

## SNAPS

**RU to give terminal degree to 4-yr hons course students**

**BSS, Rajshahi**  
The Rajshahi University (RU) has decided to give terminal degree to the successful students of four-year honours courses.

The decision was taken at the 381st meeting of Syndicate, the highest policy making body of the university, on August 21 with recommendations from the 206th Academic Council.

They will be qualified to apply for positions in first class jobs in government, semi-government and autonomous private institutions.

However, post-graduate degree will be needed in the university level academic posts.

The decision will be effective from the time the 4-year course system has been launched. The students who have already received their certificates will get amended ones after submission of the old ones, RU sources said.

**Man with fake notes arrested in C'nawabganj**

**BSS, C'nawabganj**  
One person was arrested with 58 five-hundred-taka fake notes at Nachole on Friday.

The arrested was identified as Belal Hossain of Sirajpur village under Niarmatpur upazila of Naogaon district.

Belal went to Nachole branch of Sonali Bank to deposit Tk 29,000 (all 500 taka notes) with the account of his sister. Bank cashier Yusuf Ali identified the notes as fake ones.

The bank authority detained and handed him over to police. Bank manager Mosharraf Hossain filed a case with Nachole thana.

Belal disclosed to police that he got the amount by selling cattle at Sonaihandi bazaar on August 20.

## Plan to cultivate high-valued crops in 60 upazilas

### Trained farmers to get loan

**BSS, C'nawabganj**

A massive plan for cultivating High Value Crops (HVC) has been taken up in Chapainwabganj under the North West Crop Diversification Project (NCDP).

According to sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), 60 upazilas of 16 northern districts of the country will be brought under the programme.

Shibganj and Nachole Upazila in Chapainwabganj district have also been included in the plan.

The DAE, Proshika, an NGO, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) and Local Government

Engineering Department (LGED) will jointly implement execute the programme.

Proshika will form groups from interested farmers having arable land between 50 to 3 acres for cultivating HVC.

Each group will consist of 15-25 farmers. DAE will impart training on production technology of High Value Crops and will distribute certificates among the trainees.

A total of 540 farmers from Shibganj upazila and 270 from Nachole upazila will be imparted training in 18 and 9 batches respectively. Each batch will

consist of 30 farmers.

Rakub will give loan to the trained farmers through NGOs. A farmer having a certificate in HVC training will get loan up to Tk 20,000 for cultivating the crops.

LGED will create marketing infrastructure and the Department of Agriculture Marketing (DAM) will supply farmers with market information so that they can get the fair price of their products.

With a view to making the programme a success, the training of the farmers in the aforementioned upazilas has been going on in full swing, sources said.

### Acid attack on husband

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira**

A husband is fighting for life after acid attack by his wife in Satkhira on Sunday.

In another incident in Magura on the same day, a man suffered serious injuries from acid thrown by rivals.

Quoting police, our Satkhira correspondent reported that Salma Khatun threw acid on her husband Kabir Mian, 24, at Adalatpur cluster village in Assassuni upazila.

He stayed at the residence of his father-in-law's house where the incident took place.

He sustained burn injuries on his face, eyes, chest and hands.

He was taken to Satkhira hospital and sent to Dhaka in a critical condition, hospital sources said.

A case was lodged with Assassuni thana. His wife and members of her family are absconding, police said.

Our Magura correspondent reported that rivals threw acid on Mohiuddin at Deulia village in Magura Sadar following an altercation.

He has been admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital.

### Awami League factions at loggerheads

#### Rival Jubo League factions call meeting at same venue same time in Gobindaganj

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha**

Gobindaganj upazila Awami League is now virtually divided into two groups over formation of a convening committee of Jubo League, its youth front.

One group is led by Gobindaganj AL President Tozammel Hossain and the other by district AL leader Abul Kalam Azad. They enjoy loyalty of rival Jubo League factions.

Party sources said a clash between the groups may erupt any time.

On August 22, the two groups of Jubo League called meeting at a same venue at the same time. The group led by Tozammel "captured" the venue and held a meeting followed by a procession.

The rival group led by Azad is now

planning a showdown, the sources said. On June 8, a 25-member upazila convening committee was formed with Tauhidul Islam Rocket as convenor and Anwar Hossain Thandu, Tanay Dev, Saiful Islam Ratan and Manik Mollah as joint-convenors.

On July 31, a fresh committee was formed excluding 19 persons who were included in the former committee.

Protesting this, the rival Jubo League faction led Anwar Hossain Thandu called a meeting on August 21.

To counter this, Rocket called another meeting.

The rival factions of Jubo League, led by their AL mentors, are doing organisational activities separately and looking for chance to face each other.

