

NEWS SNAPS

Boy killed by miscreants

UNB, Patuakhali
A teenaged boy was killed at village Kismatpur in Mirzagani upazila Sunday night.

Police said Ripon Chandra Shikder, 16, was called out of his house by some youths on the night and his body was recovered from the bank of a nearby pond the following morning.

Police arrested two brothers – Monindra Biswas and Babul Biswas in this connection. A murder case was filed with Mirzagani police station.

Youth with pipe-gun nabbed

UNB, Patuakhali
Local people caught a youth with a pipe-gun and two bullets from village Nalua in Golachipa upazila Monday and handed him over to police.

Police said the arrested, Jalil Khan, 28, confessed to them that he collected the gun from two youths of his village.

BKB managers' confce

UNB, Laxmipur
A conference of branch managers of Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) was held here Tuesday.

Chaired by BKB Assistant General Manager (local) Mohammad Yusuf, the conference was attended, among others, by Regional General Manager of the bank Dr Mohammad Mizanur Rahman and divisional Audit Officer KMAinul Huq.

Steps to familiarise growers with modern methods of onion farming in 48 dists

UNB, Kishoreganj

Buoyed by favourable weather, Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) has taken up a massive programme to cultivate groundnut and onion in 48 districts under the country's nine agricultural zones in the current rabi season. The department has set up a good number of exhibition plots in the zones to make the growers familiar with modern methods of cultivation, the DG said.

DAE Director General (DG) in Dhaka Emdadul Haque Khandoker said Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has already started providing seeds and other agri-inputs to the farmers.

Officials said groundnut would be cultivated on 50,000 hectares of land in Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong, Rangamari, Barisal, Jessore, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Rangpur zones with an output target of 75,000 metric tons (MTs).

They said onion would be cultivated on 60,000 hectares of land in the zones with a production target of 5.1 lakh MTs.

Zone-wise breakup of the targeted land: Dhaka 5,000 hectares, Comilla 3,300, Chittagong 15,500 hectares, Rangamati 500 hectares, Barisal 9,700, Jessore 1900 hect-

ares, Mymensingh 4,500 hectares, Rajshahi 5,300 hectares and Rangpur 4,300 hectares.

Besides, onion will be cultivated on 7,000 hectares of land in seven districts of Dhaka zone while 3,500 hectares in five districts of Mymensingh zone, 2,000 hectares in seven districts of Comilla zone, 1,550 hectares in four districts of Chittagong zone, 200 hectares in

three districts of Rangamati zone, 12,450 hectares in 11 districts of Barisal zone, 16,500 hectares in eight districts of Rajshahi zone, 9,500 hectares in eight districts of Jessore zone and 7,300 hectares in Rangpur zone.

DAE DG told that necessary steps have been taken to make the cultivation programme a success.

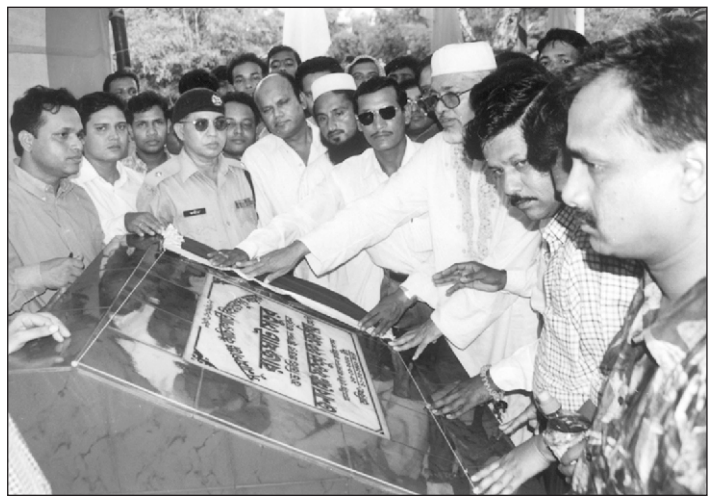


PHOTO: STAR

Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) whip Fazlul Haque inaugurated the work of Rajghat Bridge in Biswambharpur upazila of Sunamganj district recently.

Warrants for arrest of Abdullah, 3 sons

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A speedy trial court issued warrants on Monday to arrest former chief whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah and his three sons.

The warrants came after filing of an arms case against the Awami League leader and his sons Ashik Abdullah, Sadek Abdullah and Moyeen Abdullah. The joint forces of the anticrime operation that recovered a shotgun and 178 rounds of ammunition from their house filed the case.

35 injured as AL, BNP clash in Narsingdi

UNB, Narsingdi

Supporters of BNP and Awami League (AL) clashed at village Nilakhabirgaon in Raipura upazila on Tuesday and the day before, leaving 25 injured.

Of the injured, Salam, Khorshed Mia, Ismail Mia, Badsha Mia, Jaill Mia, Jalaluddin, Kaoser Mia and Rabiullah were admitted to sadar hospital. Others are undergoing treatment in private clinics to avoid police action.

Villagers said the clash erupted on Monday when the supporters of local BNP leader Nurul Islam member attacked and damaged the houses of their rivals belonging to AL leader and Nilakha UP chairman Abdul Huq. In retaliation, Abdul Huq's men launched counter attack on Tuesday morning, leaving 25 injured. Both sides used lethal weapons during the clash.

On information, army personnel rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

8 bandits arrested in Ctg

BSS, Ctg

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested eight armed robbers from Kapashgola and Andarkillah area in the city.

According to a CMP press release, Kotwali police arrested four bandits after they had committed an armed robbery on Monday night at the house of advocate Anup Kumar Chowdhury at Kapashgola. Police arrested four other bandits from Sirajdowlah road.

