

NEWS SNAPS

Woman killed allegedly by father-in-law

UNB, Chandpur
A young housewife was stabbed to death allegedly by her father-in-law at village Belghar in Hajiganj upazila Monday.
Police said Alamuddin Bhandari stabbed Rehana Akhter, 20, wife of Bhandari's son Jamal, following a family feud. Rehana succumbed to her injuries on way to hospital. Villagers caught Alamuddin and handed him over to police.

Youth killed in Noakhali road mishap

UNB, Noakhali
A young man was killed in a road accident near Amin Bazaar on Choumuhani-Laxmipur road Sunday.
Police said Siddik Ullah, 30, was critically injured when a truck knocked him down while he was trying to get into a tempo at about 3 pm. He succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital. A case was filed.

One convicted for possessing arms

UNB, Noakhali
A special court here Monday convicted a young man and sentenced him to 10 years in jail for possessing illegal arms and fake currency.
According to prosecution, Jamaluddin, 32, of village Purba Jadabpur in Sadar upazila was arrested on Feb 17, 2001 with a homemade revolver and a forged 500-taka note. Later, police filed a case against him. After examining records and witnesses, the judge handed down the verdict.

Two arrested with bombs in B'baria

UNB, Brahmanbaria
Police arrested two people along with huge bombs from Kandipara area of the town Sunday.
Police said they arrested Md Rafiq, 35, and Alam, 35, searching two houses. The recovered bombs included 9,360 chocolate bombs and 370 other types of bomb. Besides, some bomb-making materials were also recovered. Two cases under were filed in this connection.

Education projects implemented

BSS, Narsingdi
The implementation of seven development projects of seven selected colleges by Education Engineering Department in Narsingdi is nearing completion at an estimated cost of Tk two crore seventy three lakh eighty four thousand.
According to official sources, cent per cent work of five projects have already been completed and 80 per cent work of the rest two projects are already done and expected to be completed by December next. The seven projects included construction of additional academic building for Afaj Uddin Women's College, Bora Chapa College and Patch Kandi College of Monohardi upazila, Narsingdi Government College and Narsingdi Government Women's College of Narsingdi Sadar upazila, Raipura Degree College of Raipura upazila and Joy Nogar Degree College of Shibpur upazila. Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan recently inaugurated the newly-constructed academic building of Joy Nagar College in a simple function.

World Heart Day observed in Faridpur

BSS, Faridpur
World Heart Day, a part of global programme was observed here in a befitting manner.
Heart Foundation, Faridpur, in this connection, chalked out an elaborate programme which included rally and seminar. A colourful rally to create awareness among the people was brought out which paraded the main streets of the town. A seminar was held at the heart foundation premises after the rally. Speakers at the seminar stressed the need for motivating the people about heart ailments. Speakers also gave emphasis on regular physical exercises and on giving up the food habits which are injurious to health. Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur Md Ismail Jabullah was the chief guest in the seminar, presided over by Dr Mustafizur Rahman Shamim. The seminar was addressed, among others, by ADC S M Manirul Islam, Prof M A Samad, Munshi Haroon, Prof Altaf Hossain and Mofiz Imam Milan.

Shortage of teachers in Dinajpur Medical College

UNB, Dinajpur
Academic activities in Dinajpur Medical College is being hampered due to shortage of teachers and accommodation crisis in its hostel.
College sources said 48 posts of teacher, including that of Professor, 21 of Associate Professor, 2 of Curator, one of Pharmacist and one of Health Educator.
Besides, there are 288 seats in the college hostel, which is too inadequate to accommodate all the resident students.

Hubby 'kills' wife for dowry

UNB, Habiganj
A young housewife was killed allegedly by her husband at a village in Sadar upazila on September 24, according to a delayed report.
Police said Alfu Mia of village Asampara killed his wife Rabeya Begun, 30, for dowry.
They said Rabeya, a mother of two lovely kids, went back to her father's house at the same village following a dispute with her husband over the issue.
On the fateful day, she went to local court to file a case against her husband.
At night, Alfu along with his associates went to the house of Rabeya's father, called her out and chopped her to death in a nearby bush.
Police arrested Alfu and sent the body to hospital morgue for autopsy.



