

## NEWS SNAPS



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Shahid Smriti Soudha at Islamic University in Kushtia built in memory of the martyrs of Language Movement of 1952. First phase of the biggest Shahid Minar in Bangladesh has been completed recently at a cost of Tk 50 lakh.

## Woman suffers acid injuries in N'ganj

UNB, Narayanganj

A woman suffered serious burn injuries in an acid attack allegedly by her stepbrother at village Bagdi in Aratthar upazila in Narayanganj on Wednesday.

Police said Noor-e-Alam threw acid on his stepister Selina Begum, 24, following a land dispute. Selina was being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. A case was filed. Noor-e-Alam was absconding.

## Work on 23 uplift projects suspended

UNB, Kishoreganj

Work on 23 development projects at Bhoirab upazila in Kishoreganj involvement Tk 2.06 crore remained suspended since November last following a government order.

In the order, the Local Government Engineering Department asked the authorities concerned to keep the project work suspended until further order. Upazila Engineer Masum-Al-Mamun told that the projects were not closed, those have just been suspended. He, however, could not tell when the work on these projects will resume. The suspended projects include: repairing of Gochamara-Shimulkandi road, Bhabanipur-Badnunagar road, Shambhupur Pakar Matha to Maddher char road, approach road to Jagannathpur old Government Primary School, Khas Goala road, Banshgari Circular Road upto madrassha, Shambhupur-Jamalpur road, Tulakandi Paschimpara road and Siddhirganj road up to Miabari.

## Cash, valuables worth Tk one lakh looted

UNB, Jhalakati

Road pirates swooped on a night coach on Dhaka-Jhalakati road near Bhanga upazila in Faridpur and looted cash and valuables worth over Tk one lakh Wednesday.

Witnesses said the armed robbers, numbering nine, boarded the Jhalakati-bound bus from Gabtali, Dhaka in the guise of passengers. When the coach came close to Bhanga upazila at 2 am, the muggers beat the driver mercilessly and took control of the steering. They later beat and stabbed the passengers indiscriminately and looted their belongings leaving 12 people injured. They got down from the bus at Ghotok char in Rajoir upazila and made off with the booty. Three robberies took place on the road in last two months.

## Armed robbery in Kurigram

UNB, Kurigram

Armed robbers looted cash and valuables worth Tk 70 lakh from a house near Bhoribond College at Nageshwar upazila in Kurigram Tuesday night.

Police said a gang of armed robbers, numbering 13, swooped on the house of Shishir Sharker and looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables, including a touch stone statue, at gunpoint. Hearing screams of the house inmates, villagers rushed to the spot and caught three alleged bandits - Islam, 30, and Bantu, 35, of Rangpur and Mokbul of Lalmonirhat. The other robbers fled the scene with the booty firing shots in the air. Later, police arrested two people - Noor Alam, 30, and Gonga - for their alleged involvement in the dacoity. A case was filed.

# Prices of baby food up in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Prices of baby food items have shot up in Gopalganj in recent days.

According to different market sources in Gopalganj, price of 400 grams of Lactogen-2 varies from Tk 245-250. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 220-225. Three hundred fifty grams of Lactogen-1 is being sold at the rate of Tk 195-200. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 175 to 180.

A container of 400 grams of Cerelac with three fruits is being sold between Tk 260 to 265. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 240-245. A packet 350 grams of Cerelac wheat is being sold between Tk 160 to 165 which was sold earlier between Tk 140 to 145.

A packet of 350 grams of Cerelac rice is being sold between Tk 135 to 140. Earlier, this packet was sold between Tk 120 to 125.

One packet of 400 grams of Red Cow is being sold between Tk 155 to 160. Earlier, it was being sold between Tk 128 to 130.

One packet of 400 grams of Dano is being sold between Tk 155 to 160. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 130 to 135.

A 400-gram packet of My Boy is being sold between Tk 230 to 235. Earlier it was sold between Tk 215 to 220. My-boy eldolac-F is being sold between Tk 245 to 250. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 220 to 225.

While talking to Mortaja, owner of Bonani store in Gopalganj town, he told The Daily Star correspondent that prices of all types of baby food increased in the markets because of high rate of purchasing price of the items in Dhaka market.

One kg of Lactogen-2 is being sold between Tk 495 to 500. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 420 to 425.

One kilogram (kg) of Eldorin is being sold between Tk 445 to 450. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 370 to 375.

Dano 2 kilogram (kg) is being sold of taka 625 to taka 630 and earlier it was being sold of taka 570 to taka 575.

Two kilogram (kg) of Red Cow is being sold between Tk 625 to 630. Earlier, it was sold between Tk 560 to 570.

Meanwhile, the administration did not take any measure to check the prices of baby food.



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Child artistes dancing at a function arranged recently at Mymensingh Shishu Academy on the occasion of "Children Week" in the district town.

# JCD factions clash at JU: Three injured

JU CORRESPONDENT

Three activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were injured in an intra-party clash on the Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus Saturday night.

The injured are Babu, Sohel and Moju.

Campus sources said the clash erupted when Jewel, JU unit JCD president and his followers attacked the supporters of Arman, general secretary of JCD's university unit at about 7:40 pm.

