

## SNAPS

## Rallies at KU banned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Rallies and processions were banned on Khulna University (KU) campus from Tuesday. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr A Kadir Bhuiyan imposed the ban after Sunday's violence erupted due to refusal by VC to accept students' memorandum demanding removal of Prof Yasin of Economics Department. Angry students stormed into VC's residence and roughed him up and caused extensive damage to furniture, telephone sets and other valuables.

## Smuggled spices seized from Padmarag Express

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

Police, acting on a tip-off, searched the luggage van of Padmarag Express at Gaibandha railway station on Tuesday and recovered 20 kilograms of spices worth about Tk 500,000, allegedly smuggled from India. A police team led by ASP Abdul Matin conducted the raid in the Santahar bound train from Lalmonirhat. Police arrested two women — Hasina Begum and Khairunnessa — and filed a case.

## 3 die from snake bite in Rupsha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Three persons including a young girl died from snake bite at Alajpur village in Rupsha upazila on Sunday night. The victims are Gole Noor, 55, Atiqul, 20, and Fatema, 18. They were sleeping in their houses during the incidents.

## Rape bid foiled at Kalaroa

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

An alleged rape bid by Kalaroa upazila women affairs officer was foiled when local people came to the victim's rescue on Sunday.

The aforesaid officer, Maniruzzaman called the victim, a fourth class employee of Kalaroa Upazila Parishad at his office with a motive to 'rape' her. As she raised a hue and cry, local people rescued her, according to a source in Fourth Class Employees' Union.

The victim complained to Kalaroa upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) against the officer. But the upazila officials tried to conceal the fact.

The fourth class employees of Kalaroa Upazila Parishad protested the incident and went to the UNO office on Monday to demand punishment to the culprit.

## Bumper jute output likely in N dists

BSS, *Rangpur*

A bumper production of jute is likely this year in the northern region of the country due to favorable weather conditions, official sources said here.

Farmers got good quality seeds from BADC (Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation) seed dealers.

Early rainfall helped good growth of plants. Weather condition was favourable for plants throughout the country during the whole season, they told the BSS roving correspondent. Reports from other areas are also very good, they added.

The recent flash floods in some districts did not hamper jute production. This in fact will help post-harvest processing. Harvest will start from the middle of this month and

there is enough water everywhere for rotting jute plants, sources in the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) said.

The production target of 55,90,000 bales of jute from 5,25,000 hectares of land in the country will be achieved this year, they said.

Of these, 37,40,000 bales of Toshia variety will be produced from 3,40,000 hectares and 18,50,000 bales of indigenous variety from 1,85,000 hectares in all 64 districts.

The target in the 16 northern districts is 16,89,890 bales from 1,60,680 hectares, they said.

While travelling some areas of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Joypurhat, Naogaon, Bogra, Natore, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Kurigram districts recently, jute growers were found happy and preparing for harvest.

Talking to BSS, a number of jute growers of the region said that there was no scarcity of good quality jute seeds this year.

They said they were encouraged to cultivate more jute this year as they got fair prices in the last two consecutive seasons.

"We sold jute at between Tk 480 and Tk 580 per mound in the last two seasons. We also sell jute straw at good prices", one farmer said. Jute straw is used to produce particle board.

Officials said prospect of jute brightened in the country after ban on use of polythene. Raw jute plants are used to produce paper.

They said environment friendly jute is also in good demand abroad.

Age no bar to widow Aleya  
She earns Tk 10,000 a month from backyard poultry farmHOSSAIN SERAI, *Magura*

Widow Aleya Begum had hard days in feeding her two boys and one daughter after her soldier husband's death about four years back.

Age was no bar for 50 year-old Aleya. She is now well off. She earns a profit of around Tk 10,000 per month from her backyard poultry farm at Kalkalia Para in Magura municipal area.

Hard labor and honesty has also earned her respect.

Her husband Narmul Huda Laskar led an honest life and could not leave any asset or land property for the family, she told this correspondent during a recent visit to her house.

"My sons and daughter had stopped going to school due to poverty".

Fortune smiled on them after she took a short training on poultry farming. ASA (Association for Social Advancement), an NGO, gave her Tk 14000 loan in 1999. She raised a small tin shed and bought 400 layer hens.

