

SNAPS

Man killed in clash over land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

One person was killed and two others were injured in a clash over land between two brothers at Harabhang village in Gangni upazila, Meherpur on Monday.

Loan for ultra-poor people

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The Association for Social Advancement (ASA), a major NGO has been disbursing loan among the ultra-poor under a project titled Hope for the Poorest (HP).

Rajshahi Cadet College annual athletic meet concludes

Cadet Zia (Qasim House), Cadet Zico (Tariq House) and Cadet Sarwar (Khalid House) were adjudged the best athletes from Junior, Intermediate and Senior groups of Rajshahi Cadet College Inter-House Annual Athletic Meet-2004.

The athletic meet concluded on the college campus recently.

Three houses of the college took part in the competition.

Tariq House became champion and Khalid House was adjudged the best all-round and overall champion house for the year 2004.

On the concluding day, Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Md Mizanur Rahman Minu MP, distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Among others, principal of the college, local elite, guardians of the cadets and a large number of cadets of the college were present.

ZAHIDA MURDER CASE IN MAGURA

CID likely to be submit fresh charge sheet within 15 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Fresh charge sheet in college girl Zahida Rape and Murder Case is likely to be submitted soon.

CID Inspector Mohiuddin Ahmed told The Daily Star the charge sheet would be submitted within 15 days.

The case was transferred to CID in July, 2003 for further investigation and submission of fresh charge sheet following submission of 'naraji' (no-confidence) petition.

The victim, Zahida Khatun, daughter of poor farmer Raihanuddin Joarder of Borochara village in Sreepur upazila, appeared at the HSC examination from Dariapur College in 2002.



Zahida

She secured first division in the HSC examination from Humanities group. But she could not know the result at she was raped and strangled by miscreants on July 5, 2002.

At that time Zahida was returning home from her friend's house. Miscreants allegedly led by Mamun of Dariapur village dragged her to a jute field and killed her after gangrape.

According to local people, Mamun was handed over to police by his elder brother the same day only to save himself from public wrath.

Local administration put the case on the list of sensitive cases and sent it to DB police for investigation on August 27, 2002.

After investigation for about eight months, DB Inspector Shahidul Islam submitted two charge sheets on April 26, 2003 under Woman and Child Repression Prevention Act.

Tender box snatched from Sharishabari UZ engineer's office: 2 JCD men arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists snatched away a tender box from Sharishabari Upazila (UZ) Engineer's Office on Saturday.

Two JCD leaders, Hanifuddin and Belal Hossain were arrested at night.

According to police and sources in the engineer's office, JCD men equipped with arms snatched the tender box in front of the engineer and his office staff on the last day of

submission of tender called for construction of the Baushi-Kendua road. They threatened the engineer not to file any case against them.

After the incident, Sharishabari upazila BNP was divided into two groups.

A tense situation prevailed in the area.

Additional Police Super (ASP) of Jamalpur visited the spot. Police were deployed at the engineer's office and residence.



PHOTO: A K M MOHSIN

Workers unloading sand from a cargo launch anchored near the Narayanganj-Fatullah road. The sand is being used widely for development work after extraction from the Meghna riverbed.

JCD demands CUCSU election

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Monday submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor demanding immediate holding of election to Chittagong University Central Students' Union (CUCSU).

JCD threatened a tougher agitation for non-fulfillment of demand after the Eid-ul-Azha vacation.

JCD sources told The Daily Star they would launch a mass signature campaign and hold meetings in support of their demand.

Among others, JCD president Md Selim and general secretary MR Chowdhury were present during submission of the memorandum.

Last CUCSU election was held in February, 1990.

Garment worker gangraped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A garment worker was gangraped at Pularghat Bazaar in Sadar upazila, Kishoreganj on Saturday.

Police arrested two persons namely Khurshid Mia, son of Nayabullah of Jaluapara village and Abu Bakkar, son of Abdur Rashid of Lawna village in Sadar upazila, Kishoreganj.

According to police and local people, the victim alighted from a bus at Pularghat Bazaar at night. She was on way to her native village by a rickshaw. On way, a group of miscreants abducted her and took her to a nearby rice mill and raped her one after another.

Hearing a screaming, a Pularghat Banik Samity night guard rescued her.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot on Sunday morning and took the victim to police custody.

Cake festival on CU campus

CU CORRESPONDENT

A cake festival was held at the martyred intellectuals' memorial ground on Chittagong University (CU) campus on Sunday.

