

NEWS SNAPS

AIDS claims one at Bera in Pabna

UNB, Pabna

A man died of fatal disease AIDS on Friday and two other members of his family have been suffering from the disease for long at Bera upazila in Pabna.

The deceased was identified as Shah Alam, 30, of Raghunathpur village. HIV/AIDS virus was also detected in the blood of Shah Alam's wife Rita Khatun, 26, and their daughter Tumpa, 3, local doctors said.

Shah Alam along with his wife had been living in Malaysia for long and came back home about two years back as HIV/AIDS virus was detected in his blood.

Deputy Civil Surgeon of Pabna Dr Abdur Rahman told that they were informed of the matter.

Housewife allegedly commits suicide

UNB, Manikganj

A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Dhankora village in Satoria upazila Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Shirin Akter, 24, wife of Washim Ali of the village. Shirin Akter took poison following a family trouble, family sources said. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed with the police.

Arms recovered from accused's house

UNB, Noakhali

Police in a drive recovered firearms and bomb making materials from a house in Sonapur Katpatti area of Noakhali Municipality on Sunday.

Police said they raided the house of absconding accused Azim and recovered two pipe guns, one bullet, 23 sharp weapons and huge bomb making materials from the house. The law enforcers later picked up Azim's mother Fatema Khatun and madrasah student Foysal, brother of another culprit named Nazim in the area.

Growers sell jute below output cost in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Growers in Magura are now selling jute much below the production cost.

In Notunbazaar and Langalbandh bazaar the growers are waiting with their produce for hours together for prospective buyers. But ultimately they are compelled to sell jute between Tk 250 to 280 which is much below their output cost.

Last year three purchase centres had been in operation in Magura after due approval of BJMC (Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation), Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd, Gual Ahmed Jute Mills Ltd and Latif Bawani Jute Mills Ltd operated the jute purchase centres.

But this year jute traders in Magura have been facing financial crisis due to the non-payment of their arrears dues amounting to about Tk 6.5 cr by the authorities of the aforesaid jute mills.

Moreover, jute traders here have become perplexed whether they would get their arrears dues amounting to Tk 6.5 cr at all from the Adamjee

Jute Mills authorities as the government closed down operation of the mills from July 1 this year.

At Notun bazaar in Magura town Abul Mia, a jute grower who came to sell his produce told this correspondent that due to price-hike of fertilizer and pesticide this year production cost of jute stood at at least Tk 380.

He disclosed that jute is now being sold between Tk 250 to Tk 280 while even last year the rate was between Tk 550 to Tk 600.

Jute was cultivated on 18, 210 hectares of land this year with a production target of 1.82 lakh bales. Last year jute was cultivated on 11,425 hectares with a production target of 1.28 lakh bales in Magura, official sources said.

Ban on polythene and reasonable price of jute of the last year encouraged the growers here to cultivate and produce much more jute.

But this year jute growers here are very frustrated with their produce due to absence of genuine buyers.

Flood causes over Tk 52 cr crop damage in Mymensingh

OUR

CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Mymensingh informed that Aus, T-Aman, jute, vegetables and seed-beds of other crops have been affected badly due to flood and heavy rains.

It has caused a huge loss of Tk 52,34,67,000.

The sources further revealed that 11,390 hectares of Aus land, out of 61,200 hectares, 1,900 hectares of seed beds of T-Aman, out of 16,000 hectares, T-Aman on 3,452 hectares, out of 49,300 hectares, 339 hectares of jute, out of 11,791 hectares and vegetable on 905 hectares, out of 5,500 hectares have been affected seriously due to deluge.

Meanwhile, an extensive programme has been taken up in all 12 upazilas of Mymensingh for Transplanted Aman (T-Aman) cultivation this year.

According to the Department of

Agriculture Extension (DAE), a total of 26,47,000 hectares of land have been brought under T-Aman cultivation in Mymensingh. Of those, 15,5,800 hectares under High Yielding Variety (HYV) and 10,8,900 hectares under local variety with a production target of 5,45,060 metric tons (MT) of paddy.

