

SNAPS

AL leader gets death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

An Awami League (AL) leader got a death threat from extremists. She is Chhabi Rani Mandal, a leader of Rampal upazila unit of the party. The threat was given through cell phone for her refusal to withdraw a case she filed against some BNP leaders and activists. According to a General Diary (GD) filed in Rampal Thana, Bagerhat on Saturday, Chhabi received the threat on Friday by extremists for not giving her consent to withdraw the case. She sought security of her life from police. Chhabi Rani Biswas was abducted at arms point by some leaders of Rampal upazila BNP on August 21 in 2002 while she was going home from her fish farm. Abductors took her to the BNP office where she was stripped and beaten. They took photograph of her nude body. She was also molested there. On receipt of information, Rampal Thana police rescued her from BNP office the same night.

Dacoity at B'baria village

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *B'baria*

An armed robbery was committed at Kailkatha Nandigram village in Sarail upazila on Saturday. According to eye-witnesses and hospital sources, a gang of bandits numbering 20 to 25 attacked three houses belonging to Janto Das and Juba Raj Das at the village at night and committed the robbery.

Mysterious disease kills 2,000 cattle in Kurigram

Several hundred cows attacked with the disease in a month

RAFIQUE SARKER, back from Kurigram

About 2,000 animals died and several hundred cows were attacked with mysterious disease in Kurigram district last month.

The disease is spreading fast in Kurigram Sadar, Roumari, Rajibpur and Rajarhat upazilas. Every day hundreds of the sick cows are being brought at the upazila livestock offices for treatment, but to no effect.

Some small farmers who are dependent on ploughing land of others are facing tough days after the death of their cows.

Abul Hossen, a small farmer of Najira in Kurigram Sadar upazila said that one of his two cows died of mysterious disease three weeks back. The two cows were his only sources of income, he said. One of the cows of Mahbub, a neighbour of Abul Hossen also died of mysterious disease.

Fearing possible attack, farmers in nine upazilas are selling their cows at low prices. A number of people also became sick due to intake of meat of sick cows.

Police arrested Khairul, a butcher at Tagrihat in Kurigram Sadar

upazila on charge of selling meat of sick cows.

Alam, another butcher, resident of vocational crossing area in the district town is absconding following police search.

Although experts in the district Livestock Department are trying to identify the cause of the diseases, but they are yet to become successful in their efforts, said a livestock officer.

Abdus Saber, a merchant cum dairy farmer of Baparpata in Kurigram Sadar upazila told this correspondent his two cows worth about Tk 60,000 died within four hours of attack of the mysterious disease.

A veterinary surgeon of the district livestock department carried out examination on the cows, but he could not ascertain the cause of the animals death, said Abdus Saber.

Abdus Chhaham, former chairman of Kurigram municipality said that one of his cows died of mysterious disease a few weeks ago. He said after loose motion his cows became weak. They vomited several times and finally died.

District Livestock Department

termed the cause of the death to be dehydration. But after application of medicine it was proved to be ineffective, said another official of the department on condition of anonymity.

Teen age boy killed in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Netrakona*

One teen age boy was killed by unidentified killers at Kumri village in Netrakona Sadar upazila on Sunday.

The dead victim is Shafiqul Islam Khan, 17, son of Sohor Uddin. Killers strangled him and threw the body at the bank of a pond of Girindra Chandra Roy at the same village.

According to police and local people, Shafiqul Islam was in love with Girindra's daughter Champa Rani Roy, 16, Chandra Roy. It might be the reason of the killing, they apprehend.

Police arrested eight persons including Champa Rani. A murder case was filed with Netrakona Thana.

