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Manik Saha's death condoled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh
A condolence meeting was held at the Mymensingh Press Club auditorium on Friday evening in memory of slain Khulna journalist Manik Chandra Saha.

The Mymensingh Press Club, the Reporters' Unity, local units of Sangbadik Samity and the Sangbadik Union jointly organised the meeting.

The meeting announced a three-day programme which included protest rally, submission of memorandum to the Prime Minister via Mymensingh Deputy Commissioner, wearing of black badge and hoisting of black flag atop the press club building.

The meeting expressed deep shock at the death of the celebrated journalist of the country and expressed their sympathy to the family members of the deceased. Speakers also prayed for peace of the departed soul.

Triennial confce of Kalaroa Jubo Dal

BSS, Sathkira
The triennial conference of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, Kalaroa upazila chapter was held at Kalaroa BNP office recently.

Organisation leader M Ashraf Hossain presided over the conference while Professor Modasserul Haque, President of Sathkira district Jubo Dal, was the chief guest.

The function was addressed, among others, by Abul Hasan Hadi, Secretary, District Jubo Dal, Nasim Faruk Khan Minto, member of central Jubo Dal, and Tamim Azad Merin.

M Ashraf Hossain and Abdul Kader Bachchu were elected President and General Secretary of the 51-member committee of Kalaroa Upazila Jubo Dal.

Local leaders of Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal attended the conference.

Two meet unnatural death in Chuadanga

BSS, Chuadanga
Two persons met unnatural death in two separate incidents here on Wednesday.

A drug addict Rezaul Islam Dhoneh, 24, son of Fazul Hoque of Ishwar Chandrapur village in Darsana Poursahava of Dhamurhuda upazila was beaten to death by Khorshed Ali of Joynagar village in Darsana Poursahava.

A case has been filed with Dhamurhuda police station.

Another victim Abbas Ali, 24, a tractor driver, of Baka village in Jibanagar upazila fell from the tractor he was driving and was seriously injured. He died on way to Jessore hospital.

BSCIC AGM, five others stand released

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Six officials including the Assistant General Manager (AGM) and Assistant Engineer (AE) of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), Gopalganj were stand released due to various allegations brought against them.

They are Sunil Kumar Barai, AGM, Shaheed Akter, Asstt Engr, Md Delwar Hossain, Extension Officer, Dilip Kumar Sarker, Assistant Extension Officer, Tota Mia Sarder, Accountant-cum-Treasurer and Yakub Ali Sarder.

Kalachand Saha, President, BSCIC Owners' Association expressed their satisfaction for the action.

Pilferage of electric wire

No electricity in 13 Gopalganj villages

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

People of 13 villages in Kasiani upazila are being deprived of electricity due to pilferage of about 3.5 km long live electric wire from Pona village.

Besides electric wire transformers, one 5 KVA from Haridaspur village in Gopalganj Sadar upazila, and another 10 KVA transformer from Ratal village in Kotalipara upazila were also stolen.

Official sources said 21 transformers and 5,700 feet electric wire were stolen in December last year.

The General Manager of Gopalganj Polly Bidyut Samity (PBS), Tusher Kanti Debnath told this correspondent that they had been trying to stop such misdeeds by motivating villagers. He has apprehended that Gopalganj PBS might face huge financial loss due to this phenomenon.

Magura Awami League council after 11 years on January 23

Great enthusiasm among leaders, activists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

The council of Magura district Awami League (AL) will be held after 11 years on January 23.

The last conference was held in 1992 when Advocate Asaduzzaman MP and Md Altaf Hossain were elected as president and general secretary.

However, this year's decision to hold council has created great enthusiasm among party leaders and activists.

Ahead of the council district-level leaders started lobbying with party stalwarts to gain leadership in the new committee, party sources said.

Party workers and mid-level leaders expect a 'strong committee' from the council through direct vote of councilors.

Probable candidates are maintaining regular contact with party leaders of different units, party insiders said.

"We want a strong and dynamic leadership to run the organisational activities boldly which is possible only through direct election," said a top-ranking leader of Sadar thana unit willing not to be named.

"Formation of a new committee without councilors' direct vote will fulfill the interest of vested quarters in the party who are already trying to

oppose councilors' direct voting," said a leader of Shalikha thana unit AL preferring anonymity.

Party insiders informed two councilors from each thana, union and poura units will elect or nominate executive members of the district unit.