After six months, the hens started laying, which brought smiles on their faces. With the profit, she

gradually repaid the loan added more 200 hens in 2002.

Now Aleya sells at least 300 eggs a day at the rate of Tk 300 per hundred.

"Now I earn a profit of around Tk 10,000 a month" Aleya said.

"After passing SSC (Secondary School Certificate) examination, my sons are now employed in the town."

"My daughter also passed the SSC examination. I arranged her

marriage with my savings", she said.

Her success is now a matter of discussion among middle class and lower middle class women in the area. Even government and non-government officials came to visit her poultry farm.

But she has little time. She remains busy either taking care of her hens or talking to egg buying.



Widow Aleya Begum at her poultry farm.

PHOTO: STAR

## Balu murder: UP member held for questioning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

A Union Parishad (UP) member was arrested on Monday in connection with Dainik Janmabhum editor Humayun Kabir Balu murder case.

Kachua Thana police of Bagerhat arrested Bemarta UP member Mahbub Khan, 42, also a leader of Khulna-Bagerhat unit of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddho), after conducting an operation at Signboard bazaar in Kachua upazila.

## Alleged abductor freed from thana

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *B'baria*

One person, arrested on abduction charge, has been released from Koshba thana.

This created tension in the area.

One Jaynal Abedin, 45, of Gupunathpur village was abducted by some miscreants while he was returning home on June 26.

His mother Abeda Khatun filed a case with Kasha thana accusing 11 people. Noor Muhammad was the main accused.

Police on June 2 arrested one of the accused — Fazlu Mia — and confined him at the thana.

At around 8:30 pm on June 2, Koshba thana OC Gulam Muhammad freed him.

When contacted the OC said he released Fazlu Mia as he had high blood pressure and fell sick.

Addition SP Md Jahangir Hossain on contact said the OC told him that he released the arrested person on doctor's advice.

## UP chairman, relief official sued for stealing VGF rice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

The Bureau of Anti-corruption has filed a case with Shaghata thana against a Union Parishad chairman and a relief official for alleged misappropriation of 60 bags rice allocated under Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme, official sources said.

The government had allocated six tonnes of rice for destitute people of Ghuridaha union under Shaghata upazila in 2003.

The UP chairman lifted the quantity on November 1, 2003 and stored 60 rice bags at his house.

Being informed Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Abedur Rahman and a police team led by magistrate recovered the 60 bags.

The UP chairman could not be arrested as he fled away sensing the raid.

## Seized trawler sinks, coast guard missing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

A Coast Guard member is missing as a trawler seized with alleged illegal logs sank in Kacha river at Darul Huda near Vandaria in Pirojpur district while it was being towed to Mongla on Tuesday.

A Navy team led by Lt. Commander Nizamuddin was searching the area but could not rescue the missing man, official sources here said yesterday.

Coast Guard had seized the trawler on the Baleswar river near Zia Nagar police station in Pirojpur at about 3 pm on Tuesday.

Three Coast Guard personnel — Saifuddin, Liton and Mamta — on board a vessel were towing the trawler towards Mongla port. The trawler sank in turbulent waters when it reached Darul Huda.

Liton, Mamta and trawler crew Kamal were saved by boatmen. But Saifuddin is missing with an SMG and 90 bullets.

The Coast Guard has lodged a GD with Zia Nagar police station.



The Launch Terminal Road in Patuakhali town, snapped on Monday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Save Patuakhali town

## ECNEC sitting on Patuakhali town protection project approved by water resources ministry in 2001

MD. SOHRAB HOSSAIN, *Patuakhali*

Most areas of Patuakhali town go under water during flood or high tide while an embankment-cum-drainage project taken up seven

years ago is yet to be implemented.

The town is surrounded by the Patuakhali river on the north and by the Lohalia river on the east. Waters from the rivers rolls into the town whenever they rise.

The Tk 17.27 crore project was taken up after the visit of the then agriculture minister Mamjidul Haque and the Water Development Board (WDB) Secretary to Patuakhali in 1997.

It includes contraction of 4.20 kilometres flood control embankment, construction of slice gates, 38 outlets, one kilometre wall and installation of four power pumps.

