Probe begins on 'corruption' by

Rangpur Civil

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

An allegation of corruption against the Rangpur Civil Surgeon (CS) is

two-member committee to investi-

gate into the alleged corruption and

irregularities done by Rangpur CS

Dr Joynal Abedin Khan in appoint-

ment of 54 third and fourth class

Senior Assistant Secretary of the

Health Ministry Sayeda Anwara Begum and Assistant Director of

Health Department in Dhaka Dr

Akram Hossain. They have started

their investigation on Sunday. They

are supposed to complete their

with notices to submit their state-

ments to the committee. It has been

alleged that a section of employees

of the CS office tried to refrain them-

selves from submitting statements.

BSF hands over

abducted sudent

rescued in India

alono Indian border security force

BSF handed over Bangladeshi school

student Selim through a flag meeting

with its counterparts Bangladesh

Jamalpur Primary School, was play-ing alone in a field at bordering

Jamalpur village in Daulatpur upazila

father Aslam Hossain on cell phone.

Sources said, the gang was led alleg-

Police said Selim, a student of

man's land on Sunday.

rifle BDR on Sunday.

on January 11.

The complainants were served

investigation today (Tuesday).

The probe body members are

The Health Ministry has formed a

Surgeon

being investigated.

employees recently.

Breakthrough in organic pest control

Seeds treated with BAU-evolved 'garlic tablet' become pest resistant: Bio-pesticide treats soil

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) has evolved environment friendly organic methods for treating seed and soil at negligible cost, which will help increase crop yield and reduce use of harmful chemical pesticide.

Garlic tablet', prepared from garlic and 'allamanda tablet' made from 'allamanda' (an indigenous lower) treat seeds and make them

The seeds thus treated have over 90 per cent germination rate com-pared to around 60 percent now at

These devices have proved effective during experiment at farmers' One tablet will cost only Tkfive.

Theiruse is also very simple. A farmer will crush either of the tablets and mix the powder with an appropriate quantity of water.

The seeds will be kept in the water These will be ready for sowing. The Integrated Pest Management

(IPM) Laboratory in the Department of Plant Pathology (DPP) at BAU evolved the tablets after research for

- Internationally reputed scientist and founder of the IPM Laboratory Prof Dr M Bahadur Meah was behind

Seeds needed for one hectare of land can be treated with one 'garlic tablet' or an 'allamanda tablet'. Dr Bahadur Meah told this correspondent during a field day with farmers on the BAU compound.

The collaborative research project titled 'Development of an Integrated Approach for Management of Phomopsis Blight/Fruit Rot of ggplant in Bangladesh' was funded

SNAPS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A two-hour flag meeting of the company

(BDR) and the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) was held at Benapole check post on Saturday. The BSF withdrew their extra

force from the check post after the fruitful

flag meeting. The BSF regretted Friday's

firing incidents at Benapole check post

without any provocation from the BDR. Both the sides agreed on discussion before

resumption of any construction work at Zero

Virendra Singh, while Naik Subedar Abul

Anti-drug meeting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

An anti-drug meeting was held at Kazipara here on Sunday. Brahmanbaria Pourasabha

Commissioner Khandker Md Shah Alam

presided over the meeting. Advocate Md Tanbhir Ahmed, President of Brahmanbaria Dhumpan-O-Madok Birodhi Sangathan, a

non-smoking anti-drug committee, was present there as the chief guest. Among

held in B'baria

addressed the meeting.

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BDR-BSF flag

meeting held



Prof Dr Bahadur Miah talking to farmers about their experience with the organic pest control devices on the BAU compound recently.

by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Like seeds, the soil should also be treated before sowing to keep crop free from pest attack, Dr. Bahadur said.

A bio-pesticide named "Trichoderma" evolved at the IPM Lab has proved very effective in treating soil at farmers' level, he said. This is for the first time in the country that such an effective bio-pesticide has been evolved, which can be made easily available to farmers, he said.

To treat the land, Trichoderma is prayed in the field after cultivation. The land is cultivated again so that the bio-pesticide is mixed with the topsoil' (six inches).

