

## NEWS SNAPS

## One strangled by unknown assailants

UNB, Jessore

A middle aged man was strangled by unknown assailants in the town Thursday. The body of Mahfuzur Rahman alias Tito, 30, son of late Mizanur Rahman of Officepara in the town, was recovered from a welding workshop at Puratan Kashba of the town. Family sources said he had been working in the workshop for last two months. He slept in the workshop on Wednesday night after finishing his day's work. The motive behind the murder could not be known. 10 nabbed from hotel in Chapainawabganj

## Body of young girl recovered

UNB, Brahmanbaria

The decomposed body of a young girl was recovered from a field at Srighar village in Nasirnagar upazila Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Sundari Banu, 20, daughter of Rahmat Ali of the village. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed against co-villager Rahmat Ali for his involvement in the gruesome murder. Rahmat Ali went into hiding after the incident.

## Teenage girl suffers acid burn injuries

UNB, Bhola

A teenage girl suffered serious burn injuries in an acid attack by a culprit at Doulatkhan upazila Saturday.

Police said one person named Ruhul Amin, 19, of municipality ward No-7, hurled acid on Jhuma Kar, 15, daughter of Ashok Kar, at night when she came out of their house to respond to the call of nature. She was admitted to Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Police also arrested Ruhul Amin

## Cash, valuables worth Tk 10 lakh looted

UNB, Jhenidah

A gang of bandits swooped on a bus in Kala area on Jhenidah-Magura road and looted cash and valuables worth Tk 10 lakh from its passengers on Sunday.

Police said some 9-10 robbers riding in a microbus followed the Kushtia-bound bus from Dhaka and intercepted it in the area at about 12 noon. They beat the passengers indiscriminately and looted cash and valuables from the passengers.

## Shots from districts



Fans of Ekushey Television (ETV) and members of the district shilpakala academy parade the streets of Mymensingh town in a joint procession chanting slogans in favour of the popular TV channel. They demanded fresh license of ETV.



Regional chiefs, branch managers and officers of Janata Bank in Moulvibazar and Hobiganj at a discussion on a new banking act at the Moulvibazar regional office of Janata Bank recently.



Rotarians of Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Rotary Club of Sylhet Central, Rotary Club of Sylhet Mid-town, Rotary Club of Sylhet South and Rotary Club of Dera-Sunamganj jointly brought out a procession in Sylhet on September 12 on the occasion of Sub-National Immunisation Day (NID).

## BCL leaders, activists still out of RU campus

Repeated bid to come at campus foiled in face of JCD, ICS resistance

RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Despite Repeated Attempts, Leaders And Activists Of Bangladesh Chhatra League (bcl) Could Not Enter Into The Rajshahi University Campus In the last 10 months due to strong resistance by the ruling BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Jamaat-supported Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS).

The BCL workers were ousted from the university halls soon after the installation of the BNP-led four-party alliance government. Since then they tried to enter into the RU campus several times, but could not succeed in the face of resistance by the JCD and ICS activists.

Campus sources said more the 125 BCL activists were beaten up on the campus in the last 10 months. During the last caretaker government, the JCD and ICS activists tried to prevent the BCL from holding any meeting or doing any organisational activity on the campus, resulting in fierce clashes.

The BCL leaders alleged that they could not attend classes or sit for examinations in the face of joint attacks by the JCD and ICS cadres.

"Even the tight police security could not restrain the JCD cadres" alleged the general secretary of BCL, RU unit. He said, "the local student leaders cannot stay even at their residence due to torture by both

police and the ruling party student activists."

He added that their academic careers are at a stake because of repression of JCD and ICS.

"We could not attend classes for one year and there is no possibility to complete our syllabus at RU if the situation remains so," he added.

Meanwhile, 10 activists of Progressive Students Union (PSU) were beaten up on August 27 while they were observing hartal (strike). At least 15 PSU activists including three female students were critically injured by the JCD and ICS cadres while they were parading the campus streets in a procession on August 28 protesting the attack on them on the previous day.

## Seminar at Magura Interim poverty reduction strategy fails to reflect people's aspirations

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Speakers at a seminar in Magura said that the draft of Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy of the government is not realistic in view of the life-style of the rural people.

The government prepared the draft according to the World Bank's (WB) prescription, they pointed out. The draft does not reflect the hopes and aspirations of the people, they further revealed.

Magura district unit of 'Sushasoner Janney Procharavizan' (campaign for good governance) arranged the seminar at Magura Press Club on September 5 aiming at economic development and poverty reduction.

Abdur Rouf Makhani, an eminent social and political leader, Ali Akhter Dukhu, General Secretary of Hayder Akter Banu Memorial Trust and Salahuddin, Programme Officer of ADD (Action for Disability and Development), addressed the seminar as the panel-discussants while president of Magura Press Club was in the chair.

SM Sayeedur Rahman, central organiser of 'Campaign for Good Governance' presented the main paper.

In his presentation he said, the

strategy of other country should not be followed while preparing the poverty reduction strategy of our country.

Panel discussant Abdur Rouf Makhani suggested that for economic development a river port should be set up in Magura. Because good communication system is essential for rapid industrialisation.

Another panel discussant Ali Akhter Dukhu emphasised on 'healthy political culture' for economic development of the country.

In his speech he said that political stability and flexibility are essential for poverty alleviation, well-being of people and good governance.

As an example he mentioned that although eight rivers are flowing through Magura, but in the draft no suggestion was made to alleviate the sufferings of the erosion affected people. Moreover, industries should be established after withdrawal of the 'Equity Share System'.

