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86 Bangladeshis jailed in India return home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Friday handed over 86 Bangladeshis to Bangladesh Rifles

They include 30 women, 36 minor boys and girls and eight

Mohila Ainjibi Samity received them from Benapole port police and handed them over to police.

The all hailed from Narail district and had gone to India illegally in 2003, according to Benapole Immigration sources.

Indian law enforcement agencies arrested them and produced them before court. Ultimately, they suffered imprisonment at Midnapur jail in Tamluk district of

Rab putting criminals' profiles on computer

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

Rapid Action battalion (Rab) has taken a new move to record profiles of "most wanted criminals"

The profiles will be brought under computer network through

Khulna metropolitan city and one in each police station in the district will be prepared.

According to a highly placed police sources, Rab will do the job without any help from police. Our own intelligence will collect data and prepare the profiles containing

photos, addresses, number and definitely help Rab arrest wanted nature of crimes and background of criminals they said

The profiles will also contain data on their wealth and property, sources of income and name of their godfathers.

special programming.

Initially, profiles of two criminals listed with each thana in special programming.

Strict secrecy is being maintained in preparing the profiles correctly by Rab intelligence branch. Once complete, the elite force will swing into action against

intelligence units. Outdated techniques being applied by law enforcers are absolutely ineffective as The source further said crimihardened criminals are availing the nals using cell phones will be opportunity of modern technology tracked down by tapping their including cell phone and internet to commit crimes, the RAB source phones and using other sophisticated digital equipment. This will

One drowns as trawler capsizes in Meghna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

One person drowned and 11 others were injured, three of them seriously, as a fishing trawler capsizes in the Meghna in the early hours of yesterday.

The incident occurred near Mehendiganj town when a Chittagong-bound oil tanker hit the fishing trawler, according to survivingfishermen.

Fisherman Faisal Sikder drowned while others managed to swim ashore. They were admitted to Mehendiganj Upzila Health Complex Condition of Jamal, 25, Zizam, 25, Monir, 27, has been stated to be critical, according to hospital

The oil tanker sped away immediately after the mishap. The body of Faisal has been sent to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for



A partial view of the crowd at the public meeting addressed by JSD President Hasanul Hoque Inu at Rangpur town

Cotton growers face setback

Price plummets to Tk 800 from last year's 1400 a maund: Govt encouraged farmers but extended no support

AMANUR AMAN, back from

KUSHTIA: Cotton cultivators in six southwestern districts are in peril as the price of their cash crop has fallen drastically this year.

"We are selling cotton at Tk 800 to Tk 1000 per maund this year against Tk 1400 to Tk 1500 last year", said Mustak Hossain of Dhankhola village in Gangni upazial in Meherpur district. There are about 900 cotton cultivators in Gangni, registered with the Cotton Development Board

This correspondent also visited some cotton growing areas including Betbaria, Kazipur, Garadoba, Bhatpara in Meherpur, Chuadanga and Jhenidah districts and talked to

farmers. They also said they have to sell cotton at prices much below that

Meherpur, Chuadanga, Jhenidah, Kushtia, Jessore, Magura and Rajbari districts, divided into four zones by the CDB, account for about 70 per cent of cotton grown in the country.

The cotton produced in plain lands is commonly called American Variety, which is used by spinning mills in the country. Another variety, known as Comilla Variety, is grown in small quantities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts

Cotton is grown on flood free high lands. Bangladesh's soil and climate are suitable for the crop, CDB sources

They said the yield was good this

erable part of the cotton growing area

According to sources in CDB, 36,000 hectares of land were brought under cotton cultivation in the four zones this year with a production target of 84000 bales. There are 9,000 hectares in each zone. Last year's flood damaged the crop on about 7207 hectares, they said.

Cotton cultivation became popular in the areas in the last several years following steps by the CDB. The crop is sown in October-November and harvested in February-March:

According to farmers, production cost per bigha is about Tk 2000. Five to eight maunds are produced per bigha. Last year, farmers got good profits by selling their products at Tk 14,00-1500 per maund. Many of the farmers said

criminals quickly, they hoped.