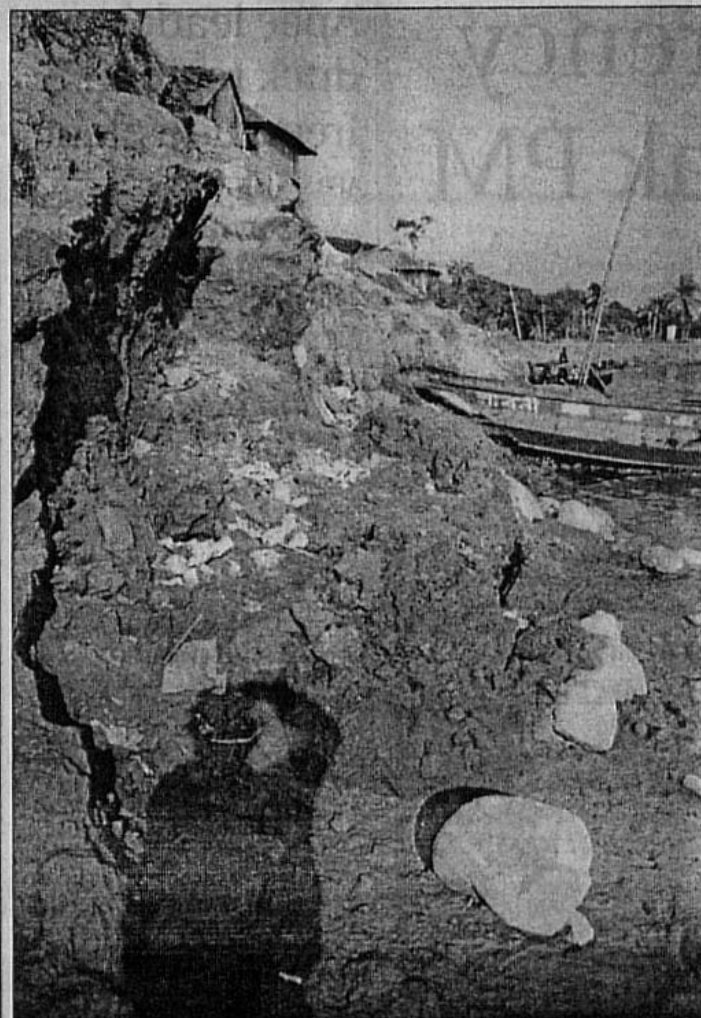


PHOTO: AKM MOHSIN

The Padma devoured a vast tract of land in Tongibari and Louhajang areas in Munshiganj district. Many schools, colleges and various organisations went in riverbed due to unabated erosion in the areas. This picture was taken recently from Hasail area.

Fog disrupts ferry, traffic movement in two days

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Dense fog has disrupted ferry and launch services and movement of transport vehicles in various river and land routes on Sunday and Saturday.

Our Manikganj Correspondent reports: Ferry and launch services on Daulatdia-Paturia-Nagarbari routes were suspended for five hours on Sunday, according to officials in Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC), Paturia.

Three ferries—Shah Parin, Shah Ali and Shah Mokhdum with passengers and other transport vehicles were stranded mid-stream of the Padma for several hours.

More than 1,000 vehicles with about 40,000 passengers including women and children suffered a lot as they were stranded on both sides of the Padma at Daulatdia-Paturia point for five hours.

About 400 vehicles from Dhaka lined up at Paturia in Manikganj and 500 vehicles lined up at Daulatdia in Rajbari.

Our Barisal Correspondent reports: Dense fog disrupted movement of transport vehicles and water vessels in the southern region on Saturday.

As a result, sufferings of hundreds of passengers including children, elderly people and women multiplied due to food and drinking water crisis and sanitation problem.

Santu Larma's call to help implement CHT accord 21-member new committee of HWF formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangamati*

A two-day annual council of Hill Women Federation (HWF), an associate organisation of Parbatya Chattagram Jono Sanghaty Samity, ended here on Sunday.

A 21-member committee of the federation was formed at the council. Chaitali Tripura became president of the new committee while Mengoching Marna became its secretary and Shwshwati Chakma became its organising secretary for the next year.

Parbatya Chattagram Jono Sanghaty Samity (PCJSS) chief and CHT Regional Council

Chairman Jiotirindra Bodhipriyo Larma alias Santu Larma opened the two-day council on Saturday.

Santu Larma in his speech urged all to come forward to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts accord.

Among others, PCJSS Secretary Chandrashekhur Chakma, Comrade Rukonuzzaman, renowned woman leader and writer Shila Momen and leaders of PCJSS front organizations addressed the opening session.

Deaths in 'crossfire' create panic among criminals in 2 dists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Death of 20 top criminals by police and Rab (Rapid Action Battalion) in Jhenidah and Chuadanga districts during a period from May to November 20 has created panic among miscreants, according to their wives and close relatives.

However, sources in police department and Rab told that they were killed in crossfire during recovery of arms after their arrest.

Of the total three were killed in Jhenidah while the rest were killed in Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Sadar upazila in Chuadanga district.

The latest victims are activists of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) Eshanol Bari alias Baban and Turki of Kacherkhol village in

Shailokupa upazila and Jafirul Islam of Jorradah-Verikhal village in Harinakundupur upazila, Jhenidah.

Sixteen other outlawed criminals who were killed in crossfire are Shahidul Islam alias Kota of Chuadanga town, Mantu of Koachadpur in Jhenidah district, Askar, Mahi and Boma Sahrif, Shaban alias Khokon and Jafar of Bamonnagar in Chuadanga Sadar upazila, Kuddus of Juranpur village in Damurhuda upazila, Chuadanga, Rifat alias Kofi of Gargari, Hashem and Tiger of Khadimpur, Abdul Maleque alias Pavel and Uzzal of Atharokhada, Khabir of Alamdanga town, Bokul of Bhalaipur and Zia of panchkamlapur, Arif of Iswarpur villages in Alamdanga upazila.



