

## NEWS SNAPS

## Victory Day reception

**BSS, Narayanganj**  
The Narayanganj district administration accorded a reception to the family members of martyred and disabled freedom fighters on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of Victory Day at Narayanganj Club auditorium on December 16 afternoon.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Anwarul Karim, the reception was addressed, among others, by ADC (General) Harun Ur Rashid Khan, ADM Zinnatul Hoq, Police Super Nur Muhammad, Al-haj Gias Uddin, Bir Protik, Samiullah Milon, Deputy Commander, Narayanganj district Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Kamal Hossain, Commander, Siddhirganj thana command and Mohiuddin, a disabled freedom fighter. A large number of family members of 80 martyred and disabled freedom fighters from Narayanganj Sadar thana, Fatullah and Siddhirganj attended the reception.

## Teenager commits suicide

**BSS, Kishoreganj**  
One in person named Shahariar Rayhan (Suni), 16, of Chorsolakia area in Kishoreganj town committed suicide by taking poison on December 8.

Family feud was the cause of suicide, police sources said.

## 10 'anti-socials' arrested

**BSS, Faridpur**  
Ten alleged anti-social activists and criminals including the BNP district committee vice-president were arrested on Friday by the joint forces of law enforcing agencies.

According to police sources, Khondoker Chand, one of the vice-presidents of BNP district committee was picked up by army led joint forces from his residence at Rajbari crossing of Dhaka-Khulna highway. Khondoker Chand, a businessman by profession was charged with patronising corruption in tender business. He was sent to the court with a prayer for detention under Special Powers Act. Kotwali police also arrested nine other alleged criminals including three phensidyl traders from the East Khabashpur area of the town. The other arrested are alleged highway robbers, criminals and extortionists. All have been sent to jail.

## Seeds, fertiliser for poor growers

**BSS, Narsingdi**  
Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) of Monohardi upazila has distributed 150 kg boro, 408 kg wheat, 15 kg maize and 297 kg leafy vegetable seeds among the 138 poor farmers in 11 union under this upazila on Thursday.

The department also distributed 3,488 kg different kinds of fertilisers under the Rehabilitation Programme. Deputy Director of DAE, Narsingdi, Abdul Mazid Biswas distributed the seeds and fertilisers among the farmers on the premises of Upazila Agriculture Training Centre. Monohardi Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tofazzel Hossain was present on the occasion. Farmers received 2.50 kg boro seeds, 8.50 kg wheat seeds, 1.25 kg maize seeds, 160 gram leafy vegetable seeds and different kinds of fertilisers.

## Chehlum

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari



The Chehlum of late Alhaj Firoza Rahman, former president of Nilphamari district unit of Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal and ex-chairperson of the Nilphamari branch of Jatiya Mohila Sangstha was held at Nilphamari yesterday (Friday).

She was the mother of Mohammad Ilias Hossain, additional deputy commissioner (ADC, Education & Development), Nilphamari and wife of Alhaj Abdur Rahman, a former teacher of Nilphamari Government Boys' High School.

Firoza Rahman died of cardiac arrest at the Central Hospital in Dhaka on October 14. She was 75. She was buried at the martyred intellectuals' graveyard at Mirpur in the city.

## Jail terms for 3 extortionists

UNB, Narayanganj

A speedy trial court here Sunday convicted three youths and sentenced them to four years in jail in an extortion case.

The convicts are Sultan, Rajib and Masud.

They demanded toll from A Rahman at Sanarpar in Siddhirganj thana on August 8. As he refused to meet their demand, they attacked his house and looted valuables.

## Over 5pc of RU students are drug addicts

BSS, Rajshahi

Despite several anti-drug drives, the number of drug addicts has increased alarmingly in all nine upazilas of Rajshahi.

According to Statistics Department of Rajshahi University, more than 5 per cent students of the university are drug addicts.

Over Tk 5 lakh are being spent every year by the drug addicted students. The number of addicts is increasing day-by-day since the administration has failed to take any legal action against the shopkeepers who served drugs to the students.

Different kinds of liquors including rectified spirit, country-made wine, Indian wine, phensidyl and heroine are being freely traded and consumed by the addicts, it is alleged.

Drugs are available at Kazla, Binodpur, Meherchondi and Bakhrabaz in villages Motihar upazila, Asam colony, Sheroil colony, Gurhipara, Horhogram, Tultulipara, Nagorpara and Redlight areas in the city, Pirojpur, Premtoli, Mohishalbari, and rail-gate areas in Godagari upazila, Talonda, Kolma, Kakon and Arhai under Puthia upazila.

