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Boy drowns in pond in Manikganj

UNB, Manikganj
A little boy drowned in a pond at village Paschim Tora in Ghor upazila Saturday. Locals said Azizul Islam, one and a half years old son of Didar Ali fell into the pond. Later, they rescued the boy and sent him to Sadar hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

Body of domestic help recovered

UNB, Jamalpur
The body of a domestic help was recovered from a house in Golapbagan area in the town Saturday.
Police said on information they recovered the hanging body of Nilufa, 16, from the house of former member of parliament (MP) M Shah Newaz. The body bore some injury marks. Police suspect that she was killed after rape.
The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

Road mishap claims one in Manikganj

UNB, Manikganj
Aman was killed in a road accident in the district Saturday.
Witnesses said Sohel, 18, helper of a minibus was injured seriously when he suddenly fell down from the bus on Jhika road in Joynagar area. He succumbed to his injuries while being taken to Dhaka.

Govt allocation for 37 puja mondops

UNB, Chandpur
The government has sanctioned 36 metric tons of rice in the first phase for 37 puja mondops in the district on the occasion of coming Durga Puja.

The sanction order reached the DC office from the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation Saturday. Last year the total allocation was 179 metric tons, official sources said.

Five hurt in Singair road accident

UNB, Manikganj
Five people were injured in a road accident when a minibus hit a tree on Singair road in Mitra area.
Of the injured, three were rushed to Sadar hospital.

Work on Khagrachhari college going on

UNB, Khagrachhari
The work on Khagrachhari Government Women's College is progressing fast in the town at a cost of Tk 3 cr.
Facilities Department is implementing the project. Ninety per cent of the work including the construction of academic building, science building, dormitory has already been completed and the rest of the work is likely to be finished soon.

End of a nightmare**Camel jockey Hassan return to his parents after six years out on the desert**

IQBAL SIDDIQUE, Sylhet

After being used as a camel jockey, 12-year-old Hassan has returned to his village home after six years while his younger brother Hossain is still in United Arab Emirates (UAE) in his profession. He is still serving as a camel jockey, Hassan claimed.

Hassan came back to his village home at Purangaon in Kaliardanga union of Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj district last week after a long struggle. He is the son of Abdul Hadi. He and his wife along with other members of the family are worried about Hossain, 11. His return is still uncertain.

Six years ago one person named Kolim Uddin of village Swastipur in Bahubal upazila of Hobiganj district took two sons of Abdul Hadi to Abu Dhabi on condition of paying 5,000

dirham per month. He said that they would be working as labourers. Since then there was no trace of the sons of Hadi. Hassan while narrating his story to this correspondent said, at first he along with 40 to 50 others boys of his age were kept at a place inside Bangladesh.

They reached Abu Dhabi within a few days. Salma, Rajab Ali and the main culprit Kolim Uddin also accompanied them.

They were handed over to some Sheikhs there for using as camel jockeys, he said.

Hassan was taken to a place named Al-hiar, where a person named Sheikh Sayeed used to use him as a camel boy. Since then, he got detached with his younger brother -- Hossain. But, incidentally, after four years, Hassan found his younger brother Hossain in a desert

on a nice day. They identified each other easily and broke into tears. But, soon after cruel Sheikh detached them from each other. Again, the brothers, got detached from each other.

Since then Hassan does not know the whereabouts of his brother.

Recently, police in UAE arrested Salma along with 10 boys. Hassan was also in the group. The entire group was sent to the jail. After 10 days in the hajat, the group was sent to Bangladesh. Salma reached the Zia International Airport (ZIA) along with the boys. She managed to get to Chittagong. She, at a stage, fled the scene keeping the boys near a bus stand in Dhaka. Hassan with the help of a bus driver managed to reach his paternal house on September 20.

Solar power lights up coastal, offshore areas

BSS, Pirojpur

Generation of electricity from solar energy has gained popularity in Pirojpur and other remote coastal areas and offshore islands of the country.

People in the remote areas can install solar energy system for generating and using electricity at a minimum cost of Tk 12,000 and a maximum of Tk 55,000, provided by Grameen Shakti, a project of Grameen Bank.

Installation and operation of the Grameen Shakti sponsored solar energy system require a solar panel, necessary battery for preserving electricity, charge controller and other inputs.

With power generated from the solar energy system, one can easily use the electric bulbs, operate television, radio, computer, cell phone, charge the battery of mobile phone and other domestic pur-

poses.

Considering the prospects of the solar energy system in the areas where the Power Development Board (PDB) and the Rural Electrification Board (REB) are yet to reach, the Grameen Shakti took up a programme of generating electricity in 50 upazila units across the country.

With 20 years guaranteed services the Grameen Shakti installations has been providing a complete system of power generation. Since it do not require any fuel cost and free from environmental hazards the solar power generation units generated confidence and much enthusiasm in the remote coastal areas of Pirojpur, Mehendiganj, Barguna, Pathorghata, and Bhola.