PHOTO: STAR

Kashful and autumn in rural Bangladesh are synonymous. With the blooming of kashful, the banks of the Brahmaputra in Mymensingh wear a festive look, all set to rejoice the advent of autumn.

Randhunibari incident
38 members of outlawed parties nabbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
A joint operation team arrested 38 members of outlawed parties from Raiganj upazila area in Sirajganj on September 30 night for their alleged involvement in murder of four constables and looting of arms and ammunition at Randhunibari camp.
The government formed an operation team led by Rajshahi RRF commandant AKM Shahidul Haque with 150 forces. The team raided various places and nabbed the members of outlawed parties from the remote villages of Khidrosohara Jamtoil and Sarail. Police also nabbed their leader Shuvash.
The operation team sources said that at 4:30 pm on September 16, a gang of armed miscreants numbering about 50/60 attacked the Randhunibari police camp and killed four police constables and looted 7 SLR along with 2 rifles with huge ammunition.
Police arrested about 400 people from different parts of the district, but they are yet to recover the looted arms and ammunition and confirm arrest of actual culprits.
In the meantime, 14 days already passed as on September 30.
An Interrogation cell led by ASP of Rajshahi circle Jotindra Nath Podder is interrogating the arrested members of outlawed parties.
Local people alleged of police harassment in the area. They also alleged that people were arresting BNP, Awami League and Jamaat-Shibir men in the name of nabbing 'Sarbochara men.'

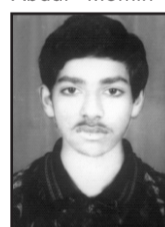
Sohani wants to be a judge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah
Sohani Pushon of Jhenidah Degree College secured sixth position among girls and ninth position in Humanities group in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination from the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Jessore this year.
Sohani secured 880 marks with letters in Economics, Logic and Statistic.
Eldest child of a trader in Jhenidah town Mohammad Abu Bakar, Sohani told The Daily Star correspondent that usually she read for six hours daily. Her hobby is listening to songs and reading books and periodicals. Her favourite writer is Budhadev Guha and Jafar Iqbal. She wants to be a judge.
Regarding students' involvement in politics, she said each and every student should be aware of politics. But direct involvement in politics should be started after completion of studies.
She secured 11th position in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination from Jhenidah Government Girls' High School in the combined merit list in 2000. Her mother Sofia Khatun is a housewife.



Arju wants to be a Computer Engineer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah
Abdul Momin Arju of Jessore Cantonment College wants to be a Computer Engineer after completion of his studies.
He scored 19th position in the combined merit list in Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination from the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Jessore this year. He secured 907 marks with letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. His hobby is playing of cricket.
Arju's father Moulana Abul Kashem is an assistant teacher in Saikupa Pilot High School and mother is a housewife.
He informed that he secured 17th position in the combined merit list in SSC examination from Jessore Board in 2000. He appeared from Saikupa Pilot High School.



Nur Mohammad wants to study Business Admin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah
Nur Mohammad Mandal of Mia Jinnah Alam college in Jhenidah wants to study Business Administration. He captured 13th position in the combined merit list in this year's HSC examination from Jessore board.
Mandal secured 851 marks with letters in secretarial science, office management and statistics. His hobby is reading books and magazines. He wants to study in Business Administration.
Mandal, son of a farmer of village Krishnapur in Saikupa upazila told The Daily Star that he could not attend to any private tutor for his family's financial constraints. He said he was not involved with any student politics. But each and every student should be aware about politics.