One kilogram of Trichoderma can treat the soil for transplanting over

1000 vegetable seedlings, which will cost Tk 10 only, he said. The cost will be Tk 600 to Tk 800 for one hectare, depending on the density of seedlings, he said. The two tablets and the bio-

pesticide have proved "excellent" during experiment at farmers' level, Dr. Bahadur said. Over 100 farmers have so far been

trained by IPM scientists on use of the two methods. Abdur Rouf, a farmer from Nandina in Jamalpur district and Iqbal Hossain from Laxmipur district who received training said they are

now using seed treating devices with good results Sohrab Hossain, an eggplant grower from Gafargoan upazila in

upazila returned from Saudi Arabia

on January 13. A gang entered their house on the night and kidnapped

Later they demanded Tk five lakh

"After payment of a handsome

A case is yet to be filed with

amount of money, they left me on a

field in the village with my hands and legs tied", Kalu told this corre-

abducted rice mill owner Sanjay

Kumar Debnath, 32, from his house

at Mirpur upazila headquarter.

Later on mobile phone they demanded Tk one lakh ransom from

The victim's father filed a case

with Mirpur police. Sanjay Kumar is

yet to be rescued, police and victims

anonymity told to this correspon-

dent over cell phone that they were

trying to negotiate with the captors

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The BNP-lead four party alliance

organised a big rally and brought out

a coloutful procession in the city on

Monday to celebrate a government

announcement upgrading the Brojo Mohan College (BM College) to a

university.

The alliance leaders speaking at

the rally thanked the government for

for Sanjoy's release.

A relative of the victim seeking

him on gunpoint.

spondent.

his father.

Mymensingh said his three-acre field is now free from pest attack after use of garlic tablets and Trichoderma. The yield is also good and harvest is on.

The three farmers were at BAU recently to exchange their experience with the scientists.

Talking to this correspondent, Dr. Bahadur regretted that the government has a big programme for IPM but it research work is not getting the required attention. The government should give more attention to research, he said.

Being satisfied with research work at IPM Lab, donors allocated Ik two crore and extended the project period by five years, Dr

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Refusal to offer a bidi to a person

has led to a bloody clash result-

ing in death of one person and

injuries to two others at

Shapmara village in

Gobindaganj upazila on

had turned down a request from

Jaharul Islam for a Bidi. A hot

exchange of words ensued

between them. Soon the news

spread fast and their supporters

equipped with lethal weapons

reached the spot. Both the groups

The three injured persons

were taken to Rangpur Medical

College Hospital (RMCH). One

of them, Saimuddin died on

named Jaharul and Golzar.

Police arrested two persons

were locked in a bloody clash.

The dead is Saimuddin, 40. He

edly by Indian national Anwarul. The victim's father informed BDR at Jamalpur outpost, who informed A life for a

BSF informed Indian police, who rescued the boy from a village in Murshidabad district.

At least seven people including four school and college students were abducted in last 16 days in the district. Of them, six bought their freedom and

one was rescued by police. At least 122 abduction incidents took place in the district last year Organised gangs and outlaws are behind the incidents, according to

police and victims' families. Spurious Phensidyl

kills one OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha'

A drug addict died at Nunia village in Palashbari upazila following intake of spurious Phensidyl on Saturday. The dead victim is Jahangir Alam,

manager of a bus counter. He was recovered in an unconscious state by breaking open the door. Afterwards, he was removed to Palashbari Health Complex where the on-dutyphysician declared him dead.

Bid to abduct teenage girl OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia foiled by mob: 21 held A Bangladeshi school student, abducted by an Indian gang, was rescued by BSF and handed over to BDR at a flag meeting held at Kacharipara on the no

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

They are political foes but together

have grabbed a prime railway land,

sparking protests by people in Bholaganj in Companiganj upazila. Some influential leaders of ruling

BNP's youth front Jatiyatabadi Juba

Dal and opposition Awami League's

Juba League forcibly grabbed five

acres of railway land near Bholagnaj

stone crushing plant area on

with backing from a section of police

officials of Companiganj thana and

Ansars, according to sources there.