PHOTO: STAR

Unauthorised structures are seen on Swanirvar Sarak in Patuakhali town. Land grabbers are building the structures creating false documents in connivance with a section of dishonest staff of the land department. In a move to oust illegal land grabbers the Sadar upazila land office filed cases against 15 land grabbers recently.

15 land grabbers sued in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

Patuakhali Sadar upazila land office filed a case against 15 land grabbers here for 'grabbing' one acre of land.

Assistant Land Officer Md Harun-Rashid filed the case with the magistrate's court here on Thursday. Sadar Thana Officer-in-Charge (OC) was asked to investigate the case.

The land grabbers are Chan Baru, Matiar Rahman Talukder, Majibur Rahman, Maksudur Rahman, Azizur Rahman, Adhir Ranjan Datta, Muzaffar Khalifa, Sekander Ali, Abdul Gafur Sikder, Joyal Abden, Priya Bala, Abdur Razzak and Shah Alam.

They grabbed one acre of land worth about Tk one and a half crore by creating false document and built over 500 unauthorised structures. An official of the district land office seeking not to be named told this correspondent that influential people had been grabbing lands by creating false document in connivance with a section of unscrupulous officials and staff of the department.

However, the land grabbers claimed they have legal documents with them for building the structures.

Land officials told this correspondent if needed the unauthorised structures will be demolished by deploying police.

BWDB engineer roughed up by contractors

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangpur*

Some pro-BNP contractors allegedly beat up the executive engineer of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Rangpur, Moazzem Hossain in his chamber on Sunday.

They also confined BWDB chief engineer Sayed Ahmed for three hours in his chamber.

Sources said the contractors beat the engineer for his bid to issue work order to some other contractors for a Tk 4 crore construction work in an irregular manner on Saturday. Annoyed contractors requested the executive engineer and the chief engineer to withdraw the work order which they denied to comply with.

No official or employee attended their office after the incident. A case was registered with Kotwali Thana and police arrested a Juba Dal leader named Asad.

Myanmar children want to go back home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bandarban*

About 100 Myanmar refugee children on Saturday expressed their craving for going back to their homeland. They expressed their desire while addressing a meeting organised here in observance of the Universal Children's Day.

'I would like to return to my homeland to observe the global day along with my friends there,' said Aung Aung, a 10-year-old boy. Like Aung, many other refugee children echoed the same tone.

Some of the children were born

in Myanmar while some others were born in Bangladesh as their families had to flee from their homeland to evade tyranny of rulers over there.

Mra E Gau, a former guerrilla leader, said, 'Refugee families are passing their days in hardship as their requirements are not met by the United Nation High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).'

He said, 'The families are being harassed while getting money from the UNHCR as they cannot open any bank account in Bangladesh.'

While addressing the meeting, the children also demanded release of democratic leader Aung San Su Kyi.



Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation

Construction Division, BCIC Bhaban (19th Floor)
30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

Invitation for Re-Tender

1.	Project name	: BCIC Housing Colony, Bux Nagar, Mirpur, Dhaka.
2.	Source of fund	: BCIC's own source.
3.	Tender Package No.	: i) W-D-BCIC/Cons/MHC/2004-2005. ii) W-D-BCIC/Cons/MHC/Road/2004-2005.
4.	Invitation for Tender No. & date	: i) BCIC/Cons/MHC/POS Box/W-D-BCIC/ Cons/MHC/2004-05. ii) BCIC/Cons/MHC/Road/W-D-BCIC/Cons/MHC/2004-05.
5.	Tender name	: i) Making supplying and installation of MS box for security of gas regulator and riser at BCIC Housing Colony, Mirpur, Dhaka. ii) Construction of bituminous pavement of internal approach road and concrete bonded brick soling road at BCIC Housing Colony, Mirpur, Dhaka.
6.	Brief description of works & related services	: i) MS box ii) Bituminous pavement concrete bonded brick soling.
7.	Time for completion of work	: i) 30 (thirty) days from the date of work order. ii) 45 (forty-five) days from the date of work order.
8.	Eligibility of tenderer	: The enlisted contractor of BCIC whose enlistment is valid up to 2003-2004.
9.	Price of tender document	: i) Tk. 250/- (Taka two hundred fifty) in cash (Non-refundable) per set. ii) Tk. 250/- (Taka two hundred fifty) in cash (Non-refundable) per set.
10.	Amount of tender security	: i) Tk. 3,000.00 (Tk. three thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any approved scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation to be deposited along with the tender. Otherwise the tender will be summarily rejected. ii) Tk. 5,000.00 (Tk. five thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any approved scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation to be deposited along with the tender. Otherwise the tender will be summarily rejected.
11.	Name & address of the office(s) selling tender document	: i) Account Division, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (2nd Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii) Account Division, BIFS Mirpur, Dhaka.
12.	Name & address of the office(s) receiving tenders	: i) Office of the Chief Engineer (Const.), Construction Division, BCIC, 19th Floor, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii) BCIC Housing Colony, Mirpur, Dhaka.
13.	Name & address of the office(s) opening tenders	: Office of the Chief Engineer (Const.), Construction Division, BCIC, 19th Floor, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.
14.	Last date & time for selling tender document	: Up to 12-12-2004 during office hours.
15.	Last date & time for tender submission	: On 13-12-2004 up to 12.00noon.
16.	Date & time for opening tenders	: On 13-12-2004 at 3:00pm in presence of tenderers or their authorised representative(s).
17.	Special instruction	: a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or/and reject any or/and all tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason whatsoever. b) If it is not possible to receive the tenders on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received on the following working date at the same time and same place. c) All activities in connection with the said procurement of works will be guided as per 'The Procedures for Implementation of The Public Procurement Regulations-2003'.

