

NEWS SNAPS

Young housewife strangled in Jessore

UNB, Jessore
A young housewife was strangled allegedly by her husband at village Shankarpur in Kotwali thana Thursday.
Police and villagers said Sher Ali severely beat up his wife Rehana, 25, following a family feud. As she fell unconscious, Ali strangled her to death. On information, police rushed to the house and arrested Ali. The body was sent to general hospital morgue for autopsy.

Lightning kills one in Thakurgaon

UNB, Thakurgaon
A stone quarry worker was killed and seven others suffered serious burn injuries in lightning at village Bodapara here Monday.
The dead was identified Babul Hossain, 30. Villagers said a streak of thunderbolt struck the workers while they were extracting stones from a quarry during rain, killing Babul on the spot and injuring seven others. The injured were admitted to sadar hospital.

Youth with heroin arrested in Jessore

UNB, Jessore
Police arrested a youth along with heroin worth about Tk 50 lakh from village Narayanpur in Sharsha upazila Wednesday.
Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted the rickshaw of Abdul Aziz, 30, and caught him with the heroin weighing about one kilogram. Aziz, hailed from village Nijampur, confessed to police that heroin smuggler Islam of village Kulpala gave him the drug to hand it over to a man in the district headquarters. A case was filed.

Three injured by miscreants

UNB, Munshiganj
Three people were injured, one of them with bullets, in an attack by miscreants at village Mahakali in Bikrampur upazila Wednesday.
Locals said the miscreants belonging to Mohsin group attacked the house of Keora Dhali and fired shots indiscriminately, leaving a youth and two women injured. The youth, Probat, was sent to Dhaka with bullet wounds.

New judge court building to be built

UNB, Sherpur
A new building for the District and Sessions Judge's Court will be constructed at a cost of over Tk 5 cr.
Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed laid the foundation stone of the new building Thursday.



A rain damaged paddy field at village Nazirakona in Kushtia. Stagnant water of continued rain for the last four days damaged standing crops on a vast tract of land in the low-lying areas in six upazilas here. The damaged crops include paddy, sugarcane and vegetables. Paddy on a total of 400 acres of land ruined completely or partially, according to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

Food poisoning: Two die, 100 fall sick in Panchagarh

UNB, Panchagarh
Two women died and some 100 people fell sick after taking flour-made breads in eight villages of Boda upazila Monday.
The deceased were identified as Habijon Bibi, 54, and Saleha, 28. Of the sick, over 50 were admitted to the upazila health complex and sadar hospital.
The victims said they had bought the flour from open market in their neighbourhood.
When contacted the Civil Surgeon of the district said emergency medical teams had been sent to the affected areas.
Deputy Commissioner Aftab Hassan Tuesday formed a mobile team led by magistrate Morjur Morshed to inspect local markets and seize low quality flour.
Meanwhile, the mobile team has seized 51 sacks of flour from various markets and sent samples to Dhaka for chemical test.
The DC said legal action would be taken against those who marketed the poisonous.

Wheat growers demand payment of Tk 1 cr outstanding bills

UNB, Thakurgaon
Angry wheat growers and businessmen laid siege to the office of DC, Food here Thursday demanding immediate payment of their outstanding bills amounting to Tk 1 cr.
They kept the office under lock and key for over three hours.
The agitators said the Ruhia Food godown authorities purchased 12,099 sacks of wheat worth about Tk 1 cr from 264 growers and businessmen on May 6 this year.
On May 10, Food Secretary Abdul Latif Mondal accompanied by DG of Food Abdus Sattar went to the Ruhia Food godown on a surprise visit and locked a number of godowns for purchasing wheat without government permission.
Since then, the authorities refrained from paying bills of the wheat growers and businessmen.
On September 3, they laid siege to the DC office and submitted a memorandum demanding immediate payment of their bills. But their demand went unheeded.
The DC Food then brought the matter to the notice of the higher authorities and the Food Ministry instantly ordered the Food Directorate to clear the outstanding wheat bills.
The agitators withdrew their siege as acting Deputy Commissioner Abual Hossain at a meeting with their representatives assured them of payment of the bills soon.
However, they warned that they would again lay siege to the office of the DC Food if their bills were not cleared by Saturday.