The festival was organised by Sunbeam, a campus-based cultural organisation.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Shamsuddin opened the festival as chief guest while Dean of Social Science Faculty Prof Dr Moinul Islam was present as special guest.

Nine stalls containing various types of winter cakes were erected at the venue.

Ecneec okays upgradation of Barisal BM College into university

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A decision to upgrade Barisal Government Brojo Mohan College into a full-fledged university was approved at the Executive Committee of National Economic Council's (ECNEC) meeting on Sunday.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia presided over the meeting.

The news brought joy for local people. BNP leaders and students brought out victory processions on the day.

Barisal City Corporation Mayor

Advocate Majibur Rahman Sarwar MP, also minister of the district led the joyous procession.

The college was established on 50 acres of land on June 14, 1889 by late Aswani Kumar Dutta, a Zamindar (land lord) and prominent Congress leader of undivided Bengal in memory of his father Brojo Mohan Dutta.

The college earned popularity as the Oxford of Bengal within a short period of its establishment.

Gyanendranath Chowdhury was the first principal of the college. At present, 20,000 students study in the college.



PHOTO: STAR

A procession was brought out in Gaibandha town on Monday to create mass awareness against repression on women. Steps Toward Development, a local Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) organised the procession.

Meherpur BSCIC estate now produces radish!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Meherpur BSCIC (Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation) estate has been turned into a radish field within one year of its formal opening.

Influential persons in collaboration with corrupt BSCIC staffers allegedly cultivated radish in the entire estate.

About 3,600 maunds of radish worth Tk 4.5 lakh were produced this season.

An official decision was taken to set up BSCIC industrial estates in four southwestern districts of Chuadanga, Magura, Narail and Meherpur on priority basis under Fifth Five-year Plan (1995-2000).

Accordingly, lands were acquired by the administration for the purpose in October, 1997. The BSCIC authorities sold 10 acres of land valued Tk 12,63,660 in Basantapur area on the Kushtia-Meherpur Road.

After sand filling at a cost of Tk 1 crore and 9 lakh, the then industries minister laid the foundation stone of the estate on August 22, 2003.

Construction work of an administrative building began at a cost of Tk 21,29,150. After finishing about 60 per cent work of the building, the work was stopped due to lack of fund.

Meanwhile, the BSCIC authorities also stopped plot sanction to prospective entrepreneurs on a plea of legal bar.

Arrival of migratory birds drops in northern region

Drying up of water bodies, overfishing, indiscriminate hunting of migratory birds main reasons

BSS, Rajshahi

Arrival of migratory birds has dropped in different water-bodies of the northern region.

Various reasons have attributed the situation. The reasons are drying up of rivers and tributaries, rampant plying of mechanised boats, overfishing and indiscriminate hunting of migratory birds, ornithologists told this at a press conference recently.

The number of migratory birds has reduced to two-thirds during the last few years. Because migratory birds are being killed rampantly. Small fishes have also become scarce in water bodies.

Around 40 bird species have become extinct in the region in last 50 years while many others are facing extinction, they said.

They stressed the need for safeguarding native and migratory birds in the greater interest of ecological balance.

They stressed on effective and concerted efforts by the concerned authorities to preserve various species of birds.

Bangladesh Birds Club (BBC) organised the press conference

aiming at resisting selling and purchasing of migratory birds at a city hotel on Thursday. Its founder-convenor Enamul Haque was the key-note speaker.

Among others, Prof Sarwar Jahan, Director of the Institute of Environmental Sciences of Rajshahi University (RU), Prof Abdul Mannan of Zoology Department, Prof Rakib Ahmed of Geography and Environmental Studies and local conveners Tanvir Mahmud and Taznava Fatin addressed.

The speakers expressed their concern over threat to birds.

Habitats of birds are gradually reducing due to various reasons, including depletion of forests, change in natural vegetation, use of pesticides and insecticides, plantation of exotic trees and human interference, they said.

They lauded the government initiative of planting fruit-bearing and herbal trees.

They urged young people's participation in conservation of nature. They also urged young men to be aware about conservation of nature, eco-tourism and development of rural resources.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Satkhira

Tender Notice No-03/2004-2005

Tenders in prescribed schedule under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted appropriate class contractors/contractor firms for execution of the undermentioned works under Satkhira Public Works Division. Tenders will be opened on the date of submitting tender at 12.15 hours in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.

Table with 6 columns: Group No, Name of work, Estimated cost, Earnest money, Time for completion of work, Eligibility of contractor. Contains 4 items of work.

