

NEWS SNAPS

Separate incidents claim two

BSS, Rajshahi

An unidentified youth was crushed under the wheels of a running train near Belpukur railway station in Puthya upazila on October 20 evening.

Railway police said they sent the body of the 22-year-old youth to the morgue of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for autopsy. Meanwhile, one school girl identified as Sumi, 15 of Naogaon district committed suicide by taking poison. She died at the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital shortly after getting admission.

One electrocuted in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

One person was electrocuted to death at village Gokul Mothura in Tanore upazila of the district on Sunday.

Police and eyewitnesses said Abdur Razaque, 35, son of Toyeb Ali of the same village suddenly came in contact with an electric wire while he was repairing their residential electricity line. Anwar Hossain, 30, the victim's younger brother was injured while trying to save his brother. He was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Two 'rapists' arrested

BSS, Joypurhat

Police arrested here two persons on Thursday on charges of abduction and rape, sadar thana police said.

According to Officer-in-Charge (OC) of sadar thana Iqbal Shafi, a widow, aged 40 was kidnapped by a group of miscreants on October 16 night at Mangalbari while she was returning home from the town by a tempo. The miscreants raped her for the whole night and released on the next day morning. The victim filed a rape case with sadar thana police on October 17 and the medical test proved the allegation correct. On last Thursday, a joint team of Joypurhat sadar thana police and DB police arrested Shipan, 26, son of Sultan Mehedi of West Panchulia and Alamgir, 27, son of Erfan Ali of Jahanpur in this connection. The arrested persons were sent to jail hajat from the court.

Patients outnumber hospital beds in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

The 100-bed general hospital in the town is beset with manifold problems.

Patients at the hospital are being deprived of proper treatment.

The problems include shortage of doctors, equipments and medicine.

Though it is a one hundred bed hospital yet about 200 patients are found to be admitted in the hospital. One hundred patients are given seats and the rest 100 make flooring on the corridors and other vacant spaces of the hospital building. The patients who are flooring are not given either food or medicine.

When contacted, Civil Surgeon

Abul Khayer Mia told this correspondent that government's sanction of all kinds including doctors, nurses, apparatus and equipments is for only 100 patients. He added that government has sanctioned only Tk 26.72 for each patient per day. It is too small an amount to meet the expenses over food and medicine required for a patient in a day. So the question of supplying food and medicine to the flooring patients does not arise at all. He said adding that flooring patients are given admission purely on humanitarian grounds and they are given possible medical services which have no monetary involvement.

The Civil Surgeon said that posts of three senior consultants, one medical officer, one junior consultant and six assistant registrars have been lying vacant to the great inconvenience of the administration about which he wrote to the higher authorities many times but they all have gone unheeded.

The Civil Surgeon also said that acute shortage of doctors have been prevailing in all the seven other health complexes in the district denying proper treatment to the patients at the upazila level.

Besides, the X-ray machines at Madhukhali, Bhanga and Nagarkanda health complexes have gone out of order for a long time.

Abnormal fall in fish output

BSS, Chandpur

About 20,000 fishermen of the district are facing unemployment due to abnormal fall in fish production in the rivers Meghna, Padma, Dhanagoda and Dakatia of Chandpur area.

Fish production in the district has suffered a serious setback due to massive siltation of the rivers, canals and indiscriminate fishing of fries in the rivers. Fish production is also hampered due to outbreak of fish diseases.

Unabated fishing of Hilsa and Pangus and other fries by a large number of fishermen also hampered the natural growth of fishes in the area.

Local people said a group of people living along the riversides catch fish fries rampantly defying the government ban during the breeding seasons.

700 punished under Speedy Trial Act: IGP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury has called upon the policemen to discharge their duty sincerely.

He said this while addressing an idea sharing meeting on law and order at Jhenidah police station recently.

The IGP said people of the country have started availing the success of speedy trial act. About 700 criminals have been punished under the law and 1500 more cases have been settled.

Member of the Parliament (MP) Alhaz Mashiur Rahman said that the law and order in Jhenidah district is better now as crimes have come

down. Among others, M P Shahiduzzaman Beltu, ex-MP Alhaz Abdul Wahab, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, Khulna Range Enayetullah Dewan, Deputy Commissioner ABM Shahjahan, Superintendent of Police Manjur R Kader Khan, Journalist Mizanur Rahman Babul, Municipality Chairman AKM Mashiur Rahman and Advocate Amir Hossain Malita spoke on the occasion.

Earlier the IGP laid the foundation stone of a multi-storied building of Jhenidah police station to be built at a cost of Tk 76 lakh.

