

## NEWS SNAPS

## Body recovered

BSS, Natore

The body of a little boy was recovered from a pond at a village in Singra upazila of Natore on Monday, police said.

The deceased was identified as Sakub, 3, of village Chalkgopal in Singra upazila. Family sources said, the cause of tragic death of the boy could not be known. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed with the concerned police station in this connection.

## Bumper cabbage output in Shariatpur

BSS, Shariatpur

In the current winter season there has been a bumper output of cabbage in different areas of Shariatpur. Cabbage has grown in plenty in Shariatpur Sadar, Janjira, Naria, Damudya, Bhedorganj and Goshairhat upazilas.

The trend of market price of the produce is still upward and its cultivation is quite profitable. Cabbage now is selling at Tk 7 to 8 per kilogram. According to this estimate, the income from cabbage on per bigha of land is Tk 21,000 and the net profit is over Tk 15,000. According to cabbage growers, Tk 6 to 7 thousand is needed to grow cabbage on one bigha of land.

## CI sheets for tornado victims

UNB, Tangail

Some 500 bundles of CI sheet were distributed among the recent tornado-hit people in the district Sunday.

State Minister for Labour and Employment Lutfar Rahman Khan distributed the sheets at a simple ceremony here. He also distributed 500 pieces of saree and 100 pieces of lungi among destitute people on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Fitr.

## Anniversary of death



The third anniversary of death of Asiruddin Ahmed, a retired co-operative inspector of Rangpur was observed on Monday, says a press release.

On the occasion Quran Khwani, milad mahfil, doa and iftar party were arranged after Asr prayer at deceased's residence at House No-3, Road no-228, Mulatole, Rangpur. Relatives, friends, and well-wishers attended the mahfils and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

## Youth held for possessing arms, ammunition

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra.

Police arrested one youth named Ruhul Amin and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession at Gopalbari, on the outskirts of Bogra on Sunday night.

Acting on secret information police of Sadar thana raided the house of Zahurul Islam at around 4:30am and arrested his son Amin.

Later police recovered one shutter gun, eight cocktails, one round of 303 rifle's bullet and one dagger from his bedroom. A case was filed with thana in this connection.

## Murderer awarded life-term in Pabna

UNB, Pabna

A court here Saturday convicted a man and sentenced him to life-term imprisonment in a murder case.

The court also fined convict Khalil Mridha Tk 10,000.

According to the prosecution, Khalil of village Teligram in Ataikula thana beat his wife Hayetun Nesa to death as she refused to allow him to go for second marriage on September 4, 2001.

After examining the records and witnesses, District Session Judge Al Haj Abdus Sattar handed down the verdict.

On the same day, the court convicted five more people and sentenced them to four years' imprison-

## A blow to Islami Chhatra Shibir

## New RU JCD committee soon

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

With formation of a new committee within a day or two before the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr, the politics of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the ruling BNP's student front at Rajshahi University (RU) will get a new dimension putting a blow to Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS), student wing of the ruling alliance partner Jamaat-e-Islami of Bangladesh.

As many as one person applied for the post of president and some 200 persons for the post of general secretary of the JCD unit at RU till Monday, the last date for submitting nomination papers to the central committee, sources in the Hawa Bhaban told.

Insiders of the central committee high command of JCD told The Daily Star on Monday that a senior student leader of RU will be chosen for the post of president but for the post of general secretary and some other vital posts of the JCD unit, fresher, energetic and upright persons who proved to be committed against the politics of ICS in the past-days. Non-student candidates will not be allowed in the new committee.

The selection board of Hawa Bhaban formed for forming the new committee will also keep an eye to the fact that ICS will be the main factor in the next RUCSU (Rajshahi University Central Student Union) election against JCD.

"And so candidates who played active role in anti-shibir politics in the campus will be given importance in the new committee", a senior JCD central unit leader told.

Five student leaders including three JCD leaders Biswajit, Natun and Amanullah were killed in clashes between ICS and the Alliance of student fronts of different political organisations during the period between 1993 and 1996.

In 1996, ICS managed to establish sole control over the campus politics in RU and during the reign of Awami League government, ICS failed to confront the joint politics of JCD and BCL (Bangladesh Chhatra League).

