

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Outlaw demands toll from mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

An outlaw has demanded Tk 10 lakh as illegal toll from Khulna City Corporation (KCC) mayor and city Awami League president Talukder Abdul Khaleque. The caller who did not disclose his name other than identifying himself as an outlaw demanded money and threatened the mayor over cell phone. The mayor said he had filed a general diary (GD) with Khulna Sadar police station on Tuesday. "I shall file another GD as the same caller demanded the money again yesterday", the mayor said.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Sylhet City Corporation removes illegal structures encroaching upon a natural canal at Sagardighirpar in Sylhet city yesterday.

Cop commits suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Shiplu Shekhar Chowdhury, 34, sub-inspector (SI) of Nabiganj police station in Habiganj committed suicide using his own pistol at a dak bungalow Tuesday night. The reason behind the suicide could not be ascertained immediately. Hailing from village Mahmud Nagar of Shulla upazila in Sunamganj district, unmarried Shiplu had been serving at Nabiganj as second officer for the last three years. The body was sent to the village home of the deceased.

Weigh station at Jamuna bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sirajganj*

Weigh station on the western side of Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge in Sirajganj district finally resumed operation from Tuesday night. Sources said, machines at the weigh station had gone out of order about two months ago. But the authorities did not take any step to replace them for which the government was losing a huge amount of revenue. Following publication of a report in the Daily Star on April 26, Jamuna bridge authorities took the initiatives to set up a new load-cell at the weigh station.

Journos protest attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Khulna journalists at a rally yesterday decided to boycott coverage on KUET news in protest against attack on three mediamen during violence on the campus on Monday. Speakers at the rally said the boycott would continue till attackers are arrested and tried. A seven-member committee has also been formed to monitor the case filed on Tuesday by injured journalist Kanak Rahman. Besides, a three-day agitation programme has been announced by Khulna Press Club beginning today.

GD seeking security of life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Abdul Motin Khaleque, a deputy director of District Social Welfare Department yesterday filed a General Diary (GD) seeking security of life alleging that organisational secretary of district AL Ataur Rahman Azad Bablu and president of Dinajpur town AL Taiyab Uddin Chowdhury, have threatened to kill or transfer him. In the complaint he said they also hurled abusive words in front of 25 officials at the Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner's office on Tuesday as he declined to issue any old aged allowance card as per their list.

Dying Gorai still cries for new lease of life

AMANUR AMAN, *Kushtia*

Once mighty Gorai River, the main branch of the Padma, now sees a lowest ever flow, posing a serious ecological threat to the country's south-western region.

Due to drastic fall in the flow of Gorai River, at least seven of the 15 rivers dependent on it are now nearly dead while eight others are following.

The nearly dead rivers are Hisna, Kaliganga, Kumar, Hamkumra, Harihar and Chitra.

The 386-kilometre Gorai River, an important source of fresh water in the south-western region, depends on the Padma River for its flow.

As the Padma itself remains lean in the dry season (December-May) for over three decades, Gorai flow during the period also sees gradual decline.

Consequently, intrusion of increased saline water in the coastal areas in greater Khulna region poses a serious threat to the world's largest mangrove forest the Sundarbans.

Increasing salinity in the region also leaves an adverse effect on water quality, nature, fishery, agriculture, navigability and trade in a vast area of the region.

To keep flow of Gorai River normal, successive governments took initiative to dredge the riverbed in 1977, 1983, 1984, 1992 and 1996 but with very little achievements.

In 1996, the then govern-



PHOTO: STAR

Gorai River that once acted as feeder for over a dozen rivers in the south-western region of the country, itself now on the verge of death.

ment took a large-scale dredging scheme on the Gorai.

Under the Tk 267.3 crore project, 34 km river was dredged in two phases.

But before its maintenance dredging started, the project work was abandoned in 2001 when the government led by BNP took over.

To keep Gorai River alive, around 50,000 to 55,000 cusec of water is necessary in the Padma, the parent river of the Gorai.

