

## Goods worth Tk 5.7cr seized in coastal areas

Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard seized goods worth Tk 5.7 crore over the past 15 days in different raids on the coastal areas and within the internal waterways, says a press release.

The seized items, including 94 bundles of Indian sarees, three-pieces, shirts, pants, 125 bottles of foreign liquor and 1250 barrels of rapeseed oil, were handed over to the customs authorities for taking necessary steps.

## Road crash kills 1

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

One field worker of Sabolambi Unnayan Samity, a local NGO of Netrakona, was killed in a road accident at Mukterpara area in the Netrakona town yesterday.

The dead was identified as Oli Rani Bakshi of Ganga Nagar village under Kalmakanda upazila.

The accident occurred when a truck hit her rickshaw at Mukterpara while she was returning to her office from her workplace, leaving her dead on the spot.

## ILLEGAL OCCUPATION

# 12 encroachers, firms fined in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court in the port city yesterday fined 12 occupants and business firms Tk 3.15 lakh on charges of encroaching different canals, discharging wastages and disrupting their flow.

The court, led by Chittagong Port Authority Magistrate (CPA) Muhammad Munir Chowdhury, found that the occupants have been disrupting the normal flow of Mohesh Khal (canal) and some other nearby canals by setting up garages, workshops and shops occupying around 18,000 square feet lands in different points of Bandar, Nimgala, Halishahar and Boropole areas.

The disruption of the flow causes waterlogging during heavy rainfall in the city, sources said.

The occupants were also polluting the canals dumping huge quantity of wastages, said the sources.

The court also fined six other business firms for disposing wastages at the drains of Port Connecting Road in Nayabazar area.

The fined occupants were Jalal Ahmed, Mohammad Rafiq, Ahmed Ali Sawdagar, Abdul Kuddus, Jakir Mian and Eskandar while the business firms were Saranika Iron Engineering Works, Gawsia Motors, Jakir Engineering Works, Nur Uddin Motors, FS Garage, Khwaja Motors and SS Garage. The name of the other business firms could not be known.

The court ordered the occupants to remove the illegal structures immediately.

## Child trafficker caught red-handed

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A child trafficker was caught red-handed while trying to abduct a six-year-old boy at Boro Achra village in Benapole yesterday morning.

The child trafficker was identified as Abdur Rahim Badshah, 35.

Police sources said Ayesha Khatun along with her son Rasul went to a tubewell to bring some water that morning.

While they were returning, Badshah appeared out of nowhere and tried to snatch Rasul away. As Ayesha started screaming, locals rushed to the scene and nabbed him. He was later handed over to police after a mob beating.

## Spurious fertiliser seized

Police seized 100 sacks of spurious fertiliser at Balunda village in Benapole yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of one Sakhina Begum and recovered the fertiliser.

However, Sakhina Begum managed to escape the scene.