

Sohel murder
Khulna Jubo Dal
activist arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna thana police yesterday arrested Shahinur Islam Shaheen, 28, from hospital ghar area. He is an activist of Mayor group of Jubo Dal and one of the eight accused in Sohel murder case.

3 muggers jailed

UNB, Narsingdi

A court sentenced three people to three years' rigorous imprisonment each and fined them Tk 5,000 each in a case under Speedy Trial Act on Sunday.

The convicts will have to suffer 6 months' more RI if they fail to pay the fine.

According to prosecution, Ismail, Bachchu Mia and Jiban Mia intercepted a tempo near Baykardi bazaar of Sadar thana on May 6 and snatched Tk 37,000 from the passengers.

But the passengers caught the muggers with the help of local people when they were running away.

Judge of the Speedy Trial Court Saleh Ahmed Mozaffar pronounced the verdict after examining the witnesses and records.

used to appear before the Khulna Judge's Court within three weeks.

The court has also asked police not to arrest and harass any of the accused during the period.

According to a fax message signed by Advocate Shaikh Atiar Rahman of the Supreme Court, a High Court division bench comprising Justice Aminul Kabir Chowdhury and Justice Md Mizanul Huq granted ad-interim bail to seven out of eight accused including senior vice president of city BNP Shahrulzaman Martuza. Shahinur Islam Shaheen is also among the seven accused granted ad-interim bail by the High Court.

When asked, OC Khulna thana said he was yet to obtain the High Court order for not arresting the accused.

Lightning kills one in Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

A person was killed in lightning at Chakrabarti Mahmudnagar area in Sadar upazila on Sunday.

Local people said the thunderbolt struck Jalaluddin, 52, while he was returning home from his work place.

Jalaluddin was a worker of Beximco Textile Mills.

Ten outlaws arrested in Natore

UNB, Natore

Ten activists, including a commander, of an outlawed party were arrested in Singra upazila on Saturday night.

During a raid in remote Dahia, Shukana, Ayas and Biyas areas, police arrested seven members of the Purba Bangla Sarbahara Party, including their local commander Mozai, 37, and three listed criminals.

Police said they were wanted in connection with a number of criminal cases.

Train passengers robbed

UNB, Chandpur

A gang of armed robbers swooped on an inter-city train at a point between Mehar and Hajiganj stations and looted cash and valuables worth Tk 10 lakh from the passengers on Saturday night.

Witnesses said the gang of about 15 robbers boarded the Chandpur-bound Meghna Inter-City Express from Chittagong in the guise of passengers and started looting valuables at gunpoint at about 10pm. At least 10 people were also injured.

The robbers got down from the train when it ran slowly ahead of Hajiganj station and decamped with the booty.



Vice-president of Bangladesh Automobiles Distributors' Association Abdul Matlub Ahmed (extreme left) speaking at a press conference at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday. From right are Romo R Chowdhury of Rangs, AKM Azizur Rahman and Kamal Ahmed. (Story on page 6)

Bangladesh for direct trade ties with Brazil

BSS, SAO PAULO (BRAZIL)

Jute Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed urged the Brazilian business community to establish direct trade relations with Bangladesh to avoid third party link for mutual benefits of both the countries.

The minister, now on a visit to

Brazil for exploring jute market, said this at a meeting held here recently with President of the Federation of Commerce of Sao Paulo Abraam Shaeman and President of the External Trade Studies Carle. Referring to the items imported by Brazil from Bangladesh, he said at present most of them come to Brazil through third party, the European traders. Jute minister apprised the Federation of Commerce of Sao Paulo of Bangladesh-Brazil trade potentials covering entire gamut of economic, commercial and trade sectors where Brazilian business community could explore the existing opportunities.

for bilateral business link between Bangladesh and Brazil.

Jute minister also met the Director of Industry, Federation of Sao Paulo Melle Pererman and they discussed the existing opportunities between the two countries. The business leaders assured the jute minister that they would explore all possible means to strengthen bilateral trade particularly jute and jute goods sector.

BIMC Chairman ASM Abdul Halim and other members of the delegation were present in the meeting.

Five commit suicide in Nilphamari

UNB, Nilphamari

Five people, including two women, allegedly committed suicide in Nilphamari district on Saturday and Sunday.

Sources said Major Ahmed, 30, of Golmunda village in Jaldhaka upazila, committed suicide by taking pesticide following a family feud on Sunday.

Nuraza Begum, 35, of Dhobahanga village of sadar upazila, killed herself by taking poison on Saturday as she could not bear severe stomach pain.

On the same day, Nasima Khatun, 65, of Chandkhana village in Kishoreganj upazila committed suicide by hanging himself on Saturday. Separate UID cases were filed.

Scancement observes World Environment Day

Scancement International Ltd, country's leading cement manufacturer company, observed the "World Environment Day" at its Rugganj factory by planting 100 trees on the factory premises on June 9, says a press release.

Minister of Textiles Abdul Matin Chowdhury and the CEO and Chairman of Multimode Group of Companies Abdul Awal Mintoo were present as chief and special guests respectively.

On behalf of Scancement, Managing Director Ola Schipper, Technical Director Graham Bell, Director AKM Jahangir Khan, General Manager, Sales and Marketing KM Zahid Uddin, senior officials and staff were present in the ceremony.

Matin Chowdhury inaugurated the programme by planting one Mehoghoni plant. Scancement officials also participated in planting trees.

Scancement is the most environment friendly factory in the cement sector, Technical Director Bell said.



Textile Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury planting a tree at the Scancement factory at Rugganj on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

Advertisement for 'দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন' (The Security Printing Corporation) in Bangladesh. It lists services like printing, duplicating, and provides contact information for their Dhaka office.

Advertisement for 'Bangladesh Navy' tender invitation for repair & maintenance of typewriter & duplicating machine. It details the requirements for sealed tenders, experience certificates, and payment terms.

Advertisement for 'District Council Office, Feni Tender Notice No. 2/2001-2002'. It invites contractors to bid for 20 projects under the Annual Development Programme & 1 (one) project with self finance.

Advertisement for 'গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার' (People's Republic of Bangladesh) regarding 'সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য ব্যাখ্যা' (Explanation for public awareness). It includes a table of import duties for various countries and details about the tender process.

Advertisement for 'Bangladesh Film Development Corporation' (BFDC) Local/International Re-Tender Notice. It lists spare parts for Chinese Cinematographic Movie Camera and provides details on the tender process, including the location and deadline.

Advertisement for 'কম্পিউটারের উপর বন্ধ আরোপ সম্পর্কিতঃ' (Regarding the imposition of ban on computers). It discusses the impact of a ban on computers on the economy and provides information about the Assistant Engineer at the District Council, Feni.