The arrested dacoits are Mohammad Faruk Hossain, Summon Chakravarti, Mizanul Kader, Saifur Rahman, Abdul Mannan alias Akash, Alauddin, Zakir Hossain, and Mohammad Khokan.

Police recovered one toy revolver, one gold bracelet and chain, one Yashica camera and Taka 2,024 on the basis of their confessional statement.

Mother kills daughter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An outraged mother killed her one-month-old daughter in a sequel to a feud with her husband at village Gandipara in Kalma union in Tanore upazila on Tuesday.

The victim's father Enamul Haq in a case filed with Tanore thana alleged that his wife Hasina Bibi strangled his daughter Mahbuba Khatun and hurriedly buried the body. Tanore police arrested Hasina's father Anwar Hossain and mother Feroza Bibi. But it could not be known how the two were allegedly involved in the killing. Hasina is absconding. Enamul, in a petition to the deputy commissioner of Rajshahi, said the body be exhumed for autopsy.

40 shops, 15 houses gutted

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least 40 shops and 15 dwelling houses were gutted in a fire at Kathalia upazila headquarters in the early hours of Tuesday.

Witnesses and fire Brigade sources said the fire originated from a medicine shop at 1 am and soon engulfed the nearby shops and houses. According to preliminary estimate, the extent of loss was about Tk 4 crore.

Fire fighters from Jhalakathi, Barisal, Mathbaria, Bhandaria and Pirojpur rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze at about 3 am.

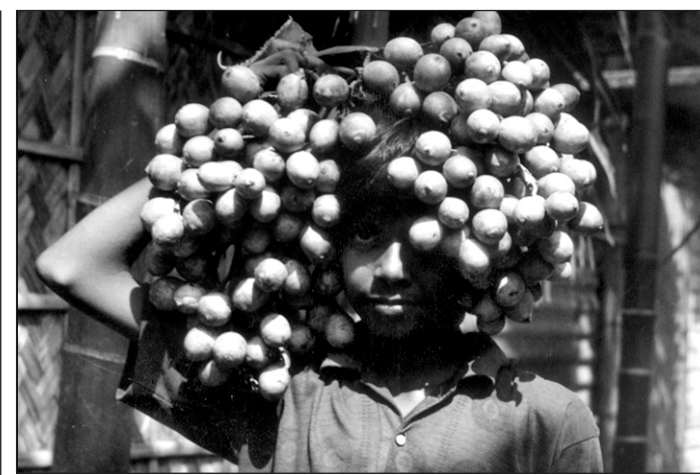


PHOTO: STAR

A rural boy carries betel nuts for sale towards a market at village Kabirpur in Jhenidah. At present 100 betel nuts are sold here at Tk 15-25. Betel nuts are in good demand among common people, especially villagers.

Prisoners-wardens clash in Nilphamari jail leaves 25 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

At least 25 people were injured in a clash between prisoners and wardens in Nilphamari District Jail on Tuesday.

The clash between the jail inmates and the wardens took place in the evening when inferior quality iftar items were served to the prisoners.

Hundreds of curious people gathered outside the prison during the clash, witnesses said.

When contacted with the jail authorities, they denied occurrence of any such incident in the prison.

The prisoners who were supposed to be released from the jail on the day could not be released due to the trouble.

Detention of Faridpur pourea chairman illegal: HC

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court on Tuesday declared illegal the detention of Hasibul Hassan Labloo, Chairman of Faridpur municipality.

The court also ordered release of Labloo, if not wanted in any other case.

A division bench comprising Justice MA Aziz and Justice Nazrul Islam Chowdhury delivered the verdict after hearing both sides.

Labloo, also a local Awami League leader, was arrested on October 31. Later he was detained under the Special Powers Act.

UP polls 33 disabled to contest in Kushtia

UNB, Kushtia

Thirty-three disabled people in Kushtia, will contest the coming union parishad (UP) elections.

Leaders of Trinamul Disabled Federation disclosed this at a meeting to exchange views with the newsmen at the Reporters' Unity Office here.

ADD, a non-government organisation, organised the meeting.

The federation leaders urged the Election Commission to introduce special ballot papers for the blind and sought cooperation of journalists in establishing the rights of disabled people in the society.

MYMENSINGH diary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Three killed in road mishaps

Three persons including a school boy were killed in separate road accidents here recently.

Babul, 9, a student of class four of Akua Board Ghar Primary School was crushed under the wheels of a passenger bus in the Akua area on November 11 Noon. He died on the spot.

In another accident on the same day and middle-aged unidentified woman was run over by a Dhaka bound bus in front of the Islamic Foundation Office in the Pandit Para area of the district town. The victim was killed on the spot.

An ex-football player and referee of the district town was killed in a road accident in front of the Titas Gas Office at Dighar Kanda on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at 10:30 AM on November 16.

The victim was identified as Ashraf Ali Ratan, 40, a resident of the Kanchijuly area in the town.

Police said, the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound bus ran over his motor-cycle. He died on the spot.

The bodies were sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) morgue for autopsy. Separate cases were lodged.

1015 firearms deposited

A total of 1015 licenced firearms were deposited with 13 police stations and the office of Deputy Commissioner of the district by November 15.

According to official sources, 970 firearms were deposited with Kotwali, Phulpur, Tarakanda, Haluaghat, Dhubaura, Nandail, Gouripur, Iswarganj, Muktagacha, Phulbaria, Trishal, Bhaluka and Gafarganj Police Stations while 45 arms were deposited with the office of Deputy Commissioner (DC).

Of the deposited firearms, 649 are single-barrel gun 134 guns, 86 rifles, 59 revolvers, 23 pistols while 5 air guns forty-five other types of fire arms were deposited to the DC office.

Meanwhile, 14817 rounds of bullets and 10,000 rounds of cartridges were also deposited in the district.