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Female worker strangled after rape in Kushtia

UNB, Kushtia

A woman day labourer was strangled after rape at a village in Mirpur upazila here Tuesday night.

The victim, identified as Bhanu Begum, 22, hailed from village Jubraj in Meherpur district. Police after preliminary inquiry said paddy drying platform owner Abdul Khaleq took the labourer, Bhanu, to his house at village Chouduar on the night and strangled her after rape. On information they recovered the body from the bedroom of Khaleq. A case was filed and Khaleq went into hiding soon after the murder.

Two killed in separate road accidents

UNB, Manikganj

A young boy was killed and 10 other passengers of a tempo were wounded when the three-wheeler fell into roadside ditch after being hit by a truck near Muljan bus stand on Dhaka-Ancha highway on November 3 morning.

Omar Ali, 16, died on the spot. Seriously wounded Khodeja, 50, was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while five others were admitted to sadar hospital. Another report from Munshiganj said Abdul Hakim, 70, a pedestrian, was crushed under wheels of a running bus near Bhabar Char bus stand of Gazana on Dhaka Chittagong Highway this afternoon.

Kushtia people celebrate

arrest of criminal

UNB, Kushtia

Arrest of Ashrafur Islam alias Mandar, a notorious criminal who has a record of killing more than a dozen people and rendering homeless scores of families in the district has been celebrated by distribution of sweets and offering special prayer.

Army picked up Mandar from his home at Bakhal in sadar upazila at midnight of October 31. He is now under intense interrogation of joint team of army and police. Sources close to the interrogation said Mandar has confessed his hair-raising misdeeds of killing of opponents, rape, extortion, mugging and armed robbery.

Medicine worth Tk 6 lakh looted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Armed robbers looted medicine worth Tk 6 lakh from two shops in the town last week.

Police said an organised gang broke open the doors of Mamun Drugs and Friends Medical Hall at dead of night on October 27 and decamped with the medicine. Two cases were filed with the police.

Bail granted to Mymensingh BNP leader

UNB, Mymensingh

A local leader of ruling BNP, who was arrested by army men at dead of night on October 29, has been enlarged on bail by a local court Sunday.

Magistrate Nazmun Nahar Manu of No 3 cognizance court, granted bail to Manjurul Haque, general secretary of district (southern) unit of BNP. He was arrested from his residence in the army-led joint drive. He was handed to Kotwali police on October 30 night.

14-bed hospital in Munshiganj under private initiative

UNB, Munshiganj

A hospital under private initiative was set up at Rikabi Bazaar in Mirkadim Municipality here on Friday.

Land Minister M Shamsul Islam while inaugurating the Fajlatunnessa Hospital Ltd expressed his hope that with the establishment of the new hospital the demand of local people for improved health service will be fulfilled to a great extent.

The 14-bed hospital first of its kind under private initiative in the municipality started its journey with modern equipment.

Presided over by former member of parliament (MP) Nur Mohammad, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by local MP Giasuddin, Hafizullah and Tasedul Islam.

Law and order reviewed

BSS, Munshiganj

The law and order of the district was reviewed at a meeting in Munshiganj with the Deputy Commissioner Syed Mustafizur Rahman in the chair.

Local MP Abdul Hye, Police Super Lokman Hakim, journalists, high officials of the district and political leaders took part in the discussion. The meeting stressed on the need for curbing crime with an iron hand.

Tension grips shoal people in harvesting season

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

The people of shoal areas in Magura and Faridpur districts have been passing their days in great tension as harvesting season of paddy and other crops is nearing.

Crops on about 180 acres of disputed land have been brought under cultivation of different crops in four villages in Magura Sadar upazila and village Goyeshapur of Madhukhali upazila in Faridpur district.

Village Goyeshapur is situated on the eastern bank of the Madhumati river while the villages named Khordo-kasundi, Arpara, Hulinar and Shavidubi are situated on the western side of the river.

Following cultivation and harvesting of various crops on the shoal lands of the Madhumati a large number of people become victims of clashes over harvesting the crops.

At the advent of cultivation and harvesting season, influential people in the areas hire professional musclemen to occupy shoal lands and loot ripe crops.

Liton Kazi of village Khordo Kosundi said the shoal lands beside the Madhumati belong to the villagers of Magura district, but unfortunately the villagers Goyeshapur forcibly take away crops from the lands every year.

'We have legal documents and we pay taxes regularly for our lands,' said Sumonkazi of village Keshapur in Magura Sadar upazila.

A poor farmer of village Goyeshapur in Faridpur district Harezzuddin Shiekh said, 'We are the legal owners of shoal lands, but the villagers in Magura district claim the lands on the basis of forged deeds.'

'We are the victims of the indifference of the district administration of Faridpur and Magura,' said a villager of Goyeshapur adding that only administration can solve the long-standing dispute.