The water resources ministry approved the project in 2001. Since then, it is awaiting approval by the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC). Patuakhali Pourasabha Chairman Mostaq Ahmed told this correspondent on Monday at his office.

Back in the sixties, a flood control embankment project was taken up to protect Patuakhali town and coastal upazilas of Kalapara, Galachipa, Dashmina, Bapthal and Mirjagonj from flood and saline water. The town was later excluded from the project, considering its low-lying position.

Patuakhali town was included in the project and it was renamed Patuakhali Town Protection Embankment cum-Drainage Project.

The most vulnerable areas in Patuakhali town included Puran Bazar, Chak Bazar, Kath Patti, Nabab Para, Shimul Bagh, Muslimpara, Sabuj Bagh, Collage Road, Adalat Para, Char Para, Sadar Road, Munsef Para and Kalikapur where water remains stagnant for days after high tide, rain or flood.

Besides flood control, the new project is designed to remove stagnant water from the town.

When contacted, BWDB Executive Engineer Abdul Majid Molla said, "We sent at least 50 letters to higher authorities to implement the project, but to no result".

Industrial town will be set up in Satkhira  
Noman tells reception to new dist BNP bodyOUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman has said a party is hatching conspiracy to dislodge the elected Four-Party Alliance government.

It is also obstructing govern-

ment's development programmes by creating anarchy, he said while addressing a reception to the newly formed Satkhira district BNP committee, headed by Habibur Islam Habib MP and Rahmatullah Palash as its president and secretary respectively.

Advocate Samsul Haq presided over the function, held at Shahid Adbur Razzak Park.

Advisor to the Commerce Ministry Barkatullah Bulu was present as special guest.

It was also addressed by, among others, Kazi Alaaddin MP, district Jamast-e-Isami Ameer Abdul Khaleq, MA Jalil, Syed Iftakhar Ali, Kamrul Islam Farooq, Abdul Alim, Shahidul Islam, Mrinal Kanti Roy, Hosne Ara Ahmed, Masuda Khatun, Prof Modaserul Haq Huda, Abul Hossain, Tozammel Hossain, Mahiuddin Siddique, Sher Ali and Sirajul Islam.

Noman Said, an industrial town will be set up in Satkhira.

Awami League while in power looted public property, misused power and politicised the administration, he alleged. He urged party men to work for development of the country, saying this is the correct way to reply to their conspiracies.

## 338 killed in six months in 10 S-W dists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Three hundred thirty eight murders were committed in 10 districts of south-western (S-W) region in last six months.

The figure includes 50 murders in Khulna city and 39 in Khulna district.

The victims are political leaders and activists, Union Parishad chairman, members, journalists and criminals.

According to information received from police department, 26 political murders were committed in 10 districts during the same period. The figure includes six murders in Khulna city.

Two senior journalists killed in the city during the period were Khulna correspondent of The New Age Manik Saha and editor of Dainik Janmabhum Humayun Kabir Balu.

A total of 30 outlaws were lynched by mob and killed during the period. The figure includes 19 in Khulna city only.

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Local Government Engineering Directorate  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Lalmonirhat

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Dated: 15-06-2004

## Notice

It is hereby notified for information of all class contractors enlisted under Local Government Engineering Directorate, Lalmonirhat that, it is requested to renew the licence for 2004-2005 financial year by depositing the class wise renewal fee at the undermentioned date in Govt Treasury through challan under code No. 1-3731-0000-1854 (after certified from the office of the undersigned) at local Lalmonirhat Sonali Bank branch. Failing to deposit renewal fee within the prescribed time, steps will be taken as per govt rules. It may be noted that no contractor/contractors' firm can participate in any tender without deposit of renewal fee & renewal of licence book for 2004-2005 financial year.

