

NEWS SNAPS

One killed in road mishap

BSS, Jhenidah
One person was killed in a road mishap at Chondepur on Jhenidah-Khushtia highway in Shailakupa upazila on Wednesday.

Police said the victim was identified as Badol, 50. When he was going to home suddenly a speeding truck knocked him down at Chondepur in Shailakupa upazila and he died on the spot. A case was filed with Shailakupa police station in this connection.

Storm sweeps over Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah
A storm accompanied by heavy rainfalls swept over Jhenidah last week.

Crop damage due to storm is likely to be as follows: T-aman worth Tk 4.51 cr, sugarcane worth Tk 1 cr, vegetable worth Tk 1 cr, banana worth Tk 2.43 cr, onion worth Tk 1 lakh and other crops worth Tk 1.5 cr.

T-aman harvesting starts

BSS, Chuadanga
Harvesting of transplanted aman paddy of the current season has just been started in all the four upazilas of the district.

According to official sources, in this season, a total of 1,24,000 tons of transplanted aman paddy is expected to be produced in Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar upazila of the district. Of the total paddy, 24,000 tons will be produced in Chuadanga Sadar upazila, 42,000 tons in Alamdanga, 33,000 tons in Damurhuda and 25,000 tons in Jibannagar.

Night coach dacoity in Jhenidah

BSS, Jhenidah
A band of armed robbers swooped on a night coach and robbed of the passengers at Eshorba on Dhaka-Kalliganj-Moheshpur highway on Thursday, police said. The bandits numbering 7/8 boarded the Moheshpur bound coach from Dhaka in disguise of passengers and took control of the bus. They beat up the passengers indiscriminately injuring five of them seriously. Police arrested five persons include the driver and helper of the night coach.

Three schemes for education sector

BSS, Chuadanga
The Education Engineering Department is implementing three schemes at a total cost of Tk 52.50 lakh in two upazilas of the district.

Of the schemes, two are being implemented in Jibannagar upazila and one scheme in Damurhuda upazila. According to official sources, the ongoing schemes in Jibannagar upazila are expansion of the existing building of Raipur Boys High School and Jibannagar Boys' Pilot High School and expansion of the existing building of Modna Boys High School in Damurhuda upazila of the district. Most of the work of the schemes are completed and the rest are expected to be completed by June next.

Training for farmers

BSS, Mymensingh
Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Mymensingh held a training course for farmers on cultivation of Kharip-1, Kharip-2, and Robi crops recently.

A total of 11,840 farmers from 12 upazilas of the district took part in the training course.

Of them, 84 from Muktagacha upazila, 1,400 from Mymensingh Sadar upazila, 800 from Fulbaria upazila, 840 from Trishal upazila, 1200 from Bhaluka upazila, 1200 from Gaffargaon upazila, 880 from Nandail upazila, 800 from Isharganj upazila, 840 from Gouripur upazila, 1360 from Fulpur upazila, 840 from Haluaghat upazila, 880 from Dubawara upazila.

Discussion on human rights

BSS, Rajshahi
A discussion on 'Human Rights Development and its Preservation' was held under the auspices of Bangladesh Human Right Commission (BHRC), Rajshahi city unit at a local community centre on Sunday.

Presided over by Chairman of BHRC, Rajshahi, Molla Sohrabul Hsan, the discussion was attended by Deputy Commissioner MAziz Hasan as the chief guest.

Rajshahi Bar Association President Advocate Sayeed Ekramur Rasul and president of Human Right Implementation Association Advocate MAbul Kashem attended the discussion as special guests. The discussion was addressed, among others, by AGM of Janata Bank Abul Kashem, AGM of Jiban Bima Corporation Rajshahi MA Gaffar and General Secretary of BHRC, Rajshahi, Md. Abu Moteleb Badal.

Six firearms shops in Khulna sealed

Probe body to find irregularities in issuing licences

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Six shops in Khulna city have been asked not to sell and purchase firearms and ammunition with effect from November 16 until further order of the district administration. These gun shops were sealed on Sunday.

A five-member committee has been formed to find out irregularities committed in issuing licences of firearms in the city and Khulna district. Only one-third of the licenced firearms have been deposited in 15 thanas of the metropolitan city and the entire Khulna district.

According to an official report, 5,708 firearms have been deposited in 10 districts of Khulna division from

November 6 till the November 15 deadline.

The same source said 1546 licenced firearms have been deposited in city and Khulna district along with 57,034 rounds of different Kinds of ammunition.

According to a reliable of DC office, 8913 licences for firearms were issued in the metropolitan city and Khulna district. Of these, 5,089 firearms were purchased. Out of 5089 purchased arms, only 1546 have been deposited.

According to an official report, 796 firearms have been deposited in five police stations of the metropolitan city, 442 in nine police stations of Khulna district and 308 in the

malkhana of DC's office. The deposited firearms include 747 SBL guns, 368 DBL guns, 166 rifles, 127 revolvers, 95 pistols and 43 short guns.

Licences of 1378, out 8913 were cancelled for not depositing firearms in response to call by the last caretaker government during last national election held on October 1 last year.

Irregularities were committed in issuing licences of firearms. These irregularities have been detected by the district administration.

A five-member committee has been formed with ADC (general) Abdus Sobhan as its convenor to remove the anomalies.



PHOTO: ISPR

Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman handing over the trophy to the best all-round new entry sailor at the passing out parade of a batch of recruits of the Bangladesh Navy at BNS Titumir parade ground in Khulna on Sunday.

Corruption of seed dealers

Boro farming likely to face setback in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Boro cultivation is likely to face setback in five upazilas of Gopalganj this season due to artificial seed crisis.

