

NEWS SNAPS

School student commits suicide

UNB, Sherpur

One school student allegedly committed suicide by hanging in Sadar upazilla here on Tuesday.

According to police, Salam, 17, son of Abdul Malek of village Mirzapur hanged himself from a tree as his parents rebuked him for his failure in the Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSC) examinations for two times. An unnatural death case was filed with the police in this connection.

Jhalkati AL worker arrested

UNB, Jhalkati

An Awami League (AL) worker was arrested from his relative's house at Saturaia union in Rajapur upazila here Thursday.

The arrested was identified as Jafar Khan, 40, nephew of Awami League president of Saturaia union unit. Jafar alleged that he was arrested under section 54 from his father-in-law's house at the instance of his political rivals of the ruling BNP.

Two phensidyl smugglers imprisoned

UNB, Madaripur

A court here has sentenced two people named Babul Rahman and Mohammad Alim of Jessore district to five years rigorous imprisonment (RI) each in a phensidyl smuggling case.

The two accused were arrested along with 1,220 bottles of Indian phensidyl from Kaorakandi ferry ghat in Shibchar upazila on April 1, 2000. After examining the records and witnesses, the Special Tribunal Judge M Yar Ali handed down the verdict on Monday.

Four-year-old girl raped in Thakurgaon

UNB, Thakurgaon

A little girl was raped in the Kalibari area of the town Thursday.

Local people caught the rapist Shahin, 20, of the area red-handed and handed him over to police after a mass beating. Police said Shahin took the 4-year-old girl to a nearby isolate place and raped her leaving her critically injured.

Four hurt in clash over extortion

UNB, Thakurgaon

Four people were injured in a clash over extortion for Durga Puja in Ranishankoil upazila Friday.

Witnesses said the clash ensued between the supporters of a shop owner and the Puja Udzapon Committee of the upazila following an altercation between them centering collection of toll. The injured were admitted to the Upazila Health Complex. Additional police were deployed there to avert any further untoward incident.

Youth arrested with pistol, bullets

UNB, Mymensingh

Police arrested a youth along with a foreign-made pistol and bullets from Bakkhapalli area in the town Thursday.

The arrested was identified as Bidyut. Acting on a tip-off, plainclothes police raided the area at night and caught him with the pistol and two rounds of bullet. A case was filed.

Two-day workshop for journalists

UNB, Bagerhat

A two-day training workshop for the local journalists concluded at the local press club here on Saturday.

A total of 40 journalists from different upazilas of the district took part in the training workshop. Ruptant, a voluntary organisation, and local press club jointly organised the workshop.

Five arrested along with TV, VCP sets

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Five people were arrested along with TV and VCP sets and obscene cassettes from Phulbaria area of the town Thursday night.

Police said acting a tip off they raided the area and arrested Didarul Alam, Mohammad Ali, Azad, Noman Mollah and Jhutan Das while screening the obscene films.

Alleged rapist caught by people

UNB, Barguna

Local people caught a youth red-handed while raping a schoolgirl in broad daylight in Belagi upazila Thursday.

The rapist was identified as Mostafa of the upazila. Locals said Mostafa along with his accomplice Shahidul took the class IX girl student of Mokamia Secondary School to an isolated place and raped her. Hearing her screams, local people rushed to the spot and nabbed Mostafa while Shahidul managed to flee.

Robbery bid in bank foiled at Srinagar

BSS, Munshiganj

An armed robbery bid at the Hashara branch of Krishi Bank in Srinagar upazila of Munshiganj was foiled on Saturday night.

Police said the bandits forcedly entered into the bank by breaking open the doors at dead of night. The night-guard of the Bank was absent. They tried to break the vault, but in vain and also failed to trace out a cash of Tk. 17,179 kept in a drawer outside the vault. The disappointed bandits departed leaving the papers and documents of the bank ransacked. A case was filed with Srinagar thana in this connection.



PHOTO: STAR

Dumped garbage on the Station Road in Sylhet town has been polluting the environment all around causing citizens' health hazard. But the authorities concerned do not take necessary steps to clean the garbage regularly so that the area remains pollution-free.

Poor result in HSC examination worries college authorities in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT Moulvibazar

The result of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination of different colleges in Moulvibazar is hopeless.

Only 28.69 per cent students came out successful in the HSC examination under Sylhet Education Board while the percentage of pass in Moulvibazar is 27 per cent. Authorities of these colleges are very much worried, because the board authorities might take harsh measures for poor performance in the colleges, they apprehend.

In Moulvibazar, a total of 3126 students sat for HSC examination from 21 government and non-government colleges. Of them, only 817 students came out successful. There are three government colleges here. A total of 1585 students sat for examination from the three colleges. But the number of successful

examinees is only 417 and percentage of pass is 26.01.

On the other hand, a total of 1541 students sat for examination from 18 non-government colleges and 400 examinees came out successful from these colleges. The percentage of pass in these 18 non-government colleges is 25.96 per cent.