Serial No	Class	Amount of renewal fee	Date of depositing renewal fee without fine	Date of depositing renewal fee with 50% fine	Date of depositing renewal fee with 100% fine	Remarks
1.	Special (G-2)	Tk 2,000/=	01-07-04 to 31-07-04	01-08-04 to 31-08-04	01-09-04 to 30-06-05	It is told to complete licence renewal within 7 (seven) days after issue of challan by depositing the money at bank & getting it verified by District Accounts Office.
2.	A (G-2)	Tk 2000/=				
3.	B (G-3)	Tk 1000/=				
4.	C (G-4)	Tk 500/=				

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## Contractor's Licence Renewal Notice

It is notified for information of all class contractors/contractors' firms enlisted with Local Government Engineering Directorate in Comilla that, the tenure of renewal of contractor's enlistment for 2003-2004 will end on 30 June 2004. Therefore, for renewal of licence for 2004-2005 financial year, it is requested to deposit the licence renewal fee of respective class contractor/contractors' firm at rate stated in the undermentioned chart through challan under prescribed code No. (1-3731-0000-1854) (at Sonali Bank, Monoharpur Branch, Comilla). It may be noted here that no challan will be acceptable without countersigned by Comilla District Accounts Officer.

Class	Amount of money	Renewal fee in prescribed time without fine	Renewal fee with 50% fine	Renewal fee with 100% fine
Special class	Tk. 2,000/=	01-07-2004 to 31-08-2004	01-09-2004 to 31-10-2004	01-11-2004 to 30-12-2004
A class	Tk. 2,000/=	-Do-	-Do-	-Do-
B class	Tk. 1,000/=	-Do-	-Do-	-Do-
C class	Tk. 500/=	-Do-	-Do-	-Do-

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Momruj Ali's betel nut garden is an attraction for visitors

PHOTO: STAR

When fortune smiles  
Tk 5 lakh earned from betel nut gardenJAHANGIR ALAM,  
back from Mymensingh

NETRAKONA: Momruj Ali is no more but people of Raghurampur area in Mymensingh Sadar still remember him. The betel nut garden he initiated in 1940, now spread over five acres, is an attraction for visitors and a wealth for his descendants.

Momruj Ali had planted only 50 betel nut saplings, brought from Assam. As he earned good profit from the trees, he developed the garden gradually.

Now, there are over 5,000 betel

nut trees. The garden is two kilometres off Brammaputra bridge on the Mymensingh-Netrakona road.

After his death, his eldest son Aftabuddin Mondal took charge of his garden.

Aftabuddin earns Tk five lakh by selling betel nuts every year. On an average, each tree gives 200 to 300 nuts, he told this correspondent during a visit to the garden recently. Their betel nuts are in good demand because of its size.

Every year, Aftabuddin sows thousands of betel nuts to grow saplings. This year, he sold 2,000 betel nut saplings at Tk 8 to 10 per

piece. He hopes to sell 1,000 more saplings. Each year he earns at least Tk 25,000 from saplings.

His younger brother Abdul Aziz Mandal helps him in supervision of the garden.

This correspondent saw about 25 workers cleaning the garden. "The garden needs cleaning twice a year," Aftab Kalam, a permanent worker said. He applies cow-dung and organic fertiliser in the garden twice a year, which increases the yield.

"This is the only care of the trees need after cleaning," Kalam said.

Aftab will expand the garden to another acre of land next year.

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International  
Tender Notice

International sealed quotations are hereby invited in duplicated from the bonafide manufacturers/importers/suppliers/dealers/indentors by the Dy. General Manager (Project Head), Juto-Fibreglass Industry, Tarabo, Rugganj, Narayanganj for supply of Chemicals (Industrial Raw Materials) at C&F Ctg Pigment Glass Fiberment, Nylon Chips (White), Rubbing Compound (White), Action Arosel Powder, UP Resin, Thermoplastic Molding Compound etc.

Tender schedule with detailed particulars and specification will be available at the office of General Manager & Liaison Officer, BJMC, Dhaka Zone, Karim Chamber (4<sup>th</sup> floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 & Accounts Dept, Juto-Fibreglass Industry, Rugganj, Narayanganj upto 27-07-04 on any working day during office hours with payment of Tk. 100/- (one hundred) only per set (non-refundable).

Tender will be received upto 12:00 Noon on 28-07-04 in the tender box kept at mill site & BJMC, Dhaka Zone, Karim Chamber (4<sup>th</sup> floor), 99, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of tenderers (if any), earnest money & 1% quoted price but not less than Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand) only to be submitted in the form of DD or PO along with the quotation favouring "Juto-Fibreglass Industry" if any unavoidable circumstances arises. Tender box will be opened on the following working day.

Authority reserves the right to accept/reject the tender fully/partially without assigning any reason thereof.

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