Previous criminal records (PCR)

Other metropolitan cities are

of wanted persons kept in com-

puter network will help the Rab in

containing murders and subversive

also being brought under this new

plan by Rab with the help of its

The CDB sources said domestic price has fallen due to a slump in the world market from 80 cents a pound lastyear to 50 cents this year. They said the government did not

take any initiative to develop the sector through it has a good prospect in the country.

When contacted, CDB Zonal Officer Abdur Rakib said farmers have no technology for grading the cotton they produce though the quality is comparable to those produced in traditionally cotton-growing coun-

He said CDB has trained farmers in groups to encourage them.

Bangladesh needs 15 lakh bales of cotton for the spinning mills. Around 80,000 bales of American Variety of cotton are produced in the country, which is utilised by the spinning mills.

Another 6000 to 7000 bales of Comilla variety are produced in the CHT, of which 1000 to 1500 bales are exported, CDB sources said.

Last year, 76,125 bales of American Variety were produced from 34,500 hectares. This year, the crop was grown on 36,000 hectares and the target will exceed as the yield was good, they said.

But the farmers are deprived of the fair price because they have to sell their product to traders as no spinning mill purchases cotton from farmers.

Golam Rasul, Senior Marketing Officer of CDB, when contacted, said the farmers are deprived because they can not grade their

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Magura AL forms body for council

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

has been formed to make Awami League district triennial council scheduled to be held nere on March 31 a complete success.

Altaf Hossain called upon the party leaders and activists to get united to make the triennial council of district AL successful. The last council of Magura district AL

The council date was rescheduled

According to party insiders, a group is being led by lawmaker MS Akbar and the other by district AL convener Md Altaf

Hossain.

A four-member preparatory committee This was announced by district AL

convener Altaf Hossain at a press conference held at his residence yesterday. The preparatory committee is being eaded by Altaf Hossain while joint conveners M S Akbar MP, and Abu Nasir Bablu and Magura Pourasabha Chairman

While addressing the press conference,

Abdul Gafur are its members.

was held in 1992.

hrice in last 14 months but it could not be held due to internal feud.

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Farmers with their cotton waiting for buyers at a market in Chuadanga. The photo was taken on Thursday.

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Prof Yunus murder probe stalled after 'Shibir link' found

Rajshahi Professionals' Coordinating Council to stage demonstrations today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Rajshahi Professionals' Coordinating Council will stage demonstrations in the in the city and submit memorandum to officials today demanding speedy trial of the murder of Professor Muhammad Yunus of Raishahi University.

Prof Yunus, president of Bangabandhu Parishad at RU and vice-president of Bangladesh Economics Association, was murdered in the morning of December 24 last year when he was on a morning walknearhishouse.

Probe into the murder is virtually stopped after police in preliminary investigation detected that the killer was an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS), student front of Jamaat-e-Islami, police sources claimed.

Police earlier took into custody an eyewitness to the murder, who informed them that the killers were four in number, but he could recognise only one of them, who is a "notorious cadre" of ICS.

The killer has criminal records,

policesaid. "Their faces were covered with gamcha (towel) but I could recognise

one of them", police earlier quoted the

witness as saying. Police also said information gathered from two other sources also substantiated the version of the witness.

Police said they have launched a manhunt for the ICS cadre but did not name him. He is accused in several cases for murder and extortion and was arrested with firearms a few months before the murder of Prof

Freed on bail, the ICS cadre had escaped to India and returned to Rajshahi three days before Prof. Yunus' murder, police said.

The ICS cadre held a meeting in Rajshahi University TSC area on the night before the murder. Sirajus Salekeen, a former ICS president in Rajshahi had attended the meeting along with a son of a pro- BNP RU

believe, the source said.

"He (the ICS Cadre) escaped several police raids. His arrest will expose everything behind the murder. We are trying hard to net him", said a highly placed police source. The investigators had also

obtained a leaflet in Purbo Banglar by BSF and smuggling. Communist Party reportedly claimed responsibility for the murder. But the investigators did not

Unite to press for reform in caretaker system

Inu calls upon pro-liberation parties in Rangpur

including the Adamji Jute Mills to

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SOFA accords

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President Hasanul Hoque Inu yesterday called upon pro-liberation political parties to intensify the agitation to compel the government to reform caretaker government laws to ensure fare and

The head of government is trying to divert people's attention from the issue by saying that some foreign countries are trying to interfere in Bangladesh's internal

The government is vehemently opposing proposals for reform in the caretaker system. This proved they are conspiring to cling to power anyhow. If they really want a fair election, they must agree to the reform proposals, he told a big public meeting at Jahaj Company point in the town. The government is leading the country towards a confrontational politics, which may make the next general election uncertain, said.