Meanwhile T-Aman cultivation has been completed on 15,6,800 hectares of land so far till August 16, according to a report of DAE.

However, 202 hectares of land have been brought under sowing Aman cultivation in Mymensingh this year.

According to DAE, 21,200 hectares of land have been brought for T-Aman cultivation in Sadar upazila with a production target of 42,345 MT of paddy, 21,000 hectares in Muktagachha with a production target of 43,755 MT, 22,300 hectares in Phulbaria with a production target of 43,235 MT, 18,300 hectares in Trishal upazila for 36,285 MT, 19,900 hectares in Bhaluka for 43,435 MT, 21,500 hectares in

Gafargaoan upazila for 43,555 MT, 22,900 hectares in Nandail for 48,885 MT, 20,800 hectares in Ishwarganj for 44,690 MT, 19,800 hectares in Gouripur for 39,960 MT, 42,600 hectares in Phulpur upazila for 89,075 MT, 23,800 hectares in Haluaghat for 49,190 MT while 10,700 hectares of land in Dhobaura upazila with a production target of 20,650 MT of paddy.

But T-Aman cultivation is yet to be concluded in Mymensingh due to slow recession of flood and rain waters from the low-lying areas in the district. Flood affected Aman seed beds seriously. As a result T-Aman cultivation has been affected seriously in many areas. The farmers, especially of the shoal areas have been facing the problem very sharply.

The DAE sources further informed that 6,800 hectares of land will be brought under vegetable cultivation, 500 hectares under sesame while 50 hectares under groundnut cultivation.



Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, Sylhet Range M A Hanif hands over a crest to Alhaj Habibur Rahman, a prominent businessman and father of Shahed Ahmed, who lost his life in Sylhet while catching a gold chain snatcher on August 10. The snatcher stabbed him to death during the incident. The Police Department gave him gallantry award posthumously for his bravery.



Vice Chancellor Professor M Mustafizur Rahman of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) inaugurates a blood group testing programme for the resident students of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Hall of the university. Sandhani, a voluntary blood donation organisation arranged the programme recently.

10 hurt in attack allegedly by BNP supporters in Meherpur

UNB, Meherpur

At least 10 people were injured, three critically, in an attack allegedly by BNP supporters at Badiapara village in Gangni upazila Sunday.

Locals said some 15-20 people allegedly led by BNP activist Matiar of the village equipped with sharp weapons attacked Awami League supporter Roisuddin following past enmity.

The attackers also indiscriminately chopped the family members and relatives of Roisuddin as they came to rescue him.

The injured including Roisuddin, 50, Awal, 42, Meher Ali, 32, Mamun, 38, Bulbul, 35, Mahibul, 34, and Tutul, 35, were admitted to the General Hospital where the conditions of Roisuddin, Awal and Bulbul were stated to be critical.

Workshop on agri tech ends in Khagrachhari

UNB, Khagrachhari

A two-day workshop on Coordinated Agriculture Extension Approach and Identification of Durable Hilly Agricultural Technology in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) concluded at the Zila Parishad auditorium on Monday.

State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakrul Islam Alamgir inaugurated the workshop as chief guest Sunday.

Among others, Deputy Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Moni Swapan Dewan, Chairman of Hill Tracts Development Board Wadud Bhuiyan, MP, spoke at the workshop organised by the Department of Agriculture Extension.

Mirza Fakrul Islam, in his speech, emphasised on increase of agricultural output to change the lot of the hill tract's people.

A total of 200 persons including the officials, scientists and agricultural representatives from Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC), Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), Agricultural Research Institute, Soil Resources Development Institute and Cotton Development Board took part at the workshop.

Housewife, trader receive acid burn injuries in Bagerhat

UNB, Bagerhat

A housewife and a trader received burn injuries in separate acid attacks by the miscreants on Wednesday and Thursday.

Police said the miscreants hurled acid on Khokon Chandra Basu, a

fish trader, while he was sleeping at his house at village Machua Kulgram in Chitolmari upazila Thursday night.

