

## SNAPS

## Edn implements distributed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Gano Unnayan Library (CDL) here distributed educational implements among school children of seven flood-affected schools in Sadar upazila on Thursday. The schools are Ghoga Primary School, Taltola Primary School, Gideri Primary School, Dhutichora Primary School, Khalsi Patol Primary School, Uttar Gideri Primary School and Champadaha Primary School.

## Adulterated fertiliser seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Dimla Thana police seized 44 bags of adulterated fertiliser from the godown of a fertilizer trader on Wednesday. Bimal Kumar Sinha, a trader in Dimla town stored huge adulterated fertiliser for sale. Acting on a tip-off, Dimla Thana police raided his godown and seized adulterated NPKS (Nitrogen, Phosphate, Potash, Sulphate) fertiliser, commonly called 'mixed fertiliser' each weighing 50 kg on the day. The agriculture extension officer of Dimla, Monjurul Alam filed a case in Dimla Thana accusing five persons. The accused persons are: Bimal Kumar Sinha and Amit Kumar of Dimla upazila, Sobuj Ali and Shah Md Sharif of Nawapara in Jessore, Folzur Rahman of Jhenidah. Dimla Thana sources said a gang of unscrupulous adulterated fertiliser traders of Dimla in collaboration with adulterated fertiliser traders of Jessore and Jhenidah were doing a brisk business illegally for a long time. Two other similar cases were also filed in Saidpur and Kishoreganj this season.

## Kamanna Day passes off silently

28 brave sons of the soil sacrificed their lives at Kamanna battlefield in Jhenidah during Liberation War in 1971

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Memorable Kamanna Day passed off silently yesterday.

On this day in 1971, 28 brave sons of the soil made their supreme sacrifices at Kamanna battlefield in Jhenidah to free their beloved homeland from the clutch of the Occupation Army of Pakistan.

Story goes that freedom fighters took shelter at the houses of Madhab Chandra and Shama Begum at village Kamanna in Sajalupur upazila, Jhenidah. In the early hours of the day, the occupation Pakistani soldiers suddenly attacked the village bordering earwhile Jhenidah and Magura sub-divisions.

All the patriots except one hailing from Magura fell martyrs there.

However, it is a matter of great regret that the memory of the great event is being lost into oblivion, according to martyrs' relatives and other freedom fighters here. No befitting programmes were organised to mark the day. Not even any discussion meeting was held in memory of the heroes on the occasion.

While talking to The Daily Star, Rawson Ara Begum widow of a Kamanna martyr, Sahidul Islam she expressed her utter disappointment. She said government sanc-

## Repression on women, children: 1,366 cases gathering dust

Justice denied due to alleged negligence of a section of government officials in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Justice seekers are denied of justice due to alleged negligence of duties and unwillingness of a section of government officials to carry out their responsibilities. Even many people question about the utility of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

About 1,366 cases under the Act await disposal till Wednesday.

The cases include rape, abduction, torture for dowry and acid throwing.

As many as 296 cases were disposed of from January to October.

The number of cases in the Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression Tribunal is increasing rapidly. The judge of the tribunal has to examine 25 to 30 cases daily.

Criminals got away scot-free in 291 other cases.

About 98 per cent criminals get away scot-free here through legal loophole, according to statistics.

The highest punishment under

the act is death sentence. But no convict got the highest punishment. Only four convicts were awarded life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) in four separate rape cases while another convict was sentenced to 10 years' RI for abduction.

According to victims and lawyers, the major blame goes to a section of police personnel and doctors. The reason is, the fate of the cases under the act mainly depends on reports of police and doctors. Delay in performing medical test and delay in submitting its report by a section of doctors makes it difficult to proof the cases. Sometimes the investigation report submitted by police differs from actual statement of complainant which weakens the merit of the case. Victims also alleged police do not place evidence or any document before doctors for test in proper time. They also do not receive medical reports timely. The situation makes it difficult to find out the actual sign of crime. There are also allegations

against a section of doctors and policemen who divert the cases in another direction in exchange of bribe.

Moreover, brokers (middlemen) allegedly manage a section of policemen, doctors and witnesses in exchange of money. They hide the truth giving wrong evidence before the court.

Sometimes criminals are not punished because cases are settled outside the court between victims and accused persons amicably or by threat or pressure. Because of the above reasons, the concerned government lawyer faces difficulties in proving the cases which ultimately dismiss the cases.

The government lawyer of the special tribunal, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury told this correspondent that the law meant for safeguarding the interest of women and children is being misused by a section of 'touts'. He also said there is an opportunity to file case under Section 17 against the plaintiff.

He told this correspondent owners of only 240 medicine shops possess valid drug licenses.

## Jamalpur AL council ends in fiasco

BSS, Jamalpur

The triennial council of district Awami League (AL) ended amid chaos on Thursday.

Party sources said the council failed to elect the district committee of the party because of severe infighting.

President member of central Jabo League, Harunur Rashid presided over the council held at Jamalpur Public Hall auditorium.

The council was adjourned as the two contesting groups remained firm in their stand.

The present committee of the district AL was declared defunct earlier.

The date for the council was deferred 23 times earlier due to rivalry between the present Jabo League Secretary Suruzaman and its Treasurer Al Amin Chan.

Repeated change in schedule of the council created a tense situation in the party.