The existing building of Jhenidah police station was established in 1875.

3 of a family jailed for murder

BSS, Rajshahi

Additional District and Sessions Judge, Natore, ASM Mahfuz recently awarded life term to two brothers of a family and a 10-year term to their father on charges of killing Tamsher Ali, 52, a village Dayarampur Taitola in Bagatipara upazila in 1996.

The convicted two brothers — Shamshuddin (Sham), 49, and Sher Shah (Sher), 40, were also fined Tk 3,000 each, in default, to suffer six months more rigorous imprisonment (RI).

Father of the convicted persons Mozir Uddin, 80, was also fined Tk 2,000, in default, to suffer three months more RI.

According to court sources, Mozir Uddin was sentenced to death in a killing case earlier but was released under a general mercy in 1971.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that the convicted persons, as a sequel to previous enmity over collecting of fish from a disputed water body, beat Tamsher Ali mercilessly on April 5, 1996. Tamsher Ali was immediately taken to Bagatipara Health Complex for treatment where the attending doctors declared him dead.

Life-term for killer husband

BSS, Satkhira

M S Fharid, Additional District and Sessions Judge (2nd court), here on October 21 sentenced life-term to Shahidul Islam on charge of killing his wife Masura Khatun for dowry at Parulia, Debhata in 1997.

The court also fined the killer husband Tk 7000 in default, to suffer rigorous imprisonment (RI) for two years more. The prosecution story in brief, on January 16, 1997, Shahidul Islam, son of Kanu Master of village Parulia in Debhata upazila of the district locked in a quarrel with his wife Masura Khatun demanding dowry money, which Masura failed to bring from her father Monajat Ali of village Khejurdangi in the same upazila. At one stage, Shahidul beat his wife Masura Khatun mercilessly killing her on the spot. Masura's brother Munu Rahman filed a case with Debhata thana police. Police submitted chargesheet against three persons.

13 arrested in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Army arrested 13 listed and non-listed criminals in five days at Netrakona during a countrywide crackdown on criminals.

After the crackdown the law and order at Netrakona improved fast.

The vagabonds fled away from their roadside dens. The hemp smokers have deserted the town. Phensidyl traders and suppliers stopped their business. Hijackers and bandits stopped their activities.

Businessmen are now running their business smoothly.

In brief, all criminal activities have declined considerably in Netrakona town and in 10 upazilas.

To stop smuggling of firearms, a red-alert has been imposed along the border area of the district. Commanding officer Colonel Istiaque told The Daily Star that he believed army can bring down all kinds of crimes from the district very soon.

Wanted criminal arrested

UNB, Munshiganj

Police arrested a wanted criminal from Karabi Studio area in the town on Sunday.

Arrested Awlad Hossain, son of Mofazzal Master of Nayagaon area, was wanted in seven cases. Awlad was also an activist of BNP.

Newly-built Godagari Municipality

BSS, Rajshahi

The newly-built municipality building at Godagari was inaugurated in a simple ceremony recently.

The two-storied building which was constructed over 12,354 square feet by Public Works Department (PWD) at a cost of about Tk 1.13 crore will provide accommodation of all administrative offices.

Professor Tariqul Islam, BNP leaders advocates Ekhlauque Hossain and Abdul Mazid, former lawmakers Aziur Rahman and Lutfunnessa Hossain, Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Aziz Hasan and Superintendent of Police Anisur Rahman and Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Godagari Abdus Sattar, among others, spoke on the occasion while it was presided over by chairman of the municipality Anwarul Islam Chowdhury.



PHOTO: STAR

People cross a damaged portion of an embankment by country boat at Pacharkura in Sadar upazila, Gaibandha. The river Ghagot washed away this portion of the embankment situated along its western bank during the last flood.

Unauthorised test labs in Tangail cheat patients

BSS, Tangail

The owners of unauthorised diagnostic centres in different upazilas and the district town of Tangail are allegedly cheating patients and charging high fees from them.

It is alleged that patients have to pay 30 to 50 per cent more money to those diagnostic centers for patho-

logical tests. In most cases, a section of doctors who refer the patients to particular test labs get commission from the laboratory owners, a recent study conducted by a local Non-government Organisation (NGO) revealed it.

It was found that 60 to 70 per cent of the test reports done by the centres were incredible, a source related to the survey said.

Almost 37 diagnostic centres have been running their business near the Tangail General Hospital and around the town.

It was learnt that most of the centres exist only in the name and they have no radiologist, imaging specialist or experienced pathologist. As a result, patients are being deprived of proper test facilities from the centres.