Confce at Rajshahi

Violence on women exceeds past record

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Women are leading our country for more than a decade as the prime minister and the opposition leader in parliament, but the incidents of violence on woman exceeded all past records during their ruling periods.
Speakers told at an women's conference on "violence against women" organised by a Rajshahi based NGO-Association for Community Development (ACD) in the city on October 2.
Faisal Islam Faruki, vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University inaugurated the day-long conference at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) auditorium. Amitav Bhatyacharya, research assistant of ACD, Dr Asma Siddiqui, professor of Law and Justice department in RU, Dr Abida Sultana, lecturer of Social Science department of Rajshahi College, Advocate Rawshan Jahan Parveen, deputy director of Ain O Shalish Kendra, Shirin Banu Mithil, women research and development officer of PIP Trust, Arshad Siddiqui, media officer of Massline Media Centre, and Suhrab Hasan, assistant editor of The Daily Sangbad addressed the conference while Salima Sarwar, director of ACD moderated the whole programme.
The speakers also said that women leaders of our country could not give importance to the issues of women oppression and women leadership because they came to leadership after death of male leaders with a view to earn people's sympathy.
At least 37 women on an average have been facing oppression everyday while 10 of them are being raped. The rate of women repression is higher in Rajshahi, Naogaon, Chapainawabganj, Sirajganj, Naogaon, Thakurgaon, Narsingdi and Manikganj.
At least 200 incidents of women and children repression were recorded in Rajshahi during nine months up to September last, an ACD survey published on the occasion revealed. Among the 200 incidents, 61 cases were of rapes. The highest 41 cases were recorded in June.
The day-long conference was followed by a drama on violence against women.

Four youths with toy pistols arrested in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur
Four youths were arrested along with toy pistols from Gredanarayanpur area in the town while they were trying to mug a rickshaw passenger Wednesday night.
The arrested were identified as Joni Chandra Pal and Nantu Das alias Palu of Gouripur area in the town, Tapu Kumar Biswas, 17, of Kishoreganj, and Ruman Ghosh, 17, of Tangail.
Police said local people chased and caught the youths as they intercepted the rickshaw and tried to snatch money from its passenger at about 10pm.
They were handed over to police

One dies of dengue, 7 others under treatment in Narail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail
One died of dengue fever in Narail last week while seven others were infected with the disease. They are undergoing treatment in hospitals here.
The victim was identified as Sahida Begum, 35, wife of Sarwar Mollah of the village Kachubarua in Lohagara upazila.
She was rushed to Narail Sadar Hospital on Friday night last week where her condition deteriorated fast and she died on Saturday.
Due to non-availability of instruments for proper investigation and chemicals, the dengue patient could not be detected at the initial stage. Relatives of the deceased alleged that she died due to the negligence of doctors and staff in the hospital.
An earlier report says, at least seven patients of dengue fever have been admitted in different hospitals in the district recently. Of them, two in Narail Sadar, three in Kalia upazila and two in Lohagara upazila.
This correspondent found that there is no special type of instrument to test and detect dengue victims throughout the district.
However, most dengue patients are treated here as malaria victims. Many patients are being detected as of dengue victims after being shifted to the divisional hospitals or to Dhaka.
The disease is spreading day by day.
The inhabitants are passing their days in great panic. When contacted with the civil surgeon of Narail, he expressed the inability to destroy aedes mosquito due to lack of required medicines.

Bus fare-hike in Narail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail
Bus fair of the Lohagara-Narail-Jessore routes has increased much beyond the capacity of common people.
Bus owners of the Lohagara-Narail-Jessore routes have raised bus fare for the seventh time, after take over of the present government, causing much inconvenience to bus passengers.
The bus fare from 44 kilometers Lohagara to Jessore was scheduled to be Tk 20, but the bus owners fixed it at Tk 32 recently violating the government order in the pretext of fuel price-hike.
The bus syndicate is not complying with the bus fare of other routes such as Jessore-Khulna-Satkhira-Kushtia. As a result the sufferings of the public have increased manifold. Conflicts occur among the passengers and the bus staffers every day in this route. The situation has been deteriorating day by day as no step is taken by the authorities concerned till filing of this report.

Student killed, in road mishap

BSS, Gopalganj
One school student was killed and two policemen wounded in two separate road accidents Monday in Gopalganj.
Nipu Biswas, 10, a student of class III of Labu Tala Primary School, Tungipara was run over by a passenger bus while he was going to his school. The local people sent the victim to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital where the attended physician declared him dead. The bus driver and helper managed to flee from the spot. Police seized the bus and registered a case with Tungipara Police Station. In another incident, on-duty Traffic-sub-Inspector Shahinur Rahman Shahin, 24, and Maniruzzaman Monir, 35, Sub-Inspector, Gopalganj thana were knocked down by a speeding truck near Ulpur on the Gopalganj-Dhaka road. The truck driver along with his vehicle managed to escape. The injured police officers were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Bad days for circus party performers

PHOTO FEATURE: HOSSAIN SERAJ



Once circus was a good source of recreation for common people in our country. But those days are gone. At present computers and electronics media won the hearts of people. Now circus parties face financial crisis and the people involved with the parties pass their days in misery. Here are some shots from the 97-year-old Lion Circus and its performers. (1) A temporary shed where members of the circus party stay while performing show, (2) a performer gets prepared in an unhealthy environment, (3) two members ready for "Ring Dance," (4) a performer showing "Bamboo Balance Cycling on the Wire."