He was rushed to Khulina Medical College Hospital and following the deterioration of his condition he was sent to Dhaka the next day.

Another victim housewife Nasima

Begum, 32, of village Komorpur in Sadar upazila is now undergoing treatment at Sadar hospital. The culprits threw acid on her body on Wednesday night.

Police arrested one person named Hafiz Howlader in this connection.



Professor Shafi Ahmed, Department of English, Jahangirnagar University presenting his key-note paper at a seminar titled 'Faults in Basic Education and Solution' at Kishoreganj. The seminar was jointly organised on Thursday by Sachetan Nagorik Committee (Committee of conscious citizens) and Transparency International Bangladesh Chapter.

Shortage of magistrates hampers judicial activity in Jhalakati

UNB, Jhalakati

Four posts of first class magistrates and some other important posts have been lying vacant here since long hampering the judicial activities.

Besides, 22 posts of office assistants, bench assistants and stenotypists have also fallen vacant.

District Administration sources said one first class magistrate who work as Nezarat Deputy Collector is now performing the functions of the four magistrates.

The posts of Deputy Collector, Assistant Director of Local

Government Department, Land Acquisition Officer and General Certificate Officer are also lying vacant since long.

Moreover the posts of Assistant Commissioners (Land) have also been lying vacant in three upazilas of Jhalakati.

The eviction drive against the illegal occupiers of land, is also being hampered due to lack of magistrates.

Prospect of pisciculture bright in Madaripur

UNB, Madaripur

There is a bright prospect of pisciculture in different canals, rivers and other water bodies in Madaripur, local experts said.

Through cultivating fish over 2,000 families in Madaripur have already achieved self-sufficiency, they added.

Over 73,690 acres of water bodies are suitable for fish cultivation, District Fisheries Office sources said.

There are over 12,844 ponds on 19,471 acres of lands in four upazilas of Madaripur including 26 government owned ponds on 4,041 acres, according to the official statistics.

Besides, over 4,212 derelict ponds on 26,321 hectares of land remained out of use for years together.

Body of 10-month-old baby exhumed in Manikganj

UNB, Manikganj

Police exhumed the body of a baby from the grave at Dangabari village in Satoria upazila Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Shajeda aged 10 months, daughter of Abdus Sattar of the village.

Police said Sattar sent his wife Rozina to her parents' house following a family feud keeping Shajeda with him.

Rozina later took the baby with her as per court order on July 29 and she died mysteriously on the same day.

Police exhumed the body in presence of a magistrate after Sattar filed a murder case.

Anniversary of death of Nadira Sultana

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The first anniversary of death of Professor Nadira Sultana, wife of eminent journalist Fazlur Rahman Siddiquee will be held on September 1.

Nadira Sultana, an Assistant Professor of Mathematics Department of Ananda Mohan University College, Mymensingh died of lung cancer at a clinic in Dhaka on September 1, 2001.

She joined the Muminunnisa Government College as the Lecturer of Mathematics in 1981 and served there till 2001. Because of her charm she became very popular among her students and colleagues.

She left behind a daughter, who is a final year student of MBBS at Mymensingh Medical College and a son who is a third year student of engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

Brutal indeed!

UNB, Laxmipur

Criminals raped a young girl at a shop in the town here Sunday afternoon and shaved her head.

According to witnesses local criminals Tareq, Harunur Rashid and Quamrul Hasan abducted the girl of Roypur upazila while she was passing through the area in a rickshaw. They took her inside Tareq's cosmetic shop beside the main road and raped her one after another.

Later, the culprits shaved her head blaming her as a sex worker and beat her mercilessly. On information, police rushed to the spot and arrested Harunur Rashid and Quamrul Hasan while Tareq managed to flee the scene.

The victim filed a case with the police.

One sustains acid burn injuries in Satkhira

UNB, Satkhira

A middle-aged man received burn injuries in an acid attack at Kadakati village in Asashuni upazila Friday night.

Family sources said a gang of miscreants threw acid on A Sattar Sana, 60, while he was sleeping in his room. He was rushed to Sadar hospital in critical condition.