### Bodies of teenaged girl, housewife recovered

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Bodies of a teenaged girl and a housewife were recovered in Dumuria and Satkhira on Saturday.

Dumuria thana police recovered the body of one Radha Rani, 20, wife of Bimal Manindol of Kultia village.

She was missing since Friday night from her father Shushante Golder's house at Kalikapur village.

Police said her dead body was found hanging from the branch of a tree behind the house of her husband.

Bimal is absconding after Radha's father filed a murder case with Dumuria thana.

In Satkhira, police recovered the body of 13-year-old Fahima Khatun, daughter of Mofiz Uddin from Chargram village in Tala upazila.

Police said she could have been raped before being killed.

Quoting neighbours, police said she was often teased by one Azharul Islam on her way to school. Azharul of Abhoytala village used to stay at his maternal uncle's house at Chargram.

The victim's father in a murder case filed with Tala alleged that her daughter was abducted and killed by Azharul.

On the other hand, after filing of the case, the alleged rapist and killer Azharul went to his relative's house at Atharamile in Tala upazila and took poison. He is being treated at Dumuria Health Complex.

### 5 children drown

Five children drowned in Rangpur, Kurigram and Patuakhali districts on Saturday, according to BSS reports.

Eleven-year-old Towfiqur Rahman, son of Mosadder Hossain of Roz Bahapur village drowned in Akhira river in Rangpur. Sujan, 2, son of Sukumar of Projapara village under Pirkhanj upazila in Rangpur drowned in a pond.

Durjoy, 2, son of Habil of village Debi Baran under Rajarhat upazila in Kurigram drowned in a pond near his house.

In Patuakhali, Rafiq, 8, and Golam Ahad, 5, drowned in a pond at Kapalvera village under Mirjaganj upazila.

They were learning swimming in the pond near their houses.

### Death threat to cop by outlaws

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

Outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) has given death threat to Nurul Islam Panna, a police constable of Swarankhola thana.

He received a letter sent from Keshabpur by post, giving him seven days time to get ready to die for participation in operations by Joint Forces under the Operation Spider Web.

The policeman has filed a general diary with Swarankhola thana.

### Rape victim flogged after Fatwa

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj**

A rape victim has been flogged as per a fatwa (edict) given at a meeting of elders and local religious leaders at Jakri village under Shaolonga upazila while the rapists are allegedly moving at large and threatening the victim's family.

Abdul Matin and Saeed Ali lured a young girl of the same village in the name of giving job and took her to Dhaka last month. They confined her at a house for three days and raped.

The girl managed to escape, returned home and complained to village elders. She also lodged a case with a court at Raigonj.

The village elders at a salish (arbitration meeting) on Thursday last rebuked her and prescribed that she should be punished with 101 flogs. The fatwa was carried out after the meeting.

Local people alleged that some of the elders were bribed by the rapists before the meeting.

The rapists are now threatening the rape victim to withdraw the case, local people said.

### Three held with arms in Barisal

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal**

Kotwali police arrested three alleged hijackers and recovered a revolver and some sharp weapons from their possession on Saturday.

The arrested are Shahidul Islam, Shahid Howlader and Mizanur Mizu, held during a raid on a house in Bihangal area near the city.

They are members of an organised gang, engaged in hijacking and other crimes in the city. There are several cases against each of them, police said.

They were involved in two hijacking incidents in the city, one on Friday and the other on the day before, police said. Victims in both the incidents filed cases against them.

### Double murder at Sylhet forest office

#### Police fail to find any clue in 6 months

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**

Police failed to find any clue to the sensational double murder at the forest department office in the city even six months after the incident.

The double murder was discussed at a meeting of the district law and order committee which monitored investigation into sensational cases.

Night guards Shahabuddin, 55 and Mosabir Ali, 45, were killed by miscreants at the Forest Extension and Training Centre at Sheikhhgat in the city while they were asleep in the verandah on the night of January 12.

Windows grills were found cut and Tk 40,000 and some important papers missing from the iron safe at the office after the murders. Some files were seen strewn on the floor.

Deputy Ranger Balaram Roy filed a case on the next day.

Police arrested four persons within 2 days. They are Nazmul and Kabir, Arman, and Nur Mohammad Patwari, owner of a shop in front of the forest office.

Police took them on three days' remand.

Initially, police thought it to be a dacoity. Later they suspected some other reasons behind the incident. But no clue has been found yet.

### 3 schoolgirls abducted from Magura rescued in Dhaka

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura**

Three schoolgirls abducted from Sreepur upazila on August 16 have been rescued in Dhaka, police said here on Saturday.

Papia, Afroza and Sakhira Khatun were abducted by Monirul and Salma Khatun, according to complaints lodged with Sreepur police by their parents.