Hossain stationed at Chhatak filed

Railway employee Mokbul

a case with Companiganj police

on January 13 accusing nine persons

including Juba Dal leader Sujan

Miah and Juba League leader

They grabbed the land allegedly

A bid to abduct a teenage girl was foiled by mob at Katiyer Vita village in Fulchhari upazila on Saturday.

Police arrested 21 abductors and sent them to jail hajat. According to police and villagers,

one person named Sushil Chandra of the village arranged marriage of his daughter Lucky Rani, 18. But Sushil's son-in-law Bhushan

A gang came from across the border and took him away forcibly. They later demanded Tk 80,000 to his Chandra tried to convince his father-in-law to arrange Lucky's marriage with his younger brother Bhabesh Chandra. As Sushil refused to agree with his proposal, Bhushan planned to kidnap Lucky.

He along with his accomplices went to Sushil's house in two microbuses. They abducted Lucky and tried to flee with her. Local people chased the microbuses.

In the meantime, local member of parliament (MP) Begum Rowshan Ershad was on her return journey after visiting her constituency on board a vehicle. Her driver created a

barricade with the vehicle. Local people caught the miscreants and recovered Lucky from their clutches. The mob began to beat the miscreants including Biswanath

and Bhabesh. At this stage, Rawshan Ershad

made a phone call to the Superintendent of Police (SP), Gaibandha. He sent police to the spot and recovered the girl. Police arrested all 21 abductors and recovered a toy pistol and deadly weapons from their possession.

Foes in politics, friends

Jubo Dal, Jubo League leaders grab 5 acre prime

Miah and Jahir Miah.

the border.

The other accused persons are Which also demanded withdrawal of Ilyas Miah, Alim Uddin, Khorshed ASI Golam Mostafa from

ited the site on January 14.

Miah, Tota Miah, Syed Jamal, Shahid

On information, an official vis-

People brought out a procession

in the upazila headquarter on Saturday and held a rally demand-

ing restoration of the land from the

grabbers and steps to save

Bholaganj, a rich sources of stones

main roads in the upazila headquar-

ters chanting various slogans. They

also demanded punishment for

corrupt police officials who alleg-

to Sylhet Deputy Commissioner

through the Upazila Nirbahi Officer

They submitted a memorandum

edly backed the land grabbers.

while land grabbing

railway land in Companiganj

Jobo League leader among 3 held by Barisal Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested three persons including a village in Shekherhut union in Jhalakati district Sunday nigh and recovered arms and ammunitions from their possession.

The arrested persons are Jubo Swapan, 35, Badal alias Milon, 44 and his brother Abdur Rashid.

Later one revolver, one pipe gun and three bullets were recovered from the house of Abdur Rashid.

Harunur Rashid, ASP and Rab Commander in Barisal said, there are many allegations of extortion and other crimes against Saidur. They would be handed over to police after primary interrogation, he said.

Companyganj thana and the Ansar Commander posted at Bholagani.

The protesters threatened of tougher agitation including hartal if the demands are not met immedi-

The rally was addressed by, among others Mujibur Rahman Mintu, Azir Uddin, Nur Miah, Nurul Islam, Shailen Chandra Shil, Ali

rolling from Meghalaya hills across Akbar and Shafiqur Rahman. Because of several stone quarries Stone collection is the main source of income for the people of in the area, a stone crushing plant and a ropeway were set up in The processionists paraded the

Bholaganj in 1968 for supply of stones for railway. But due to some influential quarters and extortionists, stone collection was disrupted and the

government closed the plant in 1998 and withdrew most of the staff. A few staff members were kept there and a Ansar camp set up to guard the government property.

3 bombs recovered from Agailjhara barber shop

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Agailjhara police searched a locked barber shop and recovered three home made bombs Saturday

Police sources said they searched the shop at Kalur Bazar at the upazila headquarter after an anonymous caller said some bombs were hidden at the shop.

The three bombs were contained in a plastic bag.

