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Farmers' training held in Shariatpur

BSS, Shariatpur
A day-long training course for farmers and block supervisors, organised by the Agriculture Extension Department (AED), was held here on Sunday.

A total of 30 male and 30 female farmers and 10 block supervisors of AED took part in the training course, held at the AED office.

The training on modern methods of cultivation was conducted by specialists of the agriculture department.

2 commit 'suicide' in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi
Two persons including a housewife allegedly committed suicide in two incidents Monday night, hospital and police sources said.

Housewife Ferdous Begum, 30, ended her life allegedly by taking poison at her husband's house at Shitpur village under Charchhat Upazila following a family feud.

Momin Mollah, 45, of Puher village under Durgapur upazila cut his abdomen with a blade allegedly due to agony from prolonged illness. He died while being taken to hospital.

Medical camp, film show on AIDS held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mynensingh
A day-long "Free Medical Camp and Film Show on AIDS Prevention" was held at Muktagacha upazila recently.

More than 200 poor patients, mainly women and children, were given free treatment and medicines at the camp, organised by the Welfare Multipurpose Society Ltd., a local voluntary organization.

Dr AKM Siddiqur Rahman, Deputy Director of Family Planning Directorate and Dr Anwara Begum conducted the medical camp.

Later, a film show on AIDS prevention was also screened to create awareness about AIDS among people.

Publication ceremony

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia
Publication ceremony of Suborno Rekhar Alpona, a book Prof Dr. Abdul Ahsan Choudhury of Bengali Department at Islamic University (IU), was held at the Shilpkala Academy here at Kushtia.

Former Justice KM Sobhan was present as the chief guest at the ceremony. Among others, Shamsuzzaman Khan, former director of National Museum; Prof Dr Md Alauddin Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology at IU; Dr Sahinor Rahman, Chairman, Department of English at IU; former chairman of Kushtia municipality Anwar Ali and Prof Dr M Anwarul Karim, former principal of Kushtia Government University College spoke on the occasion.

Khulna Speedy Trial Tribunal

Hardened criminals freed due to 'faulty, weak charge sheet by IOs'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

been disposed of.

Thirty-six accused people have been acquitted and eight convicted in 14 cases tried by the Speedy Trial Tribunal in Khulna in the last eight months.

Most of the accused were acquitted due to "faulty and weak charge sheet by IOs (investigation officer)", court sources said.

Set up in November 20 last year, the Speedy Trial Tribunal got its first case on December 9. Till June 25 this year, 22 cases were referred to the Tribunal. Of these, 14 have so far

been disposed of. Eight accused were convicted in eight cases, while all the accused were acquitted in five other cases. One case was dismissed due to death of its lone accused, court sources said.

Failure by IOs to produce prosecution witnesses and submit charge sheet with credible evidences was the reason for acquittal of the accused.

The 22 cases so far sent to the Tribunal include one for murder, 12 under Arms Act, six under Narcotics Control Act, one under Explosives

Act, one under Acid Act and one under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

All the charged sheeted 28 accused in the lone murder case were freed as their guilt could not be proved beyond doubt.

Eight charged sheeted accused convicted by the Tribunal include two who were given life term.

Most of the accused acquitted due to lack of evidences and faulty report by IOs are hardened criminals, according to prosecution witnesses.

Flood worsens again in Nilphamari

Breach in Indian dam reported

STAR NATIONAL DESK

The flood situation in Nilphamari worsened again yesterday due to rain and onrush of water through the Teesta and its tributaries.

In Gaibandha, marooned people in remote charlands are facing crisis of food and drinking water.

Our Nilphamari correspondent reported that the Indo-Bangladesh joint dam at Kaliganj in Dimla upazila is under serious threat.

Unofficial sources said a cross-dam developed breaches at Mekhligang and Vaora in Jalpaiguri in India, which may create a catastrophic situation in downstream areas in Bangladesh. If the cross-

dam breaches in India, the dam in Kaliganj will be seriously damaged, creating a deluge, they said.

Diarrhoea is spreading in the flood-affected areas, they said. Sixty-four medical teams of the district health department are working to combat the disease.

Nearly 300 feet of the Teesta embankment has been washed away at Mirganj by the surging water. A stuc gate there is also threatened.

Onrush of water from Karotia river is threatening Katahali bridge and Deantola railway bridge in Gobindaganj upazila.

Sunderganj Upazila TNO said about 400 families have been rendered homeless by river erosion in Ujanbochagar union.

UP chairman murder

FIR not filed fearing reprisal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

None has filed FIR with Batiaghata thana in connection with the murder of Shurkhali Union Parishad chairman and BNP activist Ashraf Ali Biswas fearing reprisal.

Police are yet to arrest anyone.

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diaries in the last two months seeking protection from PBCB outlaws.

"We have no confidence in police investigation", said Akram Hossain, younger brother of Ali, who succumbed to bullet injuries at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

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