30. The injured co-riders were admitted to local health complex. Locals said the accident took place when a Dhaka-bound truck dashed the motor cycle from behind at about 5 PM.

**BAU, SDNP of UNDP sign MOU****UNB, Mymensingh**

Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will develop regional infrastructure in order to expand Internet facility to greater Mymensingh region.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between Sustainable Development Network Programme (SDNP) of UNDP and Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh on Thursday. SDNP Project Director MA Hakim and BAU Registrar M Najibur Rahman signed the MOU on behalf of their respective sides. Under the agreement SDNP will construct a tower to expand Internet facilities within 64-kilometre range through radio link method at its own cost. Vice Chancellor Prof Mustafizur Rahman and other high officials of BAU were present.

**Panic of transfer grips policemen****UNB, Faridpur**

An officer of Kotwali police station in Faridpur was transferred to Dhaka and other members of his team were in a transfer panic as a sequel to the recent arrest of a diehard criminal of Faridpur.

Police said they arrested notorious terrorist Moly Bose of Goalchamot area, who was wanted by police in several cases including robbery, snatching, drug trading and arms looting from his residence on January 22. Police arrested him risking their lives and left arms of Havildar Pannu Mia of the team was broken during the raid. After the arrest of Moly people of the town heaved a sigh of relief and many of them congratulated police for such action of bravery. But following a misleading report about the arrest in a vernacular daily on Saturday the authorities transferred an officer of the team and rests were in a panic of transfer.

**Move to supply arsenic free water****UNB, Comilla**

Government has taken a decision to supply arsenic free water to every house in Comilla town after purifying the waters of Dharma Sagar, a large pond located at the centre of the town.

Shipping Minister Lt Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain informed this to the local townsmen while speaking at a reception accorded to him recently. The minister said the government has taken a decision to select a big water body at every district town to supply arsenic free water. He said the cultivation of fish would be stopped in the Dharma Sadar pond.

# Road accidents on rise on Kushtia-Dhaka highway

## IU students demand immediate steps to check mishaps

**RAHAT AHMED, Kushtia**

Road accidents are on rise on Kushtia-Dhaka highway in recent days.

Road accidents claimed three lives and injured 48 within a span of five days from January 17 to 21 on this highway.

Last week the students of Islamic University (IU) put up a barricade on Kushtia-Dhaka highway.

Under the banner of general students they blocked all kinds of transport vehicles on the highway from 12 noon to 1 pm to press home their three-point demands including measures to stop incurring road mishaps in front of the main gate of the university campus.

Their demands include establishment of speed-breaker on the highway around the campus area, controlling illegal fair-hike of public buses as it has increased at Tk 10 instead of Tk 2

for campus journey of students from Kushtia and Jhenidah towns and punitive action against the bus staffers who allegedly mishave with the students of the university.

At last Proctorial body of the university interfered on this matter.

Meanwhile, Ayub Ali, 45 died on January 20 on Kushtia-Dhaka highway near Garagonj Bridge when a Khulna bound bus ran over him leaving five others injured. Another road mishap occurred on the highway in front of the main gate of the university campus on January 20 which claimed one life and 10 injured others. The dead was identified as Abdur Rashid, 25 who succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in Dhaka. In this road accident a campus bound bus collided with a Nasimon ( a shallow engine driven locally manufactured vehicle) .

In another tragic incident which occurred on January 17 on Kushtia-Dhaka highway in front of

the main gate of the university a school teacher died on the spot and 33 others injured when a Khulna bound bus knocked two buses from behind. The buses were waiting for the passengers who were visiting the campus. They came from Satkhira. The school teacher was identified as Nogenra Nath Bachar, 35.

Cases were lodged with the Islamic University police station in connection with the accidents.

These accidents occurred due to lack of any speed-breaker on the highway near the university campus. The IU police station officer-in-charge (OC) told this correspondent that the Roads and Highway authorities would construct speed-breaker on some accident prone spots of the highway near the campus within a week.

Meanwhile, the IU Proctorial body along with the OC of Islamic University police station met the Kushtia and Jhenidah administration recently.

# JCD-BCL clash leaves 10 hurt in Netrakona

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona**

At least 10 persons were injured, one of them seriously, in a clash between the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Baniajan in Atpara upazila of Netrakona on Friday night.

Police and witnesses said a group of JCD activists led by Jewel, Sohel and Mamun demanded Tk 50 thousand as toll illegally from the men of Polli Bidduyat Samity when they were bringing Baniajan village under electricity network. At this stage a group of BCL activists protested their demand. At once Jewel fired six to seven rounds of gun shots injuring 10 BCL activists including Liton Chowdhury, 22, Mosajjak Chowdhury, 20, Nazrul Islam, 25, Iqbal, 30, and Muklesh Mia. Seriously bullet injured Liton was immediately sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) in a critical condition. Others were admitted to

Netrakona Sadar Hospital.

