

## NEWS SNAPS

**Two killed in road mishap in Natore**

**BSS, Rajshahi**  
Two people died on the spot when they fell from the roof of a running bus on the Dhaka-Rajshahi highway at Kuliapara point on Friday night, police said.

Both of them were returning home after completing their work at a construction farm in Dhaka. Natore Police recovered bodies from near the Dhaka-Rajshahi highway in Kuliapara area of Sadar thana in Natore on Friday, police sources said. The bodies were handed over to their relatives after post-mortem and a case was recorded with the police station in this connection.

**Two commit suicide in Naogaon**

**BSS, Rajshahi**  
Two persons committed suicide in two separate incidents at Raninagar upazila in Naogaon on Friday.

Police sources said the victim was identified as Nazul Islam Nazu, 40, son of late Monir Akanda of Ratoal Salgariapara village in Raninagar upazila committed suicide by shooting himself on his chest and succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital at about 11:30 am. According to local people Nazu got about 30 bighas of land at his village from his ancestors, but lost all by gambling and other misdeeds. He had been facing financial crisis during last couple of months. Another young man identified as Dizeel, 32, son of Mojibur Sheikh of Balubhara village in the same upazila committed suicide by taking poison following frequent quarrels between his two wives. His body was found at a nearby crop field. Two separate unnatural death (UD) cases were recorded with the police station in this connection.

**Body of businessman recovered**

**UNB, Mymensingh**  
The body of a businessman was recovered from a banana field at Montola in Sadar upazila on Saturday.

Police said Ashraf Ali, 35, a paddy trader of Montola Goneshyampur village went out from his house for Muktagachha upazila on Friday and remained missing.

Local people found the body at the nearby banana field and informed the police. Police suspected that muggers snatched his money after killing him with a sharp weapon.

**One killed by miscreants in Bogra**

**BSS, Bogra**  
One person was killed and two others were injured in an attack by a group of miscreants at a madrassah of Sherpur upazila in Bogra on Friday.

According to police, the miscreants attacked one person named Azam, 40 at village Shimabari when he was gossiping with his two friends in a class room of the madrassah at about 10 am. They were immediately taken to local hospital where Azam succumbed to his injuries. Police suspected that the attack might have been a sequel to earlier enmity. None was arrested so far in this connection.

**Jute cultivation exceeds target**

**BSS, Barisal**  
Following ban on polythene shopping bags, farmers in 11 southern districts of Barisal Agriculture Extension Zone (BAEZ) become enthusiastic in cultivation of jute.

According to official sources, the target of jute cultivation has been exceeded by 31, 782 hectares this year in Barisal, Jhalakathi, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali, Bogura, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Rajbari and Shariatpur under the zone. The target of jute cultivation was fixed at 49,668 hectares in these districts, but the farmers cultivated jute on 81,450 hectares as they were encouraged by ban on polythene shopping bags. In the previous year, jute was cultivated on 60,464 hectares in 11 southern districts. The cultivation of jute increased to 20,996 hectares this year.

**RCC prepares for disaster management**

**BSS, Rajshahi**  
In the wake of impending floods Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) held a disaster preparedness meeting at its conference hall on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor Mijanur Rahman Minu, MP, who is also the Chairman of Rajshahi City Red Crescent Society called upon the Red Crescent workers and volunteers to remain alert to face natural calamities, specially the impending floods to save life and property.

Mayor Minu underscored the need for imparting training to the field level volunteers on disaster management for reducing loss of life and property during floods and other natural calamities. He urged people specially the Red Crescent workers and volunteers to take necessary preparation to face any eventualities in the wake of devastating floods with courage.

**Fertiliser distributed among farmers**

**BSS, Narsingdi**  
Department of Agriculture Extension has distributed 4950 kg seeds of transplanted Aman and 34650 kg fertiliser among 1094 small and marginal farmers in three upazilas of Narsingdi under Agriculture Rehabilitation programme.