The seminar was moderated by Abdul Halim while Nasirul Islam delivered the welcome address.

Among others, it was addressed by Sayed Mokaddess Ali, Abu Bakar Siddique and BM Ershadullah Ohid.

## Young man stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

One youth was stabbed to death by miscreants in the Tamai Subornosara area in Belkuchi upazila on Saturday night.

The identity of the victim is Rubel, 30, of village Tamai.

Police said, Rubel a local criminal was returning home from the Belkuchi area on the fateful. At about 1130, when he reached the central area of Subornosara and Tamai, a gang of miscreants stabbed and he died on the spot.

Police recovered the dead body on Sunday from the spot and sent to Sirajganj General Hospital for autopsy.

The cause of murder could not be known immediately. A case has been lodged with Belkuchi police station. None was arrested.

It is to be mentioned here that on the first day of special police drives on criminals in six districts of the northern region namely Sirajganj, Naogaon, Bogra, Rajshahi, Natore and Pabna, the incident of murder happened.

Meanwhile, police arrested 26 persons including two leaders of the outlawed Purba Bangla Sarbahara Party named Abu Taher, 35, and Abu, Bakar, 30, of village Jamtail in the Chalan Beel area of Raiganj upazila in Sirajganj.

## Adulterated petrol on sale in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Adulterated petrol is on sale in different parts of Netrakona causing damage to the motorised vehicles and endangering the environment.

A section of dishonest businessmen have opened petrol-selling shops in different areas without taking permission from the concerned authority and started selling adulterated petrol to make good profit.

Over a dozen automobile owners, preferring anonymity, alleged

that some unauthorised petrol traders are selling petrol by mixing kerosene oil to earn more profit.

The also said, "it is very difficult to identify the colour of adulterated petrol as the colour of petrol and kerosene is almost same."

Some drivers of different motorised vehicles complained that various parts of their vehicles are being damaged for using adulterated petrol.

They pointed out that due to use of kerosene mixed petrol, engines of their automobiles release excessive black smokes with harsh sound,

which causes environmental pollution. They also informed that the engines of different automobiles are often become inoperative on the road causing untold sufferings to them.

Some local petrol traders, however, denied the charge as saying "we are not involved in the malpractice of selling adulterated petrol".

Meanwhile, a good number of local drivers and owners of different motorised vehicles stressed the need for taking quick legal action against dishonest petrol traders.

## Undertrial prisoner dies at Narsingdi jail

UNB, Narsingdi

An undertrial prisoner of Narsingdi district jail died of illness at Sadar Hospital here on Saturday.

He was identified as Belal Hossain, 30, son of Aman Khan of village Bilsaron in Shibpur upazila

who died after three hours of admission at about 3pm.

Jailer informed that Belal had been suffering from chest pain and jaundice complications for the last seven days. Following deterioration of his condition he was rushed to the hospital at noon.

Belal was arrested on April 10 in a case filed under the Women and Children Repression Act. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed with the police.

## Four get jail term in arms case

UNB, Kushtia

A court here has sentenced a man to 14 years' and three others to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) in an arms case.

The court sentenced Mizanur Rahman alias Uzzal Khandoker to 14 years while Jashim Uddin alias Sagar, Mahbubur Rahman Tusar and Idris Ali to 10 years RI each.

According to the prosecution, police arrested the convicts along with a shotgun and five rounds of bullet when they were passing the Jhenidah-Kushtia road in a microbus on March 3, 2001.

## Book launching ceremony

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The launching ceremony of 'Progrotir Pathay' -- a statistical book on mother and child development issues published by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) was held at Moulvibazar Circuit House auditorium on September 12.

Arranged by the district administration, the programme was sponsored by UNICEF. The function was presided over by Md Abdur Rouf, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Moulvibazar, Mahammed Ali, Additional Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet and Mukhlesur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner of Moulvibazar attended as chief guest and special guests respectively.

## Housewife rescued

UNB, Jhalakati

A housewife was rescued from Paschim Dharakhana village in Sadar upazila on Saturday after nine days of her abduction.

Family sources said Bazlu Mollik and two of his accomplices of the village abducted the woman from her house in absence of her husband on September 5. They kept her confined in a house of the village and raped her.

Acting on a secret information police raided the house and rescued the victim. A case was filed.



Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA) distributes saplings of 'Bina Shail' T-aman saplings among the flood affected farmers in Mymensingh. Delwar Hossain Khan, member of parliament (MP), inaugurated the saplings distribution programme recently at BINA Research field.

## T-aman farming on 1,26,000 hectares in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

The cultivation of aman paddy is going on in full swing in all the 10 upazilas of Netrakona in the current season.

This year, a total of 1,26,000 hectares of land would be brought under aman cultivation. Of the total land, 68,300 hectares would be brought under high yielding variety (HYV) of the paddy and 57,700 hectares under local variety.

Farmers are now working round the clock in their farmlands for planting aman seedlings.

A massive transplanted aman (T-aman) paddy cultivation programme has been taken up in Netrakona in the current season, according to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

Meanwhile, 70 per cent of the targeted land have already been brought under the aman cultivation programme and the rest is expected

to be brought under the programme soon if the climate remains favourable, DAE sources said.

The field workers of DAE have been rendering field level service for making the cultivation programme a success.

The farmers are being provided with logistic support including seeds, fertiliser and training by the government.