It is to be mentioned that Jewel, Sohel and Mamun are the main accused of Swapan Joarder Murder Case. Swapan was the president of Netrakona district Juba League.

**RU cultural body executives**  
**RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

A nine-member executive committee of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ), an alliance of cultural organisations, RU unit as formed on Saturday in a council held with Prof MD Bellal Hossain in the chair.

Prof SM Abu Bakar of Udichi was elected the president and Auhidul Islam Mukul of Anushilon Theatre was elected the general secretary of the jote.

Three other members are Prof Moli Bhoumik of Anushilon, Prof Bellal Hossain of Mukto Theatre and Prof Bipul Kumar Biswas of Abohoman cultural organisation.

# PIB workshop concludes in Kushtia

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah**

A six-day training workshop of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) on children and women for the journalists of Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga and Jhenidah concluded at Kushtia Municipality auditorium on Thursday.

Presided over by M A Razzaque Khan, president, Kushtia Press Club, Fakhru Islam, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kushtia attended the workshop as the chief guest. Municipality panel chairman Nafiz Ahmed Khan, senior trainer of PIB, Sudhansu Sekhar Roy and district information officer Mohammad Ali Sarkar attended as special guests.

Among others, senior trainer of PIB Sahana Huda, trainer Oliur Rahman, participants Sanjoy Chaki and Delwar Kabir spoke on the occasion.

A total of 19 journalists participated in the training course.

# Mongla boat tragedy death toll rises to 10

**UNB, Bagerhat**

Police Friday recovered the body of a missing man in the January 26 boat capsized in the river Mongla rising the death toll to 10.

Police said they recovered the body of missing Babul from the Moidara canal of Chalna. The Navy divers earlier recovered nine bodies from the deck of the boat.

The survivors of the ill-fated boat, which capsized after hitting with a cargo, said Babul managed to swim into the cargo and saved his life.

Although the cargo was later seized from Noapara, Jessore, Babul was missing.

Police suspected that he was killed after torture and the body was thrown into the river. There were marks of torture on his body.

The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

# Warm clothes for destitutes

**RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Rajshahi University Rotaract Club (RURC) distributed about 200 warm clothes among the destitute people in the slums adjacent to Rajshahi University Railway Station in the evening on Sunday.

The seven-day warm-cloth distribution programme was inaugurated on January 20 with RU Proctor Prof Nurul Abshar as the chief guest. Rotaract Committee Chairman (RCC) Rotarian M Sazzad Hossain and Rotarian Dr Rezaur Rahim attended the programme as special guest while Rotaractor Bahauddin Akonda, President of RUPC was in the chair.

# Keraniganj Press Club office-bearers

**President****Secy****STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A 23-member executive committee of Keraniganj Press Club has been elected in an election held on January 30 with Md Abu Taleb ( Daily Ittefaq) and Md Rakib (Dainik Dinkal) as president and general secretary respectively.

The election was conducted by Md Saiful Haq, former president of Keraniganj Press Club and Md Shafiq Chowdhury, senior vice president.

Kalim Santu (Free Lancer) was elected the vice president and Md Abdul Gani (Dainik Inqilab) the new joint secretary.

Other office-bearers are Md Alamgir Hossain (Dainik Manabjamin), organising secretary, Giasuddin Ahamed Dipu (Dainik Rupali), assistant organising secretary, Kazi Abul Basar (Dainik Samachar), treasurer, Md Abdul Aziz Labu (Dainik Lal Sabuj), office secretary, Md Yusuf Ali (Saptahik Janatar Konthoshar), assistant office secretary, Enayet Karim Chowdhury (Dainik Prabhat), publicity secretary, Biplob Das (Dainik Abirbhab), assistant publicity secretary, Md Shahidul Islam (Pakhhik Prachar), literary secretary, Raihan Ahammad (Dainik Bhorer Dak), assistant literary secretary, Md Shameem (Doinik Janata), sports secretary, Shahidul Islam Biplob (Dainik Caption), assistant sports secretary, Bishwajit Sarkar (Dainik Pratham Bela), cultural secretary, Jahir Uddin Md. Babar (Dainik Orthokotha), assistant cultural secretary, Sajib Kumar Barman (Dainik Sangbad), social welfare secretary, Mamunur Rashid ( Saptahik Sughanda), assistant social welfare secretary, Md Saiful Islam (Dainik Pratham Bela), Md Shafiq Chowdhury (Dainik Khabar), Samsul Islam (Dainik Inqilab) and Nazrul Islam (Choucos) members.

# Cold spell claims one in Magura

**UNB, Magura**

The severe cold spell, now sweeping the country, has claimed one life at Arpara village in Shalikhra upazila of Magura on Monday.

The victim was identified as Amir Hossain, 60.

Locals said the cold wave triggered by sudden fall in mercury and incessant rain forced them to stay indoors for the last few days.