He earlier addressed two meetings Mithapukur and Maderganj. Such abrupt statements on so-called foreign interference has raised questions among the peo-

How they can raise the question after coming to power through conspiracy with some

BDR on alert in Dinajpur after push-in bid foiled

A CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

BDR is on alert along the northwestern borders after foiling two push-in bids by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) in Chirirbandar border in Dinajpur Thursday night.

According to BDR sources and frontier people, BSF of Basontipur camp, in two bids, tried to push in 32 Bangla-speaking Indians into Bangladesh territory through two border points amid torrential rains. The BSF pushed them at gun-

point through a maize field, opposite Tazpur BDR outpost. BDR personnel from Tazpur outpost caught them, took them to local Union Parishad Chairman

Azizul Islam and kept them under

his custody to provide dood.. During interrogation, the Indians who included three women and four children told the BDR and the UP leader that they were citizens of India and working in different Indian cities.

Indian police picked them up along with dozens of others three weeks back from New Delhi and handed them over to the BSF for pushing them into Bangladesh.

BDR pushed them back to Indian territory Friday night, BDR sources

The victims also told BDR that BSF assembled several hundred Bangla-speaking Indians along the northwestern frontiers to push them into Bangladesh, BDR sources

Flag meet held

A CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Sector Commander label flag meeting between BDR and BSF was held at Atwari in Panchagarh on Thursday.

Both the sides agreed to resole border disputes as per Indo-Bangla Border Treaty of 1975 according to BDR sources.

At the meeting BDR raised the issues of push-in by BSF and erection of barbed wire fencing inside 150 yards of zero line and construction of 160 metre dam to protect village Barshalu at Atwari in Panchagarh, killing of Bangladeshi

Both the sides agreed to hold such conference in future to defuse border tension and check border

harm to the religion. "They have Inu bitterly criticised the govdeclared that they will bring about ernment for price hike of essentials, law and order situation and an Islamic revolution in the country but the government do not take alleged corruption by the ruling any step against them", Inu said. None of criminals behind bomb "This government has closed and grenade blasts have been down many industries and mills

caught because the government is

sheltering them, he alleged. open Bangladesh's market for Those who spoke at the meetings included JSD Joint Secretary He also criticised the govern-Najmul Hoque Prodhan, ment for signing the TIFA and Organizing Secretary Rezaul Karim and party leaders Karim He alleged that the government Shikder, Dr. Ekramul Hoque Swapan and Sakwat Ranga. is also sheltering so-called Islamists who are actually doing

জাতীয় শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠ্যপুস্তক বোর্ড

৬৯-৭০, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০ তারিখঃ ১৭/০৩/২০০৫ ইং

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শিকা মরণালয়ের স্মারক নং-শাঃ১০/১৫ পাঠ্যমূদ্র-১/২০০১/২০৮ তারিখঃ ১৭/৩/২০০৫ এর সিদ্ধান্ত মোতাবেক সরকার কর্তৃক ২০০৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষ থেকে একমুখী শিক্ষাক্রম এর আওতায় ১৩ পাঠাপুস্তক (নবম-দশম শ্রেণীর) বেসরকারি পর্যায়ে প্রকাশনা/মুদ্রণের জন্য অনুমোদন দেওয়া হয়েছে। তদানুসারে অভিজ যোগ্য ও আগ্রহী প্রকাশকদের নিকট থেকে নিমলিখিত ১৩টি পাঠাপস্তকের