Proshanta Shil, owner of the shop, said he does not know how the bombs were kept there. He said he closed the shop at about 7 pm Saturday and the bombs were ecovered an hour later.

He started the new shop at a rented house a few days ago, he said. Other sources said the landlord, Shukdev Dewri, has dispute over the owner ship of the land with another person--Selim

Police lodged a general diary in this connection.

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their representatives.

Md. Aminul Haq Director (Procurement) Directorate of Food, Dhaka Phone No-9550261

Two buy freedom, one abducted in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

College student Ziaul, abducted on fanuary 10 and expatriate Kalu, abducted on January 13, bought their freedom on Sunday.

In another incident, criminals abducted a rice mill owner on

A gang posing as policemen stormed into the house of Nasir Uddin at Ihoudia village in Sadar upazila on the night of January 10. a degree student at a local college, to accompany them to identify a crimi-

nal's house in the village. But after some time, the gang told Nasir Uddin over mobile that his son was abducted and demandedTk2lakhransom.

Nasir went to police next morn-ing and filed a case but to no result. We paid the captors Tk 40,000 for Ziaul's release", victim's relative Sawkat told this correspondent over

After the payment, the gang left Ziaul near his village Sunday eve-

When contacted, police said they did not know about ransom pay-

Kalu Ahamed, 32, son of Kader

others, Md Kitab Ali, Kazi Shafi Uddin, Master Md Mona Mia, journalist Md Apu Ahmed, Md Manik Mia and advocate Mintu Bhaumik Sardar of Pirtola village in Gangni

Amendment Tender Notice

Memo No. PD/Procurement/Tender (Rice Purchase)-03/2004-05/31 Dated: 08-01-2005 Para 2 & 5 of Meno No. PD/Procurement/Tender (Rice Purchase)-03/2004-05/849 dated 23-12-2004 and Directorate

of Food are amended as the following. 2. Tender schedule can be purchased on cash payment of Tk. 1000/- (one thousand) only per set (non-refundable) from the office of the Regional Controller of Food, Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong & Khulna and Accounts & Finance Department (4th Floor) of Directorate of Food during office hours from 28-12-2004 to 27-01-2005. No schedule will be sold on the date of

Tender should be submitted in sealed cover to Director (Procurement), Directorate of Food and "Rice purchase through Tender/2004-05" should be distinctly superscribed on the envelope. Tender should be submitted in tender box kept in front of the office chamber (1st Floor, Room No-101) of Director of the Directorate of Food & office chamber (1st Floor, Room No-126, Building No-4, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) of Deputy Secretary (Procurement) of the Ministry of Food & Disaster Management by 12-00 Noon of 29-01-2005. Tender box shall be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM by the respective authority in presence (if any) of the tenderers or

> the step, saying this will open a new era in education in Barisal division. But they urged the authorities concerned to name the university as Brojo Mohon University.

Teachers, students, activists of components of the alliance and people from all walks of life joined the programme in large numbers. Advocate Majibur Rahman

Leaders of the four-party alliance leading a procession in Barisal city on Sunday, hailing the government for upgrad-

Alliance holds rally, procession

UPGRADING BM COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY

to hail govt announcement

Sarwar MP, Mayor of Barisal City Corporation and Minister-in-Charge of the district, district BNP secretary Nazrul Islam Razon, city Jamat Amir Moazzem Hossain Helal, Barisal Islami Oikko Jote Secretary AKM Sahjahan, BM College Principal Prof Nurul Huq, Prof. Md. Hanif, Ward Commissioner Abdur Rahman Azim. City JCD President Mashiul Alam Sentuaddressed the gathering.

It was presided over by former principal of BM College Prof Syed Moazzem Hossain Mia. The speakers thanked the Prime Minister for fulfilling a long desired

dream of the people of the region. But presence of Sentu among the leaders drew criticism from many among members of the public. Police said Sentu was wanted by Rapid Action Battalion for toll collection,

operation in Barisal. Rab members were also present at the programme.

tender snatching and other crimes. He was hiding after Rab began its

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