## Brisk business of illegal drug traders on

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

The government is being deprived of huge revenue due to illegal business of medicine here.

Owners of over 1,000 medicine shops having no license are doing a brisk business for a long time, according to sources in the office of the District Superintendent of Drugs Akib Hossain.

He told this correspondent owners of only 240 medicine shops possess valid drug licenses.



PHOTO: AKM MOHSIN

A farmer at a village on the bank of the Dhaleswari in Munshiganj collecting paddy seeds from a seedbed for sowing in his field during the ongoing boro cultivation season. The picture was taken on Thursday.

## Four brothers get life for murder

JAHANGIR ALAM, back from Sherpur

NETRAKONA: Four brothers were sentenced to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) by the Additional District and Sessions Judge Court, Sherpur on Wednesday for killing one person.

Each of them was also fined Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer one year more imprisonment.

The convicts are Julhas Mia, 50, Tariq Mia, 42, Nurul Islam alias Nurul, 32, and Bhutti Mia, 30, all sons of Jonab Ali of village Chalk Shahabaddi under Sadar upazila in Sherpur.

The court acquitted 20 others of the charge.

The convicts killed Tazarruddin, 50, by sharp weapons at Fakirgonj Bazaar under same upazila in a feud over getting lease of Fakirgonj Bazaar on July 11 in 1998.

## AL men's houses ransacked by BNP activists in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

At least 50 houses of Awami League (AL) leaders and activists and some villagers were allegedly ransacked by activists of BNP and front organisations on Wednesday.

The incident followed death of JCD (Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal) leader Abu Hanif at Ullartachapur in Kurnakhali upazila.

Unidentified attackers allegedly belonging to an outlawed party killed the organising secretary of JCD, Jodubura union, Abu Hanif, 26, son of Alim Uddin Sheik in a feud over Dukku Beel (water body) on November 10.

Local BNP men thought the murder was committed by AL activists. On the following day they took revenge by rampaging the villagers houses.

The damaged houses belonged to Abdul Alim, Helaq Uddin, Akal Uddin, Jalal Uddin, Sirajul Islam, Lutfur Rahman, Motahar, Monohor Ali, Chad Alah and Suruj.

Abdullah, brother of slain JCD leader filed a case with Kumarkhal police station accusing 26 villagers and AL leaders and activists.

The accused persons are fleeing homes to evade physical torture and police arrest.

## Enlightening rural youngsters at remote Dinajpur upazila

A noble effort by a freedom fighter

A CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A freedom fighter established a school at a remote upazila in Dinajpur district with vision to make rural youngsters worthy citizens.

Opened on January 29, 2001, the school already earned reputation in the northern region within three years of its establishment by freedom fighter Dr Amjad Hossain at Chiribandar, 10 miles off the district town.

Because of devotion of 19 dedicated teachers, the school named after Amjad's parents Amena and Baki secured four talent pool scholarships out of eight in Dinajpur district last year.

The roll strength of Amena-Baki Residential School is 400, eighty of them resident students. Sixty per cent of the students are boys.

Computer education is compulsory while the routine affair of the school is cultural and sports programme. Students observe the Victory Day, Independence Day, International Mother Language day and other national days every year in a befitting manner.

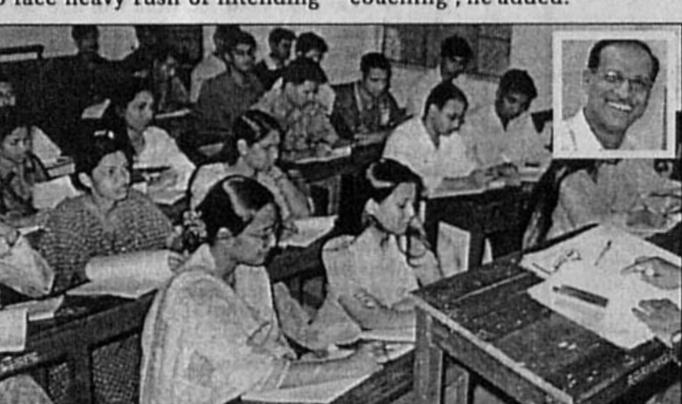
Students of the school won the first, second and third prizes

at this year's Independence Day Art competition in the district.

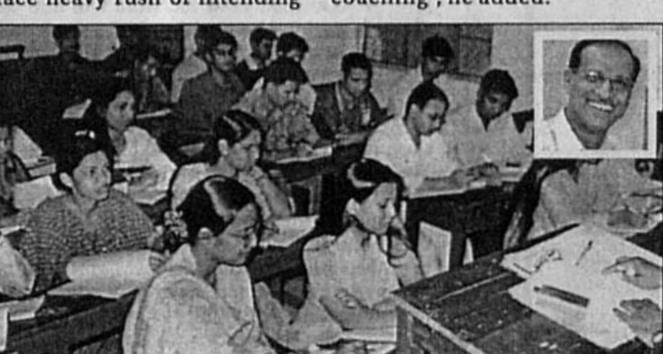
Students here also undertake environmental study tour, joint tree plantation and awareness-creating campaign.

Revered for his tireless crusade to enlighten rural youngsters Dr Amjad, Health Advisor of Bangladesh Freedom Fighters Welfare Trust is also Professor and Head of Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery Department of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

He expects like every year, this year also the school is likely to face heavy rush of intending



A class room of the educational institution with its founder Dr Amjad in the inset.



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