Closure of Adamjee Jute Mills slated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Natore
Speakers at a national seminar at the TCCA auditorium in Natore town told recently that continued denationalisation and closing of major industries in the face of pressure from the capitalist world have been ruining our national economy.
Closing of the largest Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd has already put thousands of its workers and jute farmers in trouble when privatisation of oil, gas, power industries and ports is now a matter of time. So the trade unionists have no other alternatives, but to uphold their own political ideals for organising themselves, they said.
A united movement by the trade unionists is a must for eliminating the influences of corrupt bureaucratic politics and divided left progressive parties.
Trade unions are usually used by politicians as their tools to go to power, but later they work against the unions, speakers told this at the seven-day seminar.
Ruhul Kuddus Talukhdar Dulu, deputy minister for Local Government Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives inaugurated the seminar on 'Globalisation, trade union organisation and development of leadership' organised by Bangladesh Shanjukta Sramik Federation (BSSF) in collaboration with World Solidarity Movement (WSM)
Among others, AKM Ehtashamul Haq, joint director of the Labour Rajshahi division, Mukaddem Hossain, general secretary of BSSF, Kazi Rezaul Karim Hittu, organising secretary, AM Zulfiqur Azad, general secretary of Bangladesh Shanjukta Krishak O Khetmajur Samity, Advocate Quamrul Islam, chairman of Natore Municipality addressed the inaugural session with SM Badal, president of Natore unit of BSSF in the chair.
The speakers also opined that the recent rise of fundamentalists, poverty, crime, oppression on women, corruption and grabbing lands of government are the result of corrupt bureaucratic and divided leftist politics.

Crimes on rise in Sunamganj

UNB, Sunamganj
Some 1,058 cases were filed in the district in last eight months till August.
Of those, highest 96 cases have been filed under Women Repression Prevention Act.
The other cases are: dacoity-6, theft-66, murder-29, violence-55, drugs-84, smuggling-25, kidnapping-6, rape-65 and arms-14.
Besides, one case under Child Repression Act, 6 under Speedy Trial Act and 601 other cases have been filed during this period.
The number of cases were high in Sadar, Chhatak and Doarbazaar thanas.

KUJ protests repression on newsmen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna
Khulna Union of Journalists (KUJ) has called upon the government not to gag freedom of press.
Because, the union termed that freedom of speech is the foundation of democracy.
The KUJ leaders observed this while addressing a rally on September 30 in protest against murder and repression on journalists in the southwestern zone in particular and all over the country in general.
Presided over by KUJ president Md Shamsul Alam, the rally was addressed, among others, by President of Khulna Press Club Manik Saha, BFUJ member Rafiquzzaman and KUJ General Secretary Dip Azad.
Speakers at the rally warned the government of severe consequence if present advertisement Policy is not modified, killer of journalists arrested and repression on them stopped.
Government has stopped giving DFP advertisements to Dainik Purbanchal, Dainik Tathya, Dainik Pathaker Kagaj, Dainik Janmabhumi and country's only English daily published from outside Dhaka The Daily Tribune. As a result, these local dailies became economically crippled. These dailies would cease publication shortly. The owners of the dailies would fail to bear the huge expenditure of newspaper publication if such government policy prevails, the speakers at the rally said. These papers were being politically victimised simply on suspicion and nothing else, they said.



PHOTO: STAR

Villagers at Kanchannagar area in Jhenidah carry jute sticks thru' two rickshaw vans towards a market in the district town. Now jute market is dull all over the country. Growers do not get fair price of their produce due to its price below the production cost. But farmers make up the loss by selling jute sticks at higher price. Jute sticks, an essential material for erecting huts for poor villagers and also for using as fuel is of great demand among rural people.

Rifle snatched from forest official recovered

UNB, Sherpur
A rifle snatched from a forest official of "Malakucha" reserve forest in Sriwardi upazila on September 29 was recovered Tuesday.
After a hectic search, police recovered the firearm from the forest, but two of its bullets remained missing.
Police said timber robbers snatched the rifle from Deputy Ranger Delwar Hossain after a gunfight, leaving him critically injured.
Police arrested two people after a case filed in this connection.

Six NTRAMS officials suspended

UNB, Bogra
Six officials of National Training and Research Academy for Multilingual Shorthand (NTRAMS) have been suspended after Bureau of Anti-corruption filed a case against them.
They are deputy director ABM Mahbubur Rahman, accountant STNK Abdul Hakim, assistant engineer Abu Zakaria, storekeeper Firoz Khan, administrative officer Hasibul Hasan and publication manager Alamgir Ferdous.