Seed crisis may hamper boro farming in Sylhet

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Boro farming is likely to be hampered in the current season due to acute seed crisis throughout the entire Sylhet division.

The situation has been created due to lack of supply of seeds. An artificial crisis of seeds has been created by the dealers. The authority is indifferent to tackle the situation. The situation has created an apathy among the farmers in general in Sylhet region, which is considered as a major boro producing zone of the country.

The well known haor areas of Habiganj, Sunamganj districts and parts of Moulvibazar and Sylhet districts are considered to be one of the major boro producing zones of the country. The people of haor areas are totally dependent on boro crop. The farmers here have become

completely frustrated due to the prevailing situation.

An official of the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) informed that this year the demand for boro seeds in Sylhet division is 1450 tons. About 50 per cent of the total seeds is usually utilised in Sunamganj district only. Though the local authority sent indent for the said quantity of seed, the actual supply stood below 50 per cent. Only 608 tons of seed have been sent for the entire division. The seeds are of BR 28, BR 29 and BINA varieties.

The government has taken a decision to distribute boro seeds through government sales centres. There are five sales centres in Sunamganj, Habiganj and Moulvibazar. Besides, arrangements have been taken to distribute paddy seeds through selected deal-

ers.

In Sylhet district, in absence of any sales centre, dealers have been entrusted with the task of selling seeds. The dealers are to sell a 10 kg packet of seed at Tk 150, but a section of dealers are now selling the same at almost double the price, it has been alleged. There are allegations that, almost all the 20 dealers in Sylhet and 77 others in the rest districts have been engaged in selling the seeds at Tk 26 to 27 per kg against the fixed rate of Tk 15 per kg.

Moreover, at places some unscrupulous dealers are cheating the farmers selling adulterated and poor quality seeds.

On the other hand, such dealers are also realising excess price than the fixed rate by selling quality seeds supplied by some reputed private firms. Though the selling price of high yielding variety of seed of Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) is Tk 260 per packet, the dealers are selling each packet between Tk 300 to Tk 320 to the farmers.

There is an upazila level committee to monitor the seed market position, but nothing is done by the same committee. An official of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) said that the crisis is mainly due to inadequate supply from the government. At least 1,000 tons of seeds could have kept the situation under control in the division.

Prothom Alo Aid Fund's donation to acid victim

DELWAR KABIR, Jhenidah

The Prothom Alo Aid Fund, a welfare fund run by Prothom Alo, a major Bangla national daily, donated an amount of Tk 2,200 to a female acid victim of Mohespur in Jhenidah last week to help continue her studies.

The upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Mohespur, Lokman Hossain Mia handed over the amount to Ambia Khatun, the acid victim at a simple ceremony at Mohespur.

Earlier, the Prothom Alo Aid Fund handed over to her an amount of Tk 18,000 to run a grocery shop and a milk cow.

The handing over ceremony was preceded by a meeting to exchange opinion at the Mohespur Municipality auditorium.

The meeting was presided over by Mamtazuddin Shantu, HBK union parishad (UP) chairman while it was attended, among others, by coordinator of Prothom Alo Aid Fund Palash Chowdhury, Jessore correspondent of Prothom Alo Ashok Sen, The Daily Star correspondent Delwar Kabir and the correspondents of other dailies named Shahjahan Ali Saju, Abdur Rahman, Ahsanul Alam Sathi, Abdus Samad and Rubina, an acid victim who also spoke on the occasion.

Prothom Alo correspondent of Jhenidah Azad Rahman conducted the programme.

Six murderers get life term

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Six persons were sentenced to suffer life term imprisonment while 30 others acquitted in a murder case in Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj.

The District and Sessions Judge of Sunamganj Md Habibur Rahman passed the sentence in a crowded court room on Tuesday.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that around 11 am on February 14 in 1992, Mokhes Miah and his associate Farid Miah went on way to the house of Farid Miah when they came under sudden attack of their rivals at village Rasulpur in Jagannathpur upazila. The accused persons chased them with deadly weapons including firearms and others deadly weapons. At this stage they made a hue and cry. Being furious, the attackers opened gunshots. Mokhes Miah was then admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital with critical injuries. There he succumbed to his injuries at 6 pm on the same day. A case was filed on the same day by Montaj Ali with the Jagannathpur police station (PS). At the initial stage police inspector Abdul Hamid, officer-in-charge (OC) of Jagannathpur PS investigated the case which was later investigated by inspector Ziaul Kabir, OC of the same PS. Kabir submitted the chargesheet against 36 persons.

The court, after examining all the records and 26 witnesses, passed the verdict in a crowded court room. While awarding life term for 56 accused persons, the court also

fined Tk 1,000 each, in default, to suffer 3 months more imprisonment. The convicted persons are Arfan Ali, Akbar Miah alias Thakur Badsha Miah, Astar Miah, and Siraj Miah. All of them except Astar Miah and Siraj Miah remained absconding after their bail.

