

## NEWS SNAPS

**BADC to distribute 'rabi' crop seeds**

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has taken up a programme to distribute 26,389 metric tons (MT) of different high yielding varieties of seeds for the next rabi (winter) season across the country, says a press release.

The corporation has already started selling the seeds to the farmers and dealers from its 22 regional, 42 district, 36 upazila sales centers and 12 cold storages on first come first serve basis. Of the seeds, 12,000 tons are wheat, 7,500 tons boro rice, 6,418 tons potato, 240 tons oil, 156 tons maize, 59 tons lentil and seven tons vegetables.

**Tendon of BCL leader severed in Magura**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura**  
Tendon of the left hand of a BCL leader was severed allegedly by some Jubo Dal activists in Magura on Sunday.

The victim was identified as Rezaul Islam, 24, vice-president of BCL Magura municipality unit. He was admitted to Magura sadar hospital and later shifted to Dhaka disabled hospital. Witnesses said Rezaul, son of Abdus Sattar of village Batikadanga in Sadar upazila, came under attack in Natun Bazar area in the district town at around 10:30 am. Jubo Dal district unit members Tikka and Murad allegedly led the attack. No case was lodged in this connection till filing of this report at 5:50 pm on Sunday.

**10 years' RI for 3 bandits in Sirajganj**

**BSS, Sirajganj**  
Assistant Senior Judge O H M Ilias Hussain on Sunday sentenced three persons to 10 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) on charge of committing armed robbery at Raiganj in 1998.

The convicts are Shukur Ali, Abdul Mazid and Abdul Khalek who were also fined Tk 1000 (one thousand) each, in default to suffer three months more RI. Six other accused in the case were, however, released. According to prosecution on January 17, 1998 at 8:30 pm the convicted persons committed an armed robbery in Raiganj area and snatched one Honda bike and cash from Ashok Kumar Roy of village Poushar in Tarash upazila. Local people caught the bandits red-handed, recovered one country-made pistol and three bullets, one ram-dao and handed over them to police. A case was lodged with Raiganj police station. Police submitted charge sheet against nine persons.

**Shalikh JCD secretary sent to jail hayat**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura**  
General secretary of Shalikh thana unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Kaizer Hossain was sent to jail hayat on Saturday in a case filed under Explosive Substance Act.

Kaizer, son of Mojaffar Hossain Tuku, joint convener of the same unit of BNP surrendered on the day before the court of Special Tribunal No. 4, for bail prayer. The court rejected his bail petition and ordered to send him to jail hayat. Police quoting from the FIR said, some activists of local JCD and BNP were making bomb at a house at village Bunagati in Shalikh upazila on July 22, 2002. Suddenly a bomb exploded injuring five of them. On information police recovered explosives and sharp weapons from the spot and filed a case, the following day. After investigation, police charge-sheeted five people in the case.



PHOTO: MOZAMMEL HUQ

Malnourished children in a remote shoal area of Gangachhara upazila in Rangpur. They are members of the same family where population boom is not a matter of concern. Child Rights Week is being observed now with the theme "Manifestation of Child Health: Hope for Golden Future." But do the children in photo at all enjoy their basic rights to proper physical and mental growth?

**Debacle in HSC result****Stern action against 44 colleges under Rajshahi board soon**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Stern action will be taken against 44 colleges under Rajshahi Education Board for debacle in result in the HSC (higher Secondary Certificate) examination this year.

Not a single student out of the total 1813 examinees of these 44 colleges passed in the HSC examination-2002, sources in Rajshahi board informed.

Moreover, result in many of the colleges is miserably frustrated for three successive years. The source could not, however, give the names.

Following a home ministry directive, the board authority will first send show cause notices to the college authorities against the aforementioned colleges.

"After going through their reply of the show cause notices, the REB authority will decide the type of punishment", a highly placed source at Rajshahi board told this correspondent.

The maximum punishment the board can give against the schools is cancelling the board's affiliation for schools, he added.

When contacted Professor Nazrul Islam, chairman of Rajshahi Education Board, however, told The Daily Star that any such move against any college is yet to be taken.