However, the result of Bud's Residential School and College in Srimongal upazila is bright. Percentage of pass is 90.91 in this college. A total of 20 examinees out of 22 came out successful. Around 57.89 per cent examinees came out successful from Abdul Gofur Women's College at Kamalgonj upazila. As many as 11 examinees, out of 19 came out successful.

Thirteen examinees, out of 24 came out successful from Bhatara School and Colleges in Kulaura upazila where the percentage of pass is 54.17 per cent. Percentage of pass is

48.57 in Langla Adhunik College in Kulaura upazila where 17 examinees, out of 35 came out successful. From Tayabunnessa Khanam Academy (Degree college) at Juri in Baralekha upazila, 87 examinees came out successful out of 195. Percentage of pass is 44.62 here.

About 38.19 per cent examinees became successful from Srimongal Government College where 173 examinees, out of 453 came out successful. Four meritorious students scored good position in the combined merit list of Humanities group from this college.

Only 27 per cent students came out successful from Moulvibazar Government College, the oldest college in the district. But the result of Moulvibazar Government Women's College is very miserable. Only 24 per cent examinees came out successful from this college.

Husband to die for killing wife in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Death sentence was awarded to a husband for killing his wife while another accused was given life-term imprisonment recently in the court of District and Sessions Judge, Rangpur. Rangpur district and sessions judge Md Abdul Hannan while delivering judgement in a sensational murder case recently found accused Selim Khan guilty for killing his wife Masuda Begum. Another accused Faruk alias Iqbal, a friend of accused Selim Khan was sentenced to transportation for life by the court in the same case.

Accused Faruk alias Iqbal also fined Tk 10,000, in default, to pay

the fine, otherwise to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for two more years.

The case in brief was that accused Selim Khan of local Alamnagar Colony under Rangpur Municipality married to Masuda Begum in the same area. After eight months of wedding, Masuda Begum was killed by her husband in December 1999. After killing her body was wrapped in a jute bag concealed in the safety tank of local Alamnagar mosque. Accused Faruk alias Iqbal, a friend of accused Selim helped him in the criminal act.

Abdus Samad, father of deceased Masuda on suspicion, went to his son-in-law's house on

Dec. 12, 1999 and found his daughter absent there. He enquired about her whereabouts, but none of the house replied in a satisfactory manner.

However, after a long search at all possible places Abdus Samad lodged a general diary (GD) with Kotwali police station on January 12, 2000 regarding missing of his daughter Masuda Begum.

Kotwali police, acting on a secret information arrested accused Faruk alias Iqbal and recovered the decomposed body of Masuda Begum. Kotwali thana SI Krishna Kumer conducted an inquiry and submitted chargesheet on July 12, 2001.

Licensed gun looted in Bagerhat

UNB, Bagerhat

Armed miscreants stormed into a house at village Shubhadia in Fakirhat upazila and looted a licensed gun Thursday night.

Police said some 8-10 miscreants attacked the house of Krishnapad Biswas at about 10pm and took away his single barrel gun.

Meanwhile, police arrested two youths - Ranajit Sarder, 30, and Taposh, 28, - from a shrimp farm in the area Friday in this connection.

Convicted fugitive arrested in Noakhali

UNB, Noakhali

Sudharam thana police in Noakhali arrested a convicted fugitive Sunday.

Locals said a gang of robbers looted gold and cash worth Tk two lakh from the house of one person named Nur Nabi at village Doulotramdi in Batya union Friday night.

Local angry people later caught Nizam Uddin, an infamous bandit in the same area, suspecting his involvement in the robbery. They later handed him over to police after a mass beating.

Police said Nizam Uddin went into hiding since he was sentenced to life term imprisonment in a murder case recently.

Silver jubilee of Tribal Welfare Association



PHOTO: AMINUL ISLAM

The Tribal Welfare Association in Mymensingh, a national organisation of tribal people, celebrated its silver jubilee festival on October 4 at Mymensingh Stadium in a befitting manner. Over 4,000 tribal people of Dhaka, Mymensingh, Tangail, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Netrakona, Sunamganj, Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Gazipur took part there. The tribals included Manipuri, Garo, Koch, Hajong, Banai, Dalu, Khatrya and Burman. (Top left) A colourful procession by the tribals on the occasion, (right) while the Archbishop of Bangladesh Michael Rozario speaks at the inaugural function of the programme as the chief guest. (Down left-right) Traditional dances by tribal women on the occasion.

Armed robbers chop one to death in Barguna

UNB, Barguna

Armed robbers chopped a man to death and looted cash and valuables worth over Tk one lakh from his house at village Gourichanna in Sadar upazila Wednesday night.

Locals said some 7-8 bandits attacked the house of Khairul Islam of the village and started beating the house inmates.

At one stage, the robbers indiscriminately chopped Khairul and his son Swapon as they tried to resist

them from raping his young daughter. Khairul died on the spot.

Later the robbers decamped with the cash and valuables including gold ornaments. Swapon was rushed to the local hospital in a critical condition. A case was filed.