Two probable candidates, Altaf Hossain and local lawmaker Dr MS Akbar will vie for the post of president while poura chairman Abdul Gafur, former joint secretary Tanjel Hossain Khan, former organising secretary Abu Nasir Bablu and son of late Asaduzzaman Shafiqurrazman Bachchu will vie for the post of general secretary.

40 teachers for 1,000 students at PSTU

A CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) is beset with manifold problems.

Problems include dearth of teachers, lack of adequate accommodation for students, shortage of vehicles and poor telephone facilities. There are only 40 teachers to teach 1,000 students.

With such limitation an ambitious decision of the university authorities to open four new faculties like Computer Science, BBA, MBA, Marine Fisheries, Inland Fisheries and Veterinary Science has raised great concern among people.

Vice-Chancellor (VC) Dr Prof AKM Abdul Hannan Bhuiyan is very hopeful to open the new faculties in the ongoing education year.

The proposal to open the faculties is under process in the ministry

concerned. The VC said he already submitted an application demanding

50 computers for the Computer Science Faculty to the Science and Information Technology Ministry. Marine fisheries and Inland Fisheries Faculty will be set up at Kuakata sea beach as an out campus of the university. To established this out campus 800 acres of land has already been requisitioned. Another faculty named Veterinary Science will be set up at Barishal town by merging Veterinary College with the university. Now there is only Agriculture Faculty in the university.

No initiative has been taken as yet to fill up over 50 posts which are lying vacant for a long period.

About 420 students reside at two existing halls named Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall and Chand Sultana hall on the University campus while the rest 500 students face an acute

accommodation problem.

Only two university buses ply for transport of students. The university has a medical centre with a medical officer where shortage of medicine is a regular feature. The government donated a new ambulance there recently.

The VC told this correspondent that four new faculties will be opened under the proposed five-year plan of the university. He said English will be taught in two summer semesters to develop skill in English language. Students will get an opportunity to work with local farmers practically. Local farmers also will get an opportunity to know cultivation of land in a scientific method.

The university was established on February 26 in 2002 on 72 acres of land on the campus of former Patuakhali Agriculture College.



A novel way of learning: Tiny tots learning their lessons under open sky at a BRAC School at Balapara in Parsuram union, Rangpur. The school also teaches how to sing and dance in a very simple method.

Steps to supply gas to Bogra in mid-2005

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A project has been undertaken to supply gas in Bogra town from June, 2005.

Under the project gas connection will be given for domestic purpose only in the town.

At least 2,000 domestic connections will be given within two years on the basis of a preliminary survey, sources in the Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL) told this correspondent.

The National Economic Council

(NEC) approved the 60-kilometre Nolkha-Bogra Gas Transmission Pipeline Project on June 8 last year at a cost of 124 cr.

GTCL sources further said Tk 55 cr has been released to establish the pipeline from Hatikumrul in Sirajganj to Selimpur in Bogra.

The pipeline work will start in June this year. The lying of pipeline work is expected to be finished by April or May 2005. The authorities already requested for acquisition of 148.18 acres of land beside Bogra-Dhaka highway.

A memorable day for children

SK SHAHIDUL ISLAM, B'baria

It was a memorable day for the children of Brahmanbaria. Hundreds of children aged 9-14 took to the streets of the district town with colourful banners, festoons and placards on Thursday. The slogan was "Say YES for Children."

It was arranged to make people aware about children's rights.

State Minister for Fish and Livestock Resources Al-haj Advocate Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan; Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Brahmanbaria Md Younusur Rahman, Superintendent of Police (SP) ATM Tarek, Deputy Director of Mass Communication Department, Dhaka Ferdousi Begum, Divisional Chief of UNICEF, Chittagong division MD, Alamgir Bhuiyan, Project Coordinator of Comilla-Brahmanbari region of UNICEF Naira Begum, ADC (Rev) Muhammad Mustafa, ADC (general) Mia Abdulla Mamun and District Information Officer Md Shahjahan led the procession.

The colourful procession was brought out as part of three-day long 'Children's Fair' organised by the District Information Office. District administration and UNICEF jointly assisted the programme which began on January 15 and ended on January 17.

When the colourful procession of children passed by people of different ages lined up to express

their solidarity with them.

Dulal Mia, a librarian of a roadside book shop said he saw such kind of processions in Brahmanbaria for the first time during his life time.

After the procession all the children converged inside a big pandal at Poura Mukta Mancha where at least more 1,000 children including guardians, teachers, political leaders and elite were waiting to meet them.