"At this moment we are not thinking of any such action", he said.

The authority will also send a list of the colleges to the education ministry for tougher action. The 44 colleges are: Kachua Ideal College (total 40 examinees), Krishnapur Ideal Women's College (58 examinees) of Tanore upazila, Sardaha Women's College (19 examinees) of Charghat upazila, Darshanpara Shaheed Kamaruzzaman College (33 examinees) of Paba upazila in Rajshahi district, Dogachhi Barind School and College (21 examinees), Rajbari College (10 examinees) of Nachol upazila, Bangabari Yunus Memorial High School and College (12 examinees), Radhanagar Barind College (32 examinees) of Gomostapur upazila and Moharajpur Isma Khatun Chowdhury College (7 examinee) in Chapainawabganj district, Kachhikata School and College (13 examinees) of Gurudaspur upazila in Natore district, Manda Technical and Agricultural College (13 examinees) in Naogaon district, Shaheed Shadhan Shangeet College (8 examinees) of Sadar upazila in Pabna district, Chowgacha Women's College (9 examinees), Chowhali SBS Women's College (106 examinees) Shangachha Women's College (7 examinees), Chhibila Dimukhi High School and College (25 examinees) in Sirajganj district, Thengamara Ansar Husne Ara Night College (7 examinees) of Sadar upazila in Bogra district; Shyampur Girls' School and College (21 examinees), Rahim Uddin

Bharasha Women's College (103 examinees) of Peeranganj upazila, Khalekhapi Khal School and College (28 examinees) of Gangachhara upazila, Hena Memorial College (42 examinees) Padaganj High School and College (22 examinees) of Mithapukur, Baxiganj High School and College (154 examinees) of Badarganj upazila in Rangpur district, Badiakhali High School and College (8 examinees) of Sadar upazila, Chandipur Fazlul Haq High School and College (60 examinees) of Sundarganj upazila, Bonarpara Girls' High School and College (36 examinees), Pilot Girls' High School and College (71 examinees) of Saghata upazila, Piarapur IGM School and College (28 examinees), Fulpukuria Pirfal Khan College (60 examinees) of Gobindaganj upazila in Gaibandha district, Bajra College (44 examinees) of Ulipur upazila in Kurigram district, Shankarpur College (28 examinees) of Sadar upazila, Bornamala Niketon High School and College (14 examinees), Bilaichandi High School and College (59 examinees) of Parbatipur upazila, Mogorpara College (86 examinees), Daudhpur High School and Women's College (51 examinees), Shapla Girls' School and College (48 examinees), Chabarghat Shaheed Smriti College (79 examinees) of Nababganj, Zamir Uddin Shah Girls' High School and College (60 examinees) of Khansama upazila, Komor Dimukhi High School and College (10 examinees) of Kaharol, Raniganj Women's College (95 examinees) of Ghoraghat upazila in Dinajpur district, Ginnidevi Agarwal Women's College (89 examinees) of Sadar upazila, Hajipur College (77 examinees) of Pirganj, Haripur Ideal Women's College (19 examinees) in Thakurgaon district, Dr Abida Hafiz Girls' School and College (1 examinee) of Sadar upazila in Panchagarh district.

Talking to this correspondent, a top official of Rajshahi board opined that the authority should not take any move against the colleges considering only this year's result as most of the colleges and its students were not ready for the 'heavy restriction' during this year's examinations. "They should be given the opportunity of some more years of examinations."

Meanwhile, this year's HSC result in Rajshahi board is very bad due to heavy restriction in examination halls and consequently only 18 per cent HSC examinees could come out successful from the total of 842 colleges. Besides the 44, there are 188 colleges from where only one to five per cent students became successful while the success rate varies between six and 10 per cent in 207 colleges and between 11 and 15 per cent in 134 colleges, the board sources said.

**AL leader SMA Rob murder case****Arrest-warrant against plaintiff, witnesses**

**UNB, Khulna**

A court here Saturday issued arrest-warrant against the plaintiff of and witnesses to the AL leader SMA Rob murder case for their failure to appear before the court for long.