Police arrested Salma Khatun's father Abus-Subur on August 17.

Acting on his confession, a police team went to Dhaka, raided a house at Mirpur with the help of Mirpur police and rescued the girls.

### 200 Gram Sarkar units formed in Narail

**BSS, Narail**

Gram Sarkar units have been formed in 200 wards out of 342 in Narail district since the process began on August 5.

Of the total, 86 units have been formed in the Sadar upazila, 61 in Lohagara and 53 in Kalia upazila, covering 38 unions.

Formation of Gram Sarkar in the rest 142 wards will be completed by September 7, official sources said.

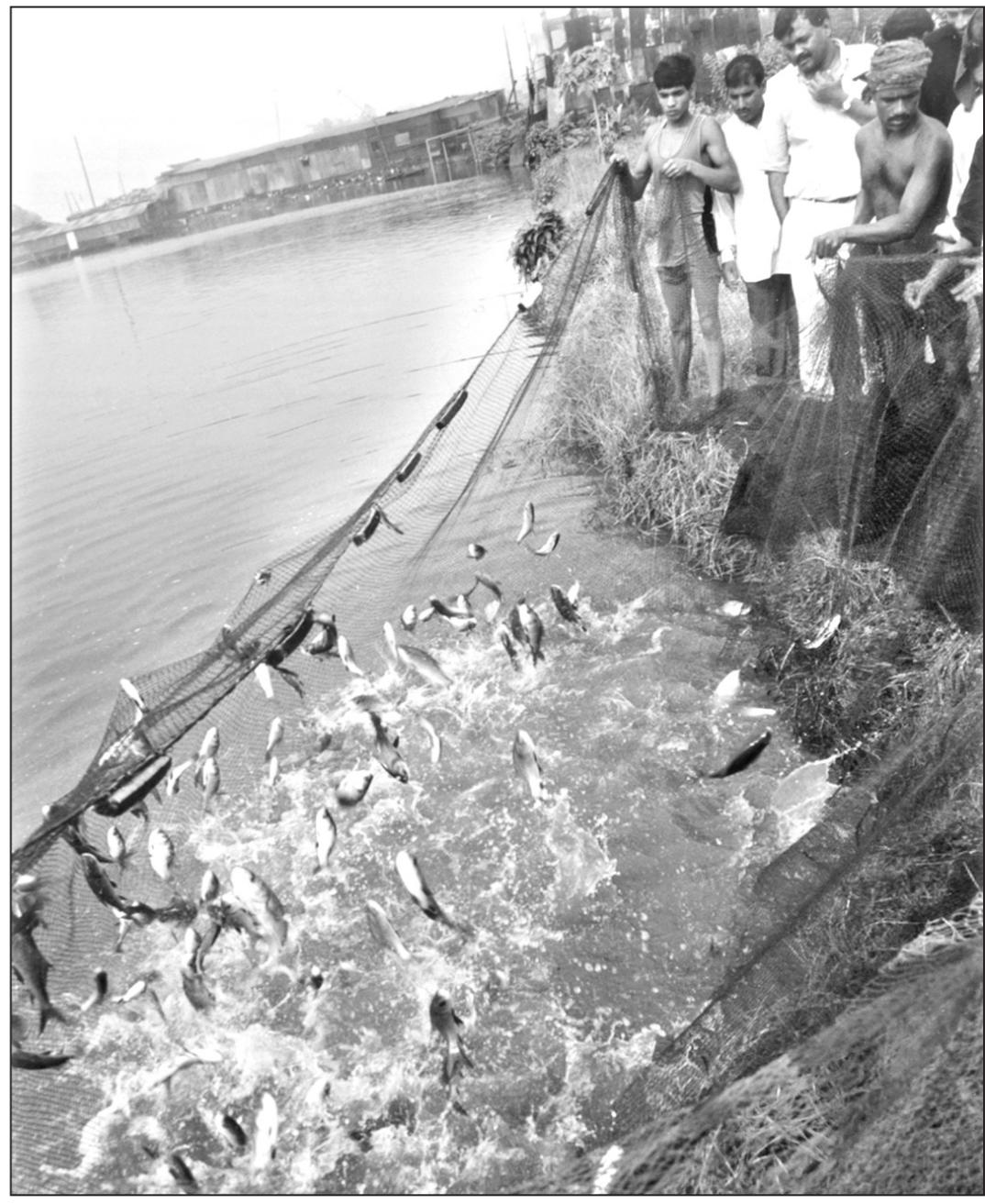


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Local varieties of fish are on the wane. In this situation fish farm owners are doing a good job. They are cultivating foreign varieties of fish to meet the domestic demand. Picture shows farm workers at Barapa in Narsingdi district netting fish.