At 11 am on the day, State Minister Advocate Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan opened the children's fair as the chief guest while Brahmanbaria DC Md Younusur Rahman was in the chair.

The opening session was addressed, among others, by SP ATM Tarek, ADC (Rev) Muhammad Mostafa, DD of Mass Communication Department, Dhaka Ferdousi Begum, Divisional Chief of UNICEF Chittagong division MD Alamgir Bhuiyan.

The convenor of the fair, ADC (General) Mia Abdulla Mamun, member secretary of the fair, District Information Officer Md Shahjahan and District Secretary of BNP Brahmanbaria unit Al-haj Syed Emranur Reza also addressed there.

Twenty-four stalls were erected by children of different institutes. Puppet dance was arranged and arrangement was made to examine contaminated water. Various competitions were also arranged for children.



Say Yes to Children: Children parading the streets of Brahmanbaria town in a colourful procession to make people aware about their rights on Thursday.



The Mogra in Netrakona which was once a mighty river is virtually now a dead river. The river needs immediate dredging.

Silt in 57 rivers hampers navigation in Netrakona

Dams without proper planning, lack of dredging caused the situation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Navigation is being hampered greatly due to silt in 57 rivers here.

Construction of dams without proper planning and lack of dredging have caused the situation.

Various river routes are being closed down gradually due to emergence of innumerable shoals in river beds. Now farmers cultivate crops in the river beds.

Once the rivers were very deep and carried enough water required for smooth plying of launches and steamers. But now due to silt the rivers have become unfit for plying vessels.

Netrakona is a low-lying area. There are 28 canals in 10 upazilas here. Boats and engine boats are common mode of transport during the rainy sea-

son. But after the rainy season the canals dry up. At that time people depend on foot or rickshaws to go elsewhere.

Netrakona town is situated on the bank of the Mogra. The river has joined the Meghna after flowing through Purbadhala, Atpara, Netrakona Sadar and Madan upazilas. But it is now virtually a dead river due to lack of water.

The Sumeshowary, another major river comes down from Meghalayas of India flowing through the hilly Durgapur upazila.

Once the Sumeshowary used to flow with strong current. But due to withdrawal of water in the upper catchment, silt has developed weakening its might. Normal depth of the river has also decreased. In dry season, the river becomes waterless. In the rainy season hilly

waters rolling down from the Maghalayas creates flash flood here regularly. So, the Sumeshowary is now called the sorrow of Netrakona.

Innumerable shoals have appeared in the riverbed of Donu, another major river here. The river is now unfit for river transport.

Others rivers like the Shaiduli, the Gumai, the Natui, the Ubdakali, the Kalihoara, and the Chorautra have also turned into canals.

Because of this phenomenon, fishes of various species have become extinct in the district while it was once famous for fish resources.

Locals have appealed to the authorities concerned to dredge the rivers to revive the lost glory of the rivers.

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Tender Notice

No. 01/EED/DZ/Selected College/2003-2004 Dated: 05-01-2004

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Education Engineering Directorate enlisted/renewed A-1/A-2 class contractors for construction of boundary wall of different educational institutions in Dhaka Metropolitan area under "Selected Colleges (Govt & Private) Development" project during 2003-2004 financial year.

Price per set of tender document, group No., time limit for completion of work and other terms & conditions will be available in the tender document.

1. Tender document & related papers can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the Chief Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Shikkha Bhaban, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, Kishoreganj/Tangail/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/Faridpur/Mymensingh/Madaripur/Savar Zone offices and Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Education, Building No. 7, Floor No. 17th, Room No. 1719, Bangladesh Secretariat & office of the undersigned during office hours up to 24-01-2004.
2. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the said offices up to 1-30 PM of 26-01-2004 and opened on 29-01-2004 at 11-00 AM at the office of the undersigned in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.
3. Tenders should be submitted quoting rate with rate analysis for part-A1. It may be noted that rate analysis should be submitted as per the rates of construction materials given in the tender document.
4. Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if rate is submitted more than 5% below for parts other than part-A1.
5. True copy (attested) of contractor's enlistment book (up-to-date renewed), VAT & Income Tax registration certificate should be enclosed with the tender. Otherwise tender document will be treated as cancelled outright.
6. Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the amount quoted by the contractor should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of "Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka." Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
7. VAT & Income Tax will be deducted from the bill of contractor as per govt rules.
8. TIN certificate should be enclosed with the tender.
9. Contractor cannot claim any financial benefit if, under any circumstance, the work is cancelled or any change occurred thereof.

The authority reserves over all right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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