- 2. Name of office to sell tender : Public Works Division, Satkhira, Khulna-1/2 & Bagerhat.
3. Name of office to receive & open tender : Public Works Division, Satkhira, Khulna-1/2 & Bagerhat.
4. a) Last date of selling tender : 17-01-2005 (during office hours).
b) Date of receiving tender : 18-01-2005 (up to 12.00 Noon).
c) Date of holding lottery : On 30-01-2005 at 11.00 AM at the office of the undersigned.

Other descriptions regarding schedule can be seen & purchased from the office of the undersigned and those above-mentioned during office hours. Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Satkhira

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

- 01. Tender No. : JFCL/Constn/6.06 13/131.
02. Name of office : Construction Division, Jamuna Fertilizer Co Ltd, Tarakandi, Jamalpur.
03. Name of work : PVC waste clearance pipe line repairing at JFCL jetty area.
04. Eligibility of tenderers : BCIC enlisted contractors.
05. Time limit for completion of work : 21 (twenty-one) days.
06. Place of getting tender schedule : Can be purchased from Accounts Department, JFCL, Tarakandi, Jamalpur & BCIC Cash Counter on 2nd Floor of BCIC Head Office, Dhaka during office hours.
07. Tender security : Tk 4,000/= (four thousand) only.
08. Price of tender schedule : Per set of tender Tk 500/= (five hundred) only (non-refundable).
09. Last date & time of purchasing tender : 18-01-2005 up to 5-00PM.
10. Place, date & time of receiving, opening tender : Tender shall be received in tender box kept at Ground Floor of JFCL Administrative Building up to 11-00AM of 19-01-2005 and the tenders shall be opened immediately afterwards at the chamber of Additional Chief Engineer (Construction) in presence (if any) of the tenderers.
11. Short description of work in tender : PVC pipe supply & fitting-filling, palasiding, earth cutting & earth fitting etc.
12. Tender terms & conditions : a) Attested photocopy of up-to-date valid enlistment and VAT & income tax certificate of the firm should be submitted with each tender. b) If, under unavoidable circumstances, it is not possible to receive tender on the prescribed date, then tender shall be received & opened on the next usual working day at the same place & time. c) Tender programme will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Regulations-2003.
13. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

BCIC-442-22/12/04 DFP-31384-28/12 G-49 Achintya Kumar Dev Additional Chief Engineer (Construction) for Managing Director

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Education Engineering Directorate

Jhenidah Zone, Jhenidah Tender Notice No. 12/very old/EED/JheZ/04-05 Dated: 20-12-2004

Tender Notice

Tenders as per the Public Procurement Regulations-2003 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Education-Engineering Directorate's pre-qualified contractors for development work of different educational institutions of Shaiklupa upazila in Jhenidah district under "Educational Institution Building Construction & Very Old (40 or above years) Building Re-construction" Project.

Table with 6 columns: Gr. No, Name of district, Name of upazila, Name of institution/work, Time limit for work, Amount of earnest money, Class of contractor. Contains 2 items.

- A) Price of tender document : Tk. 750/= (seven hundred fifth) only (non-refundable).
B) Last date & time of purchasing tender : 17-01-2005 (up to office hours).
C) Last date & time of submitting tender : 19-01-2005, time: 1:00 PM.
D) Place, date & time of opening tender document : Office of the undersigned, 19-01-2005 at 3:30 PM.
E) Offices where tender document to be had at : Head Office, Shiksha Bhaban, Dhaka; this office; Executive Engineer's Office, Kushtia/Jessore/Khulna Zone & Assistant Engineer's Office, Jhenidah/Magura district.
F) Offices where tender document to be received : Office of the Executive Engineer, Jhenidah Zone, Jhenidah & Assistant Engineer's Office, Jhenidah/Magura district.
G) Earnest money stated in group list should be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of "Executive Engineer", Education Engineering Directorate, Jhenidah Zone, Jhenidah.
2. Permission to purchase tender document should be obtained from proper authority on production of original copy of the undermentioned papers:
a) Registration book.
b) Up-to-date licence renewal certificate.
c) Up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate.
d) Up-to-date VAT registration certificate.
3. Bill shall be paid subject to receipt of allotment but contractor shall be bound to complete the work within the prescribed time.
4. Income Tax & VAT shall be deducted against each bill as per govt rules.
5. If, under any circumstance, the work is cancelled, then the contractor cannot claim any financial benefit.
The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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