Jewel group equipped with lethal weapons launched the attack, leaving three supporters of Arman group injured. Supporters of Arman group fired several gunshots and left the campus.

The Jewel group also attacked Shaheed Salam Barkat Hall and Al-Biruni Hall and ransacked several rooms belonging to supporters of Arman group.

A tense situation has been prevailing on the campus following the clash. Additional police have been deployed to avert further trouble.

## Terrorists sever tendons of school teacher in Magura

UNB, Magura

Terrorists severed tendons of both hands and legs of a school teacher at Kuchiamora village in Sadar upazila on Thursday night.

Locals said terrorists stormed into the house of Bishnupada Roy, Headmaster of Khatar High School, and stabbed him indiscriminately as he refused to pay them toll.

The terrorists severed his tendons and left the place. The victim was first admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital and later shifted to Dhaka.

No case was filed in this connection till Saturday.

## One killed as villagers clash in Mymensingh

UNB, Mymensingh

One person was killed in a clash between two groups of villagers over a land dispute at Tatrakanda village in Gouripur upazila on Saturday.

Police said Abu Taher, son of Najimuddin, was critically injured in the clash between the supporters of Majid Mia and Najimuddin in the morning.

Taher was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

The clash took place as Najimuddin and his associates resisted Majid and his supporters when they went to cultivate a disputed land in the area.

# 200 current nets seized in 2 rivers

BSS, Chandpur

About 200 current nets used for catching fish fries were seized from the fishermen in the river Padma and Meghna during the current month.

Police said 50 fishermen along with their boats and current nets were arrested from different areas of the rivers. There are reports of indiscriminate use of current nets in different areas of the river Meghna and Padma since the month of January this year.

Mobile courts are carrying out vigorous campaigns against catching of fish fries in the area. Everyday teams comprising of magistrates along with police and fishery officers are campaigning against catching of fish fries.

About 10 tons of fish fries were recovered from the fishermen during the raids by mobile courts in Nilkamal Ibrahimpur, Bhangachar, Ishanbala in Haimchar upazila, Alurbazar and Bahria in Chandpur upazila, Shaitnal and Mohanpur in Matlab upazila.

Mobile courts are also conducted in different hats and bazaars in Chandpur town and rural areas. Vigorous campaign against catching of fish fries are also carried out under the direct supervision of Deputy Director of Fisheries in Chittagong division.

A mobile court headed by Manjural Mannan, Magistrate 1st class conducted a campaign on March 23 and seized 40 current nets and five ton fish fries. All current nets are set on fire on the bank of river in front of public.

The unscrupulous fishermen attacked the magistrate and the fishery officers. Police opened fire on the miscreants. As a result 20 fishermen injured.

Bangladesh Navy last year launched a campaign against the fish fry hunters. This year due to absence of Bangladesh navy catching of fish fries continue alarmingly.

About 10,000 current nets are used everyday to catch hilsa and other fish fries in the rivers Padma and Meghna from Nilkamal in Haimchar upazila to Shaitnal in Matlab upazila.

Hilsa fish fries measuring 4 cm to 15 cm are called 'Jatka' and these are found in fresh waters of Padma and Meghna from January to June. After the end of this period they migrate to the sea. During their stay in the rivers they are netted by unscrupulous fishermen.

Government has banned catching of fish fries to increase fish production in the area. Despite government ban, catching of fish fries are continuing alarmingly in the area.

# 10 hurt as JCD factions clash at N'ganj

A CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 10 people were injured, four with bullets, when some cadres of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) made a bid to abduct one activist of its faction at West Masdair in the town on Saturday.

The bullet-injured - Aslam, 22, Alamgir, 24, Maya, 36, and Noorjahan, 50 - were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). The condition of Aslam who sustained head injuries is critical.

The armed men of Zakir Khan group, a faction of the district unit of JCD, led by Ohab, Riad, Kawsar and Al Amin, attempted to abduct Aslam, son of Nabi Hossain of West Masdair at about 5.30pm on the day.

Local people who tried to resist the abduction bid came under firing and cracker-blasts by the armed men.

Aslam is a follower of David group of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal. Local people believe that the abduction bid is a sequel to rivalry

between the two factions over taking control of the trade in garment waste in the town.

## Alleged attack on policeman: Rab granted bail

UNB, Laxmipur

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) president ASM Abdur Rab was again granted bail on Saturday in a case filed for allegedly attacking an on-duty policeman during the Oct 1 national election.

The first class magistrate granted the bail when the JSD leader appeared before the court on Saturday. He was earlier given bail on Nov 6, 2001 in the same case.

Rab was arrested on Oct 1, 2001 on charge of assaulting the policeman at Rastarhat Madrasah centre in Ramgati thana during the polling. Ten people, including Rab, were charge-sheeted in the case.



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A participant speaks at a session of a three-day joint training course-2002 arranged recently at the Human Development Centre of Proshika, a leading development organisation, in Sirajganj under the joint auspices of Bangladesh Coordinated Nutrition Programme and the Ministry of Family Welfare.