

SNAPS

Computer programming meet held

CU CORRESPONDENT
The Inter-school and College Computer Programming Competition of Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), Chittagong was held on its campus recently. Computer Club Chittagong (ICC) sponsored the contest. About 18 teams from nine educational institutions of the port city took part. I spahani-1 group of Ispahani Scholl and College emerged as Champions while Ispahani-2 group of the same school and LJS Diamond of Little Jewels School jointly became Runners-up. Members of the champion team will enjoy full tuition waiver during their study at IUB. IUB Vice Chancellor Professor Bazul Mobin Chowdhury was present as the chief guest and eminent scientist Professor Kaykobad was present as special guest.

Prize-giving ceremony held

CU CORRESPONDENT
The Prize Giving Ceremony of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) was held at a city community centre here on Sunday. Student Affairs Division of the university arranged the programme. Professor AKM Azharul Islam, Vice Chancellor and Dr Abu Bakkar Rafiq Pro Vice Chancellor of the university were present as chief guest and special guest.

Schoolgirl raped in Bhola

A CORRESPONDENT, Bhola
A schoolgirl of Chamawabad area in Bhola Pourasabha was allegedly kidnapped and raped by two miscreants of Rantanpur area on Sunday. The victim was going to her uncle's house at Charnowabad when Shamsudin and Faruque allegedly kidnapped her and took her to an abandoned house at Ratanpur village and raped her. Later, in the evening Shamsu took her to a house near to her house where she became unconscious. At once Faruque fled away. Police arrested Shamsuddin. A case was filed with Bhola Sadar thana.

2 docs held for 'faulty' operation gets bail

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia
Two doctors, arrested in the town on Monday for an alleged faulty operation, were released on bail on Tuesday. Dr Mosharraf Hossain, 65 and his son Dr Mahahudul Hasan, 31, were arrested on charge of doing a 'faulty' operation on a woman. According to police, one Chad Ali of Mazampur village took his wife Fatema Khatun, 45, to Dr. Mosharff with pain in her abdomen on August 25. Mosharraf told Chad that his wife should be operated upon immediately. Chad gave Dr Mosharraf Tk 4700 for the operation. Fatema was admitted to Kiron Polyclinic at Thanapara in the town, owned by Dr Mosharraf. Dr Mosharraf and his son Dr Mahahudul who recently came home from Russia after completing his MBBS performed the operation. It was later alleged by the patient that the operation was done on the basis of pathological tests done two month ago and without the help of any anesthetist and necessary equipment. On the papers given to her during release from the clinic, the name of the

disease is written as "Urine Prolapsed" and operation is names "Fothergill." After a couple of days, Fatem felt serious pain in her abdomen again. He was taken to genealogist Dr. Fatema Ashraf of Kushtia General Hospital Dr. Fatema suspected that the patient's genital passage was blocked by stitching. To be sure, she sent the patient to Amin Diagnostic Centre in the town for tests. Ultrasonogram tests confirmed that the patient's genital passage was blocked. Dr Fatema then advised the patient to go back to the doctor who did the operation. Chan took his wife back to Dr. Mosharraf and narrated the whole matter. But Mosharraf ignored it and advised her to go home or to another clinic. Chan went to the Sadar police station and filed a case against Dr Mosharraf and his son Dr Mahmaudul on Sunday. Police arrested them and produced them before court next day. The court sent them to jail.

Row between truck agents, truckers Over 100 trucks with imports stranded in C'nawabganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Over 1000 trucks, 200 of those carrying imported onion and fruits, are stranded for four days on Chapainawabganj-Sona Masjid and Chapainawabganj-Rajshahi roads following a conflict between two truckers' federations. Bus communication to and from Chapainawabganj also remained suspended due to the conflict between Bangladesh Truck Agents Association and Chapainawabganj Truck and Bus Workers Union. Sources at Sona Moajid land port said more about 500 trucks carrying imported goods are stranded at Mohdipur on the Indian side.

The roadblocks have caused sufferings to people and inter-district truckers. Some truck drivers said they are stranded since Sunday morning. They alleged that they have to pay illegal tolls at several points on the road to these labour organisations. Police are also involved in it from behind the scene, they alleged. Members of Chapainawabganj Truck and Bus Workers Union have detained all the trucks to and from Sona Masjid at Swarupnagar since Sunday morning. There has been several miles of traffic jam on roads to Rajshshi and Sonamasjid from Chapainawabganj, created by the trucks stranded in two lines.

Outlaws kill 3 including UP member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga
Three persons including a Union Parishad (UP) member were killed by the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) in separate incidents in two days. The UP member was identified as Salehi of Kurulgachi union under Damurhuda upazila. He was sleeping at his house when at dead of night Monday night shot him to death after taking him to a near by field. The second victim was Geda, 35, son of Alam of village Akundobaria who was shot and slaughtered at about 8.30 pm on Monday night. The victim was taking rest at his house after Magrib prayer when the killers took him to a nearby garden at gun point and killed him. The third victim was Eunuuch Ali Mollah, 42, of village Dalka Lakmipur under Damurhuda upazila was shot and hacked to death on Sunday evening. He came out of his house in the evening when armed men caught and shot him to death. Separate cases were lodgd with the respective police stations.

Affluent in monga days !