Court sources said the plaintiff and the witnesses refrained from appearing the court, hampering

disposal of the case.

The plaintiff and the witnesses said they refrained from appearing the court for fear reprisal by the assailants.

They also alleged that police failed to properly submit the charge-sheet of the case.

SMA Rob, who was a candidate of the city corporation election, was

shot dead in broad daylight on August 11, 2001.

Ariful Haq Mithu, son of the victim, filed the case against 15 people with Kotwali thana.

"The accused are influential. I'm worried about the safety of my son. I have lost my husband but don't want to lose my son," Rob's wife said.

**Bangladeshi youth abducted by Indian bandits**

**UNB, Naogaon**

A Bangladeshi youth was abducted by Indian bandits from a frontier area in Damoirhat upazila for ransom recently.

Villagers said 8-10 Indian nationals picked up Hanif, 35, son of Abul Kashem of Chakjadu village, as he went to the Bastabor frontier area on September 8.

The Indian men later sent a letter to his family demanding a ransom of Tk 3 lakh.

Another group of villagers claimed that Hanif was engaged in smuggling and owed Tk 3 lakh to the Indian men who picked him up for collecting the money.

When contacted BDR officials said they heard about such an incident but got no written complaint from the victim's family.

**205 gms of heroin phensidyl recovered**

**BSS, Narsingdi**

Department of Narcotics Control team recovered 205 grams of heroin, 116 bottles of phensidyl, 10 kgs Narsingdi and 2 litres of country made liquor from different parts of the district from July 1 to September 15.

According to officials, a team led by Inspector Tomijuddin Ahmed raided different parts of the district from July 1 to September 15. The team also arrested 18 persons from different areas.

**20 hurt in Netrakona in clash over TV license renewal**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona**

Twenty persons were injured, five of them seriously in a clash in Netrakona at about 10 pm on Sunday over renewal of television (TV) license.

Traders of Madanpur and Chhotobazaar area in the town armed with lethal weapons locked in the bloody clash where police shot 20 rounds of rubber bullets to quell

the incident.

The critically injured persons were shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

A tense situation was prevailing in the town till filing of this report on Monday noon. Most of the shops still remain closed following the clash. Additional police forces were deployed to curb any untoward incident.

**Snakes claim 11 in 9 N dists**

**BSS, Joypurhat**

Even persons were killed by snake bite in nine northern districts in 15 days.

According to local people, police and eyewitnesses, seven persons were killed by snakebite and four persons died after admission at the hospital in the northern region.

Two sisters Sampa, 8 and Eti, 4, daughters of Asaduzzaman of village Joypur in Manela upazila in Naogaon were killed when snake bite them on August 28.

One person named Nahid Mahmud, 4 of Simultali area in Santahar Municipality in Bogra was killed by snake bite on August 29.

An old man Osman Mia, 55, of

village Khamar Dhonaura in Saghata upazila of Gaibandha was also killed by snake bite on August 30.

On the other hand, Abdul Majid, 50 of village Bias in Singra upazila of Natore was killed by snake bite, housewife Majida Khatun, 28, of village Goprekhi Purbopara and Moktar Hossain, 30, of Char Delua village in Sirajganj, Ekramul, 50, of village Kadirpur in Rajshahi, Joynab Begum, 60 of village Osmanpur in Rangpur, Birendranath Roy, 55 of village Jodgol in Dinajpur and Rabi, 10 of village Baro Awlia in Panchagarh were killed by snakebite on September 8 this month.

**Shots from districts**

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A recipient receives donation from the representative of the Bangladesh chapter of charity organisation 'The Muslim Hands' UK. The donation programme was held recently at village Fultoli in Jakiganj upazila in Sylhet under its blind, crippled and disabled support programme



PHOTO: STAR

Advocate Khondaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, member of parliament (MP) inaugurates the rural electrification programme at village Gopinathpur in Gopalganj Sadar upazila. Rural Electrification Board (REB), Gopalganj recently arranged the programme.