The upazilas are Narsingdi Sadar, Polash and Shibpur upazila. According to official sources, of the total, 2500 kg seeds of Aman and 17,500 kg fertiliser were distributed among 500 farmers in Narsingdi Sadar upazila, 1825 kg seed of Aman and 12775 kg fertiliser among 365 farmers of Polash upazila and 625 kg seed of Aman and 4375 kg fertiliser among 229 farmers in Shibpur.

**BKB recovers classified loan in Narsingdi**

**BSS, Narsingdi**  
Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), Narsingdi region has attained a grand success in recovery of classified loan.

The bank recovered Tk 20 crore classified loans through its 14 branches of the region during the period from March 2002 to June 30, 2002. According to official sources, the success was achieved due to close supervision and all-out efforts of loan recovery by the bank management. BKB's classified loan stood at Tk 58,68,63,000 on Feb 28 this year. At present it came down now to Tk 38,68,63,000.

**Horrendous action of 'Dabloo Bahini'  
Pregnant housewife, sister  
raped at a Jessore village**

**UNB, Jhikargachha (Jessore)**

It was horrendous. A group of miscreants raped a housewife in her advanced stage of pregnancy that led to the premature birth of a dead child.

And the brutes did not stop there. They raped her sister, a student of Class VII, until the teenaged girl fell unconscious and bled profusely.

The inhuman incident took place at Jirangachha village of Ulshi union in Sarsha upazila on the night of July 5.

On information, a group of newsmen visited the village last week. Dabloo, leader of the group of criminals that committed the beastly act, threatened them with annihilation if the incident is reported in the press.

The villagers said the culprits were known miscreants, thriving under the patronage of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). They named them as Dabloo, son of Thop Biswas; Hossain, son of Abu Zafar; Samad, son of Shamsuddin; Sirajul, son of Keramat; Shanti, son of Rezaul; and four or five others.

The group is known as Dabloo Bahini, all-powerful in the area. None dares to open mouth against them, said a dozen of villagers requesting anonymity for fear of reprisal.

Narrating the incident, neighbours of the victims said the hoodlums forcibly entered into the house of Amir Hossain, an old man, at dead of night on July 5 and looked for his son.

Finding the man absent from the house, they caught hold of his young wife Firoza (not her real name), who was in advanced stage of pregnancy. Despite repeated plea, the terrorists raped her one after another until she fell semi-conscious and gave birth to a stillborn child.

Old Amir Hossain tried to resist, but he was pushed away. Showing a dagger, the miscreants silenced the old man and tied him with a pole inside the house.

The terrorists then took hold of Firoza's teenaged sister and raped her until she felt unconscious and bled profusely.

Neighbours started to come forward for their rescue, but when they realised that the notorious Dabloo Bahini is in action, they retreated in fear.

Before leaving, the gang threatened all members of the family of taking their life if they ever tell the incident to others.

The following morning, poor Amir Hossain started for hospital along with the victims for treatment. But Hossain and Samad, two members of the Dabloo Bahini, stopped them on way. The victims were not allowed to go out even for treatment.

When gang leader Dabloo's father, a kind hearted man, came to know about the brutalities he took the responsibility for treatment of the two victims. He took them to a private clinic in Jessore town. And after proper treatment, he brought them back home.

Villagers said the incident was reported to the police, but no action has been taken yet against the culprits. "Police and villagers are equally hostages to the terrors for they claimed themselves members of the ruling party," said a student of Class X in the village, requesting anonymity.

People have also lost confidence in the administration, he said and felt that human rights organisations should immediately visit Jirangachha village, investigate into the incident and expose the horrendous action of the Dabloo Bahini.

**Mymensingh pourasabha budget**

**BSS, Mymensingh**

Mymensingh Municipality announced Tk 11,36,91,808 budget for the fiscal 2002-2003 Tuesday showing a surplus amounting to Tk 1,54,35,608.