Any intending user of solar energy can subscribe it with a down payment at the rate of 25 per cent of the total cost of Tk 12,000 or 55,000. The remaining 75 per cent along

with a service charge at the rate of 8 per cent is payable in 24 monthly instalments.

One can obtain the connection of the solar energy system with 15 per cent down payment and rest payable in 36 monthly instalments with a 12 per cent service charge.

The Grameen Shakti which guarantees its solar panel for 20 years is committed to performing the maintenance work of the panel for one year with imparting training to the subscribers.

A 25-watt solar energy system costing Tk 12,000 can generate power for four hours every day where two six-watt bulbs can operate.

On the other hand, a 120-watt system at a cost of Tk 55,000 generates power for lighting 10 six-watt bulbs and operating a 20 inches black and white television.

Ayesha fulfils late father's dream

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Quazi Ayesha Siddiqua stood 17th (jointly) in the combined merit list of Humanities group in the HSC examination held under the Sylhet Board this year.

She got a total of 701 marks. She appeared in the examination from Sylhet Government Women's College. Ayesha's father dreamt of a brilliant result of his daughter. She got it, but her father Quazi Giasuddin, a teacher could not see, as he is no more. However, Ayesha's mother Hena Begum, who is also a teacher in Khasdobir Adarsha Sarkari Bidyalaya is happy enough to see her daughter's result. National poet Kazi Nazrul Islam is Ayesha's favourite writer while Hazrat Mohammad (SM) is her most favourite personality.

Umama wants to be an engineer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Umama Ahmed Tibbi wishes to become an engineer. She stood 6th in Science group in the HSC examination from Sylhet Board this year.

Umama also became second among girls securing a total of 888 marks including letter marks in 4 subjects. She appeared in the examination from Sylhet Government Girls' College.

A cricket fan, Umama is a fan of South Africa. Hansie Cronje was his most favourite player. Sunil Ganguli

is her favourite writer. She is the daughter of Faruque Ahmed, an Executive Engineer in the Roads and Highways Department and Nurjahan Begum, a housewife.

Binayan for constructive student politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Binayan Dey stood 12th in the Science group in the HSC examination this year from Sylhet Board. He appeared in the examination from Sylhet MC College. He wishes to study Engineering.

Binayan Dey is the son of Biprendu Kumar Dey Mintu, a renowned businessman of Zindabazar, Sylhet city and mother Monika Dey, a housewife. He got a total of 863 marks including letter marks in 7 subjects.

He favours constructive student politics. He is grateful to the teachers as well as to the parents for good result.

Mazeda dislikes unhealthy student politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Mazeda Sayed Lubna of Sylhet Government Women's College stood 11th in the Humanities group this year.

Lubna intends to study in English. She wants to be a teacher in future.

She is happy with her result. She dislikes the present trend of unhealthy student politics. Lubna is grateful to her parents and teachers for her good result.

Mahbuba wants to study in Home Economics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Mahbuba Salehat secured the 9th (jointly) position in the Humanities group from Hafsa Majumder College of Jakiganj upazila in this

year's HSC examinations. She desires to study Home Economics in future. She also stood 7th among girls, Mahbuba got 721 marks with letter marks in

one subject. She is the daughter of Md Jainal Abedin, a teacher of Jakiganj Government Girls' High School and Ummul Khoirat Lucy, a former teacher of Sunamgang Kalibari Government Primary School. She had no any private tutor.

Sirajganj BNP activist killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A BNP activist was stabbed to death by unidentified assailant at village Jamirta in Shahjadpur Upazila at 7:30 pm on September 30 night.

The victim was identified as Dulal Mia, 25, son of Joyal Abedin of village Jamirta in Shahjadpur Upazila.

Police said, on September 28 a gang of armed miscreants led by Aji Sarker called out the victim from his house and killed him after two days.

Shots from districts

A seminar to create awareness about the Education Watch Report 2000 and 2001 was held on September 26 at Barisal womens' club auditorium under the joint sponsorship of Mass Literacy Campaign and Community Service Centre (CSC). It was presided over by Michael P K Bar, executive director of CSC. The seminar revealed that 45 per cent children are deprived of education while 20 per cent are totally out of the child education programme. Sixtyfive lakh children earn a living for their families which is the main reason of school dropouts, speakers informed there.



PHOTO: STAR

Erection of the idol of Goddess Durga is in progress in Magura. Members of Hindu community are busy in different ways to observe the gala festival with enthusiasm which is nearing very fast.



PHOTO: STAR

Lion A K M Golam Kibria, first vice governor of Lions District 315 A, Bangladesh distributing relief materials among the flood victims at Decree Char in Faridpur recently.



Women patients undergoing free treatment at a two day free medical centre arranged by Khwaja Mozammel Hoque Memorial Foundation on September 27-28 at West Durgapur Primary School ground at North Matlab in Chandpur.