Office sources, said the Puthia circle of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) filed 79 cases with Puthia thana in connection with illegal drug trading and arrested 26 people including 11 females in last eight months.

A large number of females have been engaged in the illicit trade and use drugs.

Narcotics Control Department recovered 2,283 bottles of phensidyl during recent drives while only 20 bottles of phensidyl were recovered from Puthia in 2001. Only 32 cases were lodged in this regard.

Drug traders as well as addicts from far-flung areas come here considering the place as safe for them.

Abundant availability of different types of drugs like phensidyl, heroin and hemp is yet another attraction to the drug users.

Ninety per cent drug carriers are husband-deserted woman or widow who are involved with the heinous trade. Wearing veil over their bodies, they carry 30 to 50 bottles of phensidyl even foreign wine concealing inside their veils, locals said.

While visiting village Bakhrabaj it was found that 5/6 young boys were taking heroine sitting beside the hut of Jotsna, a heroin trade. The villagers told that such a scene was common both at night and day in the locality. Even Muslim, Jillur and Kalam of this village sell pathedine in wholesale price.

The conscious people did not dare to file any case against the unscrupulous drug traders. They informed that a section of unscrupulous drugs traders in connivance with law enforcing agencies had been doing brisk business.

Meanwhile, a father handed over his drug-addict son to the police as the latter did not give-up drug despite repeated attempts by his father, the people Horhogram in the city told. There is a growing concern among the guardians, as the number of drug-addicts is increasing sharply. A good number of families are on verge of ruin as their addicted sons have been involved in various crimes like snatching and extortion.

Meanwhile, the anti-terrorism, joint-operation team recovered bottles of phensidyl and over 100 bottles of rectified spirit from Sobjibazar of Upashohor, New Market and Horhogram area in the city recently.

During the raids the law enforcing agencies arrested the drug traders Abdur Rouf alias Rob of Shalbagan and Letin of Horhogram area in this regard.

Local people want to get rid of such inhuman suffering of the drug-addict family-members and anti-social drug-trade which is destroying social and family bond.



PHOTO: MOZAMMEL HAQUE

A beautiful way of drying jute sticks at a remote village in Rangpur. Growers in the district find jute cultivation non-profitable as they are always deprived of fair price of their produce which is much below the production cost. However, they recoup their losses by selling jute sticks which is widely used by the rural people to erect kutcha structures and also as fuel.

## Victory Day in Moulvibazar



PHOTOS: RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI

The Victory Day was observed in Moulvibazar this year in a simple manner. The district administration chalked out a befitting programme on the occasion. (Top left) M Mukhlesur Rahman, deputy commissioner (DC), Moulvibazar and others proceed to the Central Shaheed Minar here to lay wreath there while (right) the DC hoists the national flag at the local Government High School play ground to inaugurate the V Day programme. Raushan Ara Begum, police super (SP), Moulvibazar is seen beside him. (Below) a view of the Central Shaheed Minar in the morning of December 16 where people of all walks of life paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Liberation War and other political movements by placing wreath.

## Contempt of court

## ADC (Edn) of N'ganj, 3 others asked to show cause

The High Court asked the additional deputy commissioner (ADC, Education) of Narayanganj, the chairman of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka and three others to show cause within three weeks of issuing the notice for contempt of court, says a press release.

Justice Md Hamdul Haque

and Justice Salma Masud Choudhury issued the Contempt Rule on November 11 for violating a High Court order.

The story in brief is that one person named Iqbal Hossain and three others who are elected managing committee members of Gono Bidhya Niketan High School, Narayanganj, filed a writ petition against formation of an ad

hoc committee dissolving their regular managing committee by the Intermediate and Secondary Education Board, Dhaka, for which a Rule Nisi was issued. Justice Md Awlad Ali and Justice Syed Dastagir Hossain after long hearing passed a verdict on July 24 this year declaring the ad hoc committee illegal and reinstated the regular committee to function.

But the ad hoc committee continued to function defying the High Court order. Subsequently the writ petitioners filed contempt petition against the violators of the High Court order. After hearing of it the High Court issued the Contempt Rule. The contempt petition was moved by Barrister Rabia Bhuiya with Advocate Majumder Saiful Islam.