Municipality chairman Advocate Mahmud-ul-Noor Tarek announced the budget in presence of journalists, ward commissioners and officials. While announcing the budget the chairman said no new tax was imposed on the town dwellers, rather the budget showed increased allocation for civil amenities for the developers. Besides, the balance of previous year amounting to Tk 97,76,622 the income of the budget has been shown from three sources. The sources include revenue head Tk 7,709,186, government grant for development purpose Tk 2,62,06,000 and capital grant Tk 70,00,000. The expenditure showed Tk 7,07,09,186 as revenue head, Tk 2,67,00,000 for development works and special project (both government and revenue) and for capital expenditure at Tk 70,00,000.

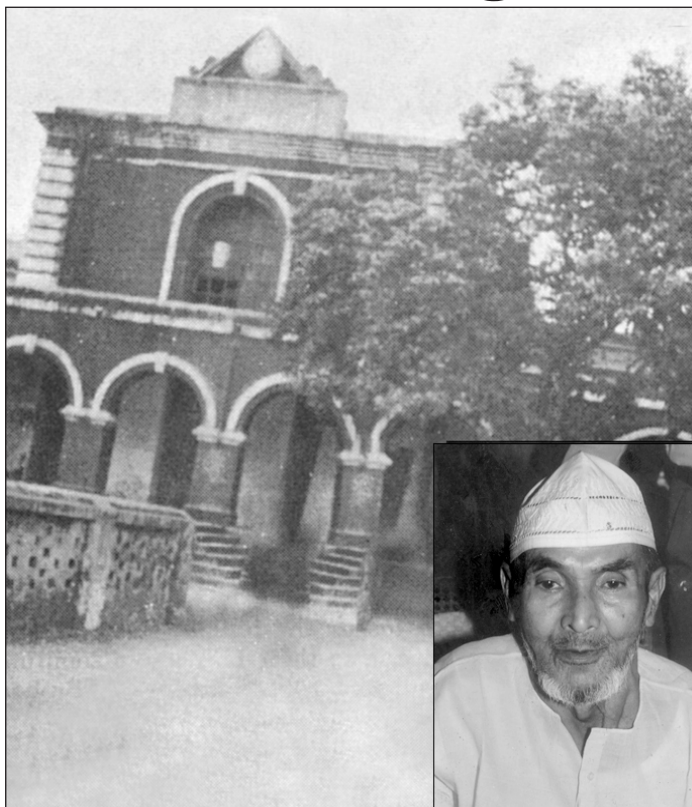
**47 killed in Pabna in 6 months**

**UNB, Pabna**

At least 47 people were killed in nine upazilas in last six months till June marking the deterioration of law and order.

Police said 75 women were tortured, eight armed robberies committed and one was abducted in Sadar, Chatmohor, Sathia, Bera, Faridpur, Ishwardi, Atghoria, Bhangura and Suzanagar upazilas during the period.

Besides, 222 people were arrested and 745 cases were filed during the same period, police added.

**Remembering a headmaster**

Front view of 126-year-old Nilphamari High English School (now Government Boys' High School) and the first Muslim headmaster of the school (inset) late Asir Uddin Ahmed.

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari**

The glory of Nilphamari High English School (now Government Boys' High School) since early 50s till its nationalisation in late 60s is now a legend.

It was the period of Asir Uddin Ahmed, the first Muslim headmaster of over a century old school who created many golden sons of the soil like Shaheed Captain R A M Khairul Bashar (popularly known as Captain Bashar), late Ambassador Humayun Kabir, late Ahsan Ahmed, noted engineer A R Saber, former member of parliament (MP) Ahsan Ahmed, present member of parliament (MP) and prominent cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor, Ahaduzzaman Mohammad Ali, Chairman of the Journalism Department in Dhaka University, former bureaucrat Ashraf Ali, popular folk singer Rathindra Nath Roy and many others who still serve at home and abroad.

Memory of the 'Headsir' who passed away on July 22 in 1989 still remains evergreen in memory his beloved students.

Today (Monday) is the 13th anniversary of death of Asir Uddin. On this occasion a milad mahfil has been arranged at the Sabuj Para residence of the late headmaster at Asir Uddin Lane at Nilphamari after the Asr prayer.