PHOTO: STAR

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari
Marginal farmer Kashem Ali does not queue for government doles in these monga days. He has Tk 20,000 in hand from sale of coriander grown in one bigha of land. He produced the coriander in only

20 days. His main buyers are vegetable traders from Dhaka. All smiles Kashem Ali and his family were seen plucking coriander on the lush green small filed in front their homestead. "Producing coriander on one bigha

of land cost me about Tk 3000", he told this correspondent during a visit to monga-affected Kanchan Para village in Chowra Borgacha union in the Sadar upazila on November 13. The innovative small farmer said he has been growing coriander on the one-bigha land for the last five years. After

maintaining his family of seven, he bought four bighas of land by growing this spicy vegetable on one bigha, he said. Seeing his success, nine more marginal farmers have started growing coriander, Kashem Ali said.

JCD-Shibir clash: Cop among 7 hurt in Gaibandha Police fire shots, tear gas canisters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha
Seven persons including a policeman were injured during a clash between activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Islamic Chattrra Shibir (ICS) at Palashbari Tuesday night. Police fired eleven blank shots and several tear gas shells to quell the violence that created panic in the area. Shopkeepers downed their shutters and communication on the Rangpur-Bogra highway through Palashbari was suspended for about

an hour. After the clash, JCD activists ransacked the office of Jamaat-e-Islami in Palashbari. Police said medicine trader Bulu Mia and brick field owner Abdul Halim were at odds over a disputed land. On Tuesday in the evening, there was a row between Shibir activist Shakib and JCD activist Raihen on the issue. The matter soon spread and activists JCD and ICS brought out separate processions. Many of the

processionists were armed, witnesses and police said. As the processionists faced each other, a fierce clash broke out. Police swung into action and brought the situation under control. Seriously injured JCD activist Raihan and Sub-Inspector Abdul Khaleque have been admitted to hospital. Additional police force have been deployed in the area. None was arrested. Sources said leaders of BNP and Jamaat were trying to resolve the crisis.

4 commit suicide in 24 hours in Satkhira

BSS, Satkhira
Four persons including a minor girl and a boy allegedly committed suicide within a span of 24 hours in Satkhira Sadar, Assasuni, Debhata and Shymnagar upazilas. Police said one Abdul Hakim, 45, son of Abdul Wahab of Choubaria village in the Sadar upazila allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a branch of a tree near his residence after Sehri on Saturday. The cause of his suicide could not be known. Shyamnoli Mollik, 12, daughter of Kartik Mollik of Guruguri village under Assasuni upazila, ended her life by hanging herself from a bar at her reading room. The incident took place following an altercation with her mother on Saturday night. On the same night, Amol Kumar Ghosh, 30, son of Bhubendra Nath Ghosh of village Hadipur under Debhata Upazila, committed suicide by hanging himself with a rope at his house after an altercation with his wife. Proshanjit Mondal, 10, son of Dinesh Mondal of village Horinagar under Shymanagar Upazila and a student of class five killed himself by taking poison.

14-year RI for Phensidyl trader in Meherpur

BSS, Meherpur
One person was sentenced to 14 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) by a special tribunal court here for pursuing illegal Phensidyl business on Saturday. Session Judge, Meherpur M Jalal Uddin also fined the convict Tk 10,000, in default, to suffer an additional RI for six months. Police raided the house of Tony, 28, a resident of Boshpara in the town on March 4, 200 and arrested him with 25 bottles of Indian contraband Phensidyl syrup.

Cop suspended for rape attempt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira
A police sub-inspector has been suspended for rape attempt. Sub-inspector Mujibur Rahman, in-charge of Sharashkati police camp in Kolaroa upazila, while on patrol duty on the night of November 13 entered the house of one Ibrahim at Bamankhali village and tried to violate his wife. Ibrahim is in Malaysia. Next morning, the housewife filed a complaint to Satkhira Police Superintendent, who ordered the Kolaroa thana OC to investigate the matter. The SI was suspended as investigation found her allegation correct.

2 killed in road accidents in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria
A retired schoolteacher and another persons were killed in two road accidents in the town and at Saril on Monday. Police said Karimunnesa Begum, 58, retired teacher of Annada Government High School and wife of Md. Muzibur Rahman, vice-principal of Brahmanbaria Government College, died under the wheel of a truck. She was returning home from a Iftar Mahfil when the truck knocked down her rickshaw from behind at Maddyapara in Brahmanbaria town. They truck sped away. No case was filed till filling the report yesterday. In the other mishap in Sarail, banana vendor Abdul Zallil was fatally injured when hit by a bus on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Shabbazpur. He died at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital. People caught the driver and handed him over to police. A case has been filed with Sarial thana.

Two female muggers nabbed in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT
People caught two female muggers and handed them over to police here on Monday night. Police said, four female muggers intercepted a rickshaw near the Chittagong Club area in the city at around 8pm and snatched at dagger point a cell phone and money from the lone rickshaw passenger. Afterwards, they shouted for help holding the passenger and identified himself as mugger. They also beat up the young passenger saying that he nudged them. In the mean time many people gathered there. But the innocent youth convinced the crowd that the female muggers were cheating them. At this stage the mob caught two of them red-handed. They beat up one of them while the other was saved as patrol police rushed there while two others escaped. Kotwali police admitted the fact and said female muggers have become active ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.