পাঠাপুস্তকের মাধ্যমিক গণিত (১ম খন্ড) 3 10 মাধ্যমিক গণিত (২য় খন্ত) সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান (১ম পত্র) (ইতিহাস ও ভূগোল) সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান (২য় পত্র) (সমাজবিজ্ঞান, পৌরনীতি ও অর্থনীতি) গাহঁন্তা অর্থনীতি 5 16 মাধ্যমিক উচ্চতর গণিত (১ম খন্ড) 3 16 মাধ্যমিক উচ্চতর গণিত (২য় খড) र्वा द ज्ञा ७ त्याभात्याम श्रमुक्ति সাধারণ বিজ্ঞান-১ম পত্র (ভৌত বিজ্ঞান-পদার্থবিদ্যা সাধারণ বিজ্ঞান-২য় পত্র (জীববিজ্ঞান-উদ্ভিদবিজ্ঞান, প্রাণিবিজ্ঞান, পরিবেশ বিজ্ঞান ও জনসংখ্যা শিক্ষা) ব্যবসায় শিক্ষা (ব্যবসায় নীতি পরিচিতি ও হিসাব

বাণিজ্যিক ভগোল নিয়মাবলীঃ

শ্রেণী অনুযায়ী প্রতি বিষয়ের প্রতি সেট (শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠাসূচি বানানরীতি বই এবং নিয়মাবলী) ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা (अरयन्त्रजस्यामा) स्मानानी वााश्क, जनमिष्ठिवि गाथारा जनमिष्ठिवि त চেয়ারমান অনুকূলে হিসাব নং ৩৩০০৯১১৮-এ জমা দিয়ে, জমা রশিদের মূল কপি প্রদানপূর্বক বোর্ড ভবনের ১০ম তলার কক্ষ নং ১০০২ থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

এ বিজ্ঞান্তি প্রকাশের পর ২০/০৬/০৫ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসকক্ষে পাড়ুলিপি জামা দিতে হবে।

শতর পাঠাপুস্তক মূল্যায়ন কমিটি (ITEC) কর্ত্তক সুপারিশক্ত এবং এনসিটিবি কর্ত্তক অনুমোদিত পাঠাপুস্তকগুলো প্রকাশকগণ প্রকাশ, মুদ্রণ ও বাজারজাতকরণের ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করবেন। প্রতিটি পাঠাপুস্তক মূল্যায়নের জনা প্রকাশকগণকে ITEC কর্ত্বক

নির্ধারিত ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকা হারে মূল্যায়ন ফি এবং অনুমোদিত হলে ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা হারে অনুমোদন জি চেয়ারম্যান, এনসিটিবি'র অনুকূলে সোনালী ব্যাংক, এনসিটিবি শাখায়, হিসাব নম্বর ৩৩০০৯৯১৮-এ পে-অর্ডার-এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে। শতন্ত্র পাঠ্যপুস্তক মূল্যায়ন কমিটি (ITEC)/NCTB প্রকাশক কর্তৃক

প্রকাশিতবা পাঠাপুস্তকের মূল্য নির্ধারণ করবে। প্রকাশককে পাঠাপুস্তকের পাতুলিপির সঙ্গে হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধ সনদ, আর্থিক সঙ্গতি সনদ এবং ট্রেড লাইসেন্স সনদের সত্যায়িত (প্রথম

শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্ত্তক) ফটোকপি জমা দিতে হবে। ৰতন্ত্ৰ পাঠাপুস্তক মূল্যায়ন কমিটি কর্তৃক অননুমোদিত পাড়ুলিপি অফেরতযোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লেখ নেই এমন বিষয়ে বোর্ডের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য

বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লেখিত যে কোন বিষয়ে পরিবর্তন, পরিমার্জন ও বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা বোর্ড (এনসিটিবি) সংরক্ষণ করে।

পাভূলিপি কম্পিউটার কম্পোজ করে জমা দিতে হবে।

এনসিটিবির বানানরীতি অনুসরণ করতে হবে। ফন্ট সাইজ ১৩ পয়েন্ট হতে হবে। (日) नाइन द्रम्भ ३.४ इएड इरव।

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প্রকাশককে অবশ্যই প্রতি শ্রেণীর প্রতি বিষয়ের প্রতি সেট (শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠ্যসূচি, বানানরীতি বই এবং নিয়মাবলী) বিজ্ঞাপন প্রকাশের এক মানের মধ্যে এনা করতে হবে। ৪ (চার) কপি পাড়লিপি জমা দিতে হবে, যার একটি মাত্র কপিতে

প্রকাশক ও লেখকের নাম থাকরে। धटकमत्र दोसामा द्याम সদস্য (শিক্ষাক্রম)

জাতীয় শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠ্যপুস্তক বোর্ড, ঢাকা।

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