Work plan of clinical FP services reviewed

UNB, Sherpur

Plans and projects on sterilisation and clinical family planning (FP) services were reviewed at a workshop held here on Tuesday.

The local Health and Family Planning Department organised the daylong workshop on "District Mapping and Planning for Sterilisation and Clinical Family Planning Service Project".

Deputy Commissioner of Sherpur ABM Abdus Sattar was present in the workshop as chief guest while USAID Representative Jini Fredman attended as special guest.

Civil Surgeon AZM Zahurul Islam, Family Planning Deputy Director Dr Nargis Begum, BMA President Dr Askar Ali and Dr Mizanur Rahman and Dr SA Masud of Gender Health addressed the workshop.

A work plan was finalised in the workshop after group discussion on how to reach the family planning service at the doorsteps of the common people in rural areas.



বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

গাজীপুর-১৭০৫

ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিএগএড প্রোগ্রাম জানুয়ারি-জুন, ২০০৩ (০৩১) টার্ম

বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (বাউবি) এর স্কুল অফ এগ্রিকালচার এন্ড ফরাস্ট্রি ডিপ্লোমেন্ট পরিচালিত ব্যাচেলর অফ এগ্রিকালচারাল এডুকেশন (বিএগএড) প্রোগ্রামে ২০০৩ সালের জানুয়ারি-জুন, ২০০৩ (০৩১) টার্মে শিক্ষার্থী ভর্তির জন্য বাউবির নির্দিষ্ট ফরমে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আগামী ০৬/১১/২০০২ তারিখ থেকে ১৯/১২/২০০২ তারিখের মধ্যে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত জনতা ব্যাংকের শাখায় (সংশ্লিষ্ট আঞ্চলিক কেন্দ্র/স্থানীয় কেন্দ্র থেকে ব্যাংকের নাম ও ঠিকানা পাওয়া যাবে) ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকা জমা দিয়ে বাউবির নির্ধারিত আঞ্চলিক কেন্দ্র/স্থানীয় কেন্দ্র থেকে শিক্ষার্থীর বাতীত সপ্তাহের অন্যান্য দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে শিক্ষার্থী নির্দেশিকা ও ভর্তি ফরম সংগ্রহ এবং জমা দেয়া যাবে। শিক্ষার্থী যে টিউটোরিয়াল কেন্দ্রে ভর্তি হতে ইচ্ছুক তাকে সেই টিউটোরিয়াল কেন্দ্রের সংশ্লিষ্ট আঞ্চলিক কেন্দ্র/স্থানীয় কেন্দ্রে ফরম জমা দিতে হবে। নিম্নে আঞ্চলিক/স্থানীয়/টিউটোরিয়াল কেন্দ্রের নাম দেওয়া হলো।

Table with 3 columns: আঞ্চলিক কেন্দ্রের নাম ও ঠিকানা, স্থানীয় কেন্দ্রের নাম ও ঠিকানা, টিউটোরিয়াল কেন্দ্রের নাম

- ভর্তির ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা
এইচএসসি (বিজ্ঞান/কলা) বা ৩ বছর মেয়াদি কৃষি ডিপ্লোমা বা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় ন্যূনতম ২য় বিভাগ থাকতে হবে। কুলে শিক্ষকতা করছেন এমন প্রার্থীর বেলায় শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতায় ৩য় বিভাগ গ্রহণযোগ্য।

- বিঃদ্রঃ অধ্যয়নরত শিক্ষার্থীদের রেজিস্ট্রেশন ১০/১১/২০০২ইং তারিখের হতে ০৯/০১/২০০৩ খ্রিঃ বৃহস্পতি পর্যন্ত চলবে। উল্লেখ্য জানুয়ারি-জুন, ২০০৩ টার্মে বড় দ্বিতীয়, চতুর্থ ও ষষ্ঠ সিমেন্টারে শিক্ষার্থী রেজিস্ট্রেশন করা হবে এবং পরবর্তী টার্মে (জুলাই-ডিসেম্বর, ২০০৩) প্রথম, তৃতীয় ও পঞ্চম সিমেন্টারে শিক্ষার্থী রেজিস্ট্রেশন করা হবে।

৩ দ্বিতীয় সিমেন্টারে নতুন ভর্তিকৃত শিক্ষার্থীরা (০৩১ ব্যাচ)+০২২ ব্যাচের শিক্ষার্থীরা রেজিস্ট্রেশন করবে।
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Joy of fishing: Some rural children at village Alamkhali in Sadar upazila, Magura fishing at a low land at the advent of winter. Fishing in this traditional way is very common everywhere in the country.

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