BCIC-357-10/11/04
DFP-27569-18/11/04
G-1141Chowdhury Md. Anwarul Hqbal
Chief Engineer (Const.)
Construction Division, BCIC, Dhaka.

Wanted

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA

Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladesh nationals for filling up two permanent post of Assistant Professor & two post of Lecturer (against leave vacancy) in the Department of Physics in the Pay scales of Tk 7200-260-10840/- and Tk 4300-185-5595-EB-195-7740/- respectively.

Qualification for Assistant Professor: Candidates must have 1st class either in Honours or in Master's degree in Physics or in both, or an equivalent degree from a foreign University with at least high second divisions in SSC & HSC examinations. They should have at least three years' teaching and research experience in a University. The above requirements may be relaxed in the case of those who have Ph.D degree or research publications in standard journals. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contributions to different areas of University activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of the students will also be treated as qualification. Other qualifications being equal preference will be given to those who have M.Phil degree.

Qualification for Lectureship: Candidates must have first class either in Honours or in Master's degree in Physics with at least second division in SSC & HSC examinations. If candidates with above qualifications are not available the conditions may be relaxed. Other qualifications being equal preference will be given to those who have M.Phil degree. Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials and mark-sheets along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk 200/- only, payable to the Registrars, should reach him on or before 19.12.2004. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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National Tubes Limited

131-142, Tongi Industrial Area
Tongi, GazipurNotice of the 24th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 24th Annual General Meeting of National Tubes Limited will be held on Thursday, 23 December 2004 (9 Poush, 1411 Bangla) at 11-00 AM at National Tubes Ltd., Tongi, Gazipur to transact the following business:

- To confirm the Minutes of the 23rd AGM held on 21 December 2003.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts and the Auditors' Report for the year ended 30th June 2004 together with the Annual Report of the Board of Directors.
- To declare Dividend on the basis of recommendation of the Board of Directors.
- To elect/nominate Directors in place of those who are retiring by rotation.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 2004-2005 and fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business (if any) of the company with the permission of the chair.

By order of the Board,

MA BARQUE KHAN
Company SecretaryDate: 18-11-2004
NB:

- Share Transfer Register of the Company will remain closed from 09-12-2004 to 23-12-2004 (both days inclusive). During this period no share transfer will be effected.
- A member unable to attend the meeting may appoint a proxy and cast his vote by proxy. The proxy form duly affixed with Tk. 8.00 Revenue Stamp should reach the Share Office at Factory premises of the Company at least 48 (forty-eight) hours before commencement of the meeting i.e. before 11.00 AM on 21-12-2004. The Corporation/Company may participate in the meeting through their nominated representatives.
- Change of address, if any, of the shareholders should be communicated to the Share Office of the Company at the Factory premises.
- As per clause 119 of Articles of Association of the Company, one third of the Directors i.e. 3 (three) Directors, out of 9 (nine) will retire in this Annual General Meeting as per clause 120, 2 (two) senior most Directors from Group-A' shareholders and 1 (one) Director (the senior most) from Group-B' shareholders will retire. Directors against vacant post of retiring Directors of Group-A' will be nominated by the shareholders of the said Group-A' (BSEC). Director against vacant post of the retiring Director of Group 'B' will be elected by the shareholders of the said Group. The retiring Directors are, however, eligible for re-nomination/re-election.
- Shareholders who are eligible and interested in contesting for the post of Director from Group-B' are requested to submit their nomination papers in prescribed form at least 7 (seven) days before the commencement of the meeting i.e. on or before 16-12-2004 by 11-00 AM in the share office at the factory premises of the company at Tongi. Nomination papers can be collected from share office during the office hours free of cost.

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