ICS became active again with greater strength in the campus just after the October 1 election as the BCL workers left the campus before ICS activities and

the JCD workers started becoming victims of attack and hall capturing by ICS workers.

On April 8 last, the ICS cadres damaged and humiliated the portrait of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia hanged in front of the room of Taiful Islam Tipu, the then RU JCD convenor and assistant general secretary of the central unit of JCD.

During the September 25 meeting of the council preparatory committee of JCD in the campus, the ICS leaders recommended some names of their choices for the JCD leadership in the campus.

On November 3, the JCD's RU unit council formed a new committee electing Ahmed Muyeed Shimul as president and Nuruzzaman Likon as general secretary.

On the following day, none but ICS leaders cordially received the new committee members presenting them bouquets.

The incident (ICS reception to the new committee) and that the allegation of being non-students infuriated the central BNP and JCD leaders.

The JCD leaders and workers at RU also reacted on the new committee and they have almost inactive in the RU politics digging opportunities

for ICS to capture several RU halls including JCD controlled Amir Ali and Shaheed Zoha halls.

Following the RU situation, the central unit of JCD postponed the newly formed committee on November 28 evening and asked for fresh applications of candidature for the vital posts within December 2

Within the date, Anwar Hossain Uzzal, one of the committed JCD leaders of RU was learnt to have

applied for the post of president and some 200 hundred workers including Motiar Rahman, Kajimuddin, Zinnah, Zangir Babu, Shaheen, Aslam, Swaran, Rafiqul Islam, Sajedur Rahman Saju, Jeshadul Islam Ratan, Walid, Sajjadur Rahman Shacchu, Ariful Hasan Sagar, Qamrul Hasan, Rashed Alam Ujjal, Selim, Feroz, Humayan and Mizanur Rahman applied for the post of general secretary.

Many of the JCD leaders here commented that the fresh committee of anti-shibir JCD leaders will put a serious blow to the ICS activities in the campus as well as be welcomed by most of the workers.

When contacted over telephone, Shahabuddin Laltu, convenor of the central unit of JCD denied commenting anything but that the regular students of the university will be chosen in the new committee.

## Harvesting of golden paddy on



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The harvesting of Transplanted aman paddy is going on in full swing in Magura. So, the farmers here are passing hectic days. (Top left-right) Some growers are seen cutting ripe paddy while two others carrying the produce. (Bottom left-right) Cultivators are loading a bullock cart with golden paddy to take it towards their home where their housewives winnow thrashed paddy.

## Indian saree worth Tk 1 cr seized: 4 held

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police on Sunday seized a trawler with a huge quantity of Indian sarees worth about Tk one crore and arrested four persons from Shoula canal at Lohalia union in Sadar upazila in the district.

The arrested are Ripon, 35, of Baufal upazila, Basu Dev, 35, of village Subadia, Shaheed, 28, of Zinokathi and Shahidul, 30, of village Gamura.

## Kushtia BNP leader gunned down

A CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A leader of Kushtia district BNP was gunned down by unidentified persons at Jhoutola in the town on Sunday evening.

The victim is Shamsuzzaman Nannu, 40, treasurer of the district BNP.

According to eyewitnesses, a gang of more than 10 armed ele-

ments boarding two autorickshaws stormed into the business establishment of Nannu at Jhoutola, a busy area of the town. Three of them shot Nannu killing him on the spot. The gang fled immediately.

The murder might be a sequel to a rift over construction of Gorai Bridge.

The district BNP has demanded immediate arrest of the killers.

## Wheat output target fixed at 49,500 MT in C'nawabganj

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Some 22,000 hectares of land have been brought under wheat cultivation in the district with an output target of 49,500 metric tons (MT) of wheat in the current season.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources said 7,000 hectares of land will be cultivated in Sadar, 9,500 hectares in

Shibganj, 2,000 hectares each in Gomostapur and Nachole and 1,500 hectares in Bholahat upazilas.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation is distributing HYV seeds, fertilisers and Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) is providing loans to the farmers to make the scheme a success.