Students, friends, relatives and well-wishers of Ahmed have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.

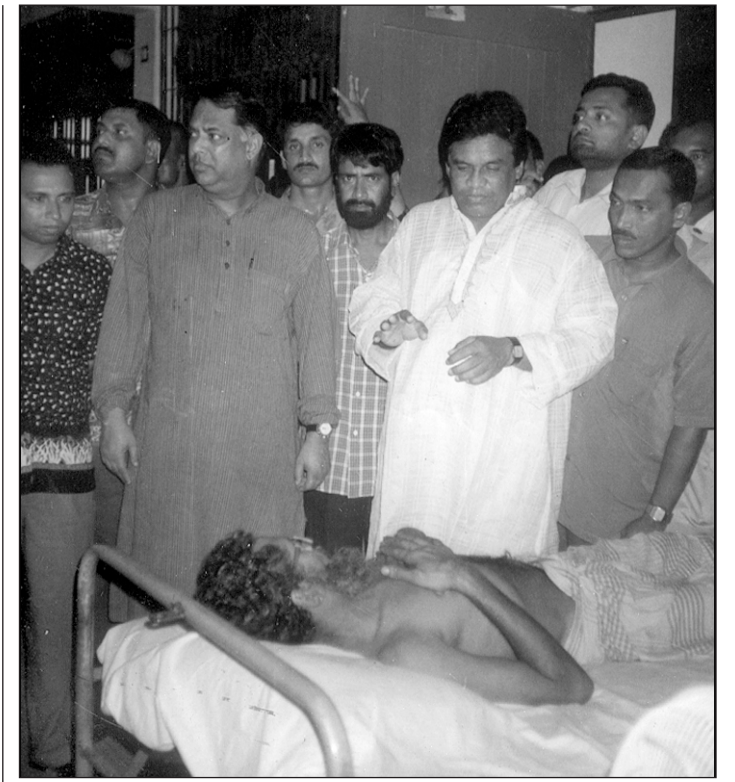


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State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Amanullah Aman and State Minister for Power Iqbal Hasan Mahmud enquiring about the welfare of patients while visiting the Sirajganj General Hospital in the district town. Aman became annoyed with the Resident Medical Officer (RMO) of the hospital, Abdul Awal during his visit there on Thursday.

**2 electrocuted in Khulna**

**UNB, Khulna**

Two people were electrocuted at Jemini Sea Food Company at Kabusa village in Rupsha upazila Friday.

Police said Shakir, 15, and an unidentified man, 30, were electrocuted while working in the office of the company. They were rushed to a local clinic first and then shifted to General Hospital where they succumbed. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

**Bid to curb cheating in exams**

**UNB, Thakurgaon**

In a bid to formulate a rule to hold public examinations in copy-free environment an educational conference was held at the municipality auditorium here on Wednesday.

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon and State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir attended the conference organised by the district administration. Heads of 34 university colleges, 258 secondary schools and 87 madrassas were present on the

**Six commit suicide in Manikganj in 2 days**

**UNB, Manikganj**

Six people allegedly committed suicide in Sadar and Shibalaya upazilas in 48 hours till Saturday.

Police said Roni Akter, 18, daughter of Rafiq Miah in Sadar upazila allegedly hanged herself as she failed to secure expected marks in last Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination.

Khadiza, 25, wife of Barkat of Charmokto village in Sadar upazila took her own life by taking poison while Habu Miah, 25, of Panchparol by hanging himself over family feud.

Mofizuddin, 65, of Sadinagar village in Sadar upazila took poison after having quarrel with his wife over marriage of their daughter. He died at the Sadar hospital.

In Shibalaya upazila, Rupali Begum, 20, of Uttar Kada village and Selina Begum, 25, of Ghanapara took their own lives by taking poison.

Separate unnatural death (UD) cases were filed.

In another incident, an unidentified child was crushed under the wheels of an Aricha-bound truck at Joypura on Dhaka-Aricha highway Friday.