An official of the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) told The Daily Star that this year the demand for boro seeds in the district is 500 metric tons (MT), but the corporation actually supplied only 234 MT of BR28, Br29 and BR14 seeds.

At least 63,700 hectares of land in

the district is supposed to be brought under boro farming. But the authority supplied only 46.80 per cent seeds of the demand. Only one government sales centre has been opened here for at least 1,62,877 farmers in the district.

Besides, the seeds have gone already beyond the purchasing capacity of farmers as 42 dealers of the district have sold the seeds in black markets at high rate.

The dealers had been asked to sell a 10 kg packet of seeds at the rate of Tk 150, but a section of deal-

ers are now selling the same at almost double the rate, local farmers alleged. The dealers are now selling the seeds at Tk 30 to Tk 35 per kg against the fixed rate of Tk 15 per kg.

Though the selling price of Bangladesh rural advancement committee (BRAC) is Tk 260 per packet, the dealers are selling each packet between Tk 300 to 320 to the growers.

Chand Mia, deputy director (DD) of the Department of Agriculture Extension, Gopalganj admitted the fact to The Daily Star.

Separate incidents claim 3 in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Three persons including a minor child were killed in separate incidents in Sirajganj on Saturday.

A 55-year-old woman named Marjina Khatun of Basail in Raiganj upazila was killed at Basail on Dhaka-Bogra highway at 11 am on Sunday when a Dhaka bound bus hit the woman who died on the spot.

The other incident happened at

village Trifall in Shahjadpur upazila at 9 am on Sunday when a six-year-old boy named Shamim, son of Abu Sayeed of village Trifall met the tragic end of his life while playing near his house under the old bridge. Some contractors were repairing the bridge when a hammer fell down occurring the mishap. Two labourers named Jahangir, 24, and Ershad Ali, 25, were critically injured and were admitted to Sirajganj hospital.

Belkuchi thana police recovered the dead body of a 22-year-old housewife named Monjura Khuton. Many cut marks were found on her person. The body was recovered from Rajapur WAPDA drain. She was the wife of Abdul Momin of village Rajapur. Police suspected that she was murdered. But the cause of the murder could not be known.

Separate cases were lodged in the respective police stations.

Two killed in Bogra road accident

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Two persons were killed and another person was seriously injured in separate road accidents here on Monday.

The deceased were identified as Munsur Ali, 25, son of late Kofil Uddin of Raninogor in Sherpur upazila and Hatem Ali Milon, 22, son of Hobibor Rahman of Manikdipa in the newly formed Majhira upazila of Bogra.

Police and hospital sources said the first accident took place at Raninogor when an unidentified truck dashed a motorcycle at about 8am at Raninogor.

As a result Munsur died on the spot and co-rider Shohorab was seriously injured. He is now undergoing treatment at Mohammad Ali Hospital. They were going to Sherpur upazila riding on a motorcycle.

Hatem Ali died on the spot when a Thakurgaon bound night coach ran over him at Aria Bazar on Bogra-Dhaka highway at about 10:30am on Monday.

He was crossing the highway carelessly. As a protest of accident the locals seized the coach. Separate cases were filed with the concerned thanas.

Indian smuggler with cash, bidi arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An Indian smuggler was caught for possessing an amount of Tk One lakh ten thousand and Indian bids worth about Tk one lakh in the early hours of Saturday.

A contingent of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), acting on secret information and led by Lt Col Shahid Uddin Khan, Commander of 30 Battalion also seized smuggled goods worth about Tk 11 lakh 45 thousand from different points of Kulara border in the early hours of Saturday. The goods include, timber, bulls and bicycles.

Officials informed that Indian national Chhota Mona is a notorious smuggler of the Indian state of Tripura and had been engaged in smuggling along the Kulara border for a long time. He was caught from a house in Tengra Bazaar in the early hours of Saturday along with the Indian bids and money.

The timbers had been deposited with the Forest Department while the other goods had been deposited with the Customs department.

Death condoled

CU CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Professor AJM Nooruddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University (CU) expressed his profound shock at the death of professor Dr Abdul Hamid, former syndicate member and VC of Darul Ihsan University.

In a condolence message on Thursday he also expressed his sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed for the departed soul.

107 development projects taken up in Tangail

BSS, Tangail

Tangail Zila Parishad has taken up 107 development projects in 11 upazilas of the district in the current fiscal year.

According to official sources, Tk one crore has been sanctioned for implementing the projects under Annual Development Programmes (ADP). The projects include construction of road, bridges, culverts, development of educational institutes, mosques, orphanage, construction, reconstruction and repairing works of upazila dak bangalow and supply of furniture.

Rover Scout moot in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Magura district Rover Scout arranged a moot recently at Nazir Ahmed Degree College in Beroil-Polita union of Sadar upazila.

Deputy Inspector of Colleges under Jessore Education Board Sayed Azharul Islam inaugurated the moot while president of the district Rover Scout and Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Magura Md Shafiul Alam, Additional Deputy Commissioner Swapna Kumar Sarkar, District Scout Commissioner Khan Ziaul Huq visited the camp by turn and attended different functions of the moot.

Jessore regional field commissioner of Bangladesh Rover Scout distributed certificates while Kazi Nazrul Islam, Principal of Nazir Ahmed Degree College attended as chief of the moot.



PHOTO: STAR

Deputy Inspector of Colleges under Jessore Education Board Sayed Azharul Islam Inaugurates a Rover Scout moot at Nazir Ahmed Degree College in Magura by hoisting the flag of Rover Scouts.