The WDB sources said Bangladesh gets on average 38,000 to 42,000 cusec water

in last three months of dry season although it was supposed to get 55,000 to 70,000 cusec as per the India-Bangladesh agreement signed in 1996.

Due to withdrawal of Ganges water by India at Farakkar in the upstream, quantity of water in the Padma sees decline every year.

Scanty flow of water in the Padma is also affecting the GK (Ganges-Kobadak) project, which has been used to irrigate around 1.16 lakh hectares of land in the region since 1959.

Meanwhile, responding to the government's plan to resume excavation of the Gorai River, a group of donors at a meeting yesterday assured the prime minister of extending necessary assistance for it.

Dutch Ambassador in Dhaka Bea Tan Tusscher, German Ambassador Frank Mayke, Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue, World Bank's acting Country Director Tahaseen Sayed and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) representative Ad Spijkers were present from the donors' side.

WAR CRIMES IN 1971 38 more including Jamaat man sued

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Thirty-eight people, including an upazila Jamaat ameer, have been sued for their alleged involvement in war crimes in Sirajganj, Satkhira and Jhalakathi districts in 1971.

In Sirajganj, Chan Mian, son of martyred freedom fighter Abdul Hossain of Chowbaria village under Shahzadpur upazila, filed a case with Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday against Shahzadpur Upazila Jamaat Ameer Abdul Khaleque and 10 others for killing his father on July 25, 1971, according to our correspondent.

Our Satkhira correspondent reported that a case was filed with Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court here yesterday against 24 alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces. Shamsur Rahman of Badghata village under Shyamnagar upazila filed the case.

The accused are Munsur Ali Sadar, Ziad Ali, Korban Ali

Gazi, Shukar Mollah and Fajr Ali of Munshiganj village, Ansar Ali Gazi, Sobhan Gazi, Munsur Ali Gazi and Ishaque Gazi of Sora village, Abdul Bari Gazi, Jalil Gazi, Israfil Mollah and Quddus Mollah of Sreefalkati village, Musa Karigar, Kashem Morol and Hazrat Ali of Kaikhali village, Aziz Hasan, Surat Ali, Saifur and Ali Hossain of Bhabanipur village, Mohammad Ali Sheikh of Taranipur village, Abdul Bari and Samad Sardar of Jyotindranagar village under Shyamnagar upazila.

A case was filed with Nalchhity Police Station under Jhalakathi district yesterday, accusing three 'rajakars' of killing two freedom fighters in Sadar upazila in 1971, reports our Barisal correspondent.

Timir Dutta, son of martyred freedom fighter Jitendranath Dutta, filed the case against Sekander Molla, Mukhter Molla and Abdur Rob for killing his father and brother Subir Dutta, also a freedom fighter, at Siddhakathi village on May 15, 1971.

5 BNP men jailed for illegal arms, violence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced five BNP cadres to 17 years imprisonment each for possessing illegal arms and launching an armed attack on the activists of 14-party alliance at Banaripara upazila headquarters in 2006.

The convicts are Imran Howlader, Shahin, Anisur Rahman, Abdur Rahman and Sumon Howlader.

First Additional District and Sessions Judge Siddiqui

Arefin pronounced the judgment in presence of the five.

According to the prosecution, the armed BNP cadres attacked a procession of 14-party alliance in front of Banaripara Upazila Health Complex on October 29, 2006, leaving eight activists of the alliance injured.

The law enforcers arrested the five on the spot with arms and ammunition. Later, Sub-Inspector (SI) Masud of Banaripara Police Station lodged a case against the arrestees.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

So-called spiritual healer known as Pagla Baba 'treats' patients in obnoxious ways at his Debbahog Mandir ashram in Narail Sadar. He also uses cellphone to 'cure' patients at distant places.

Nor'wester kills one, injures 27 in two districts

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One person was killed, 27 others were injured and about 1,100 houses damaged as two nor'westers lashed Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat districts on Tuesday.

Our Nilphamari Correspondent reports: One person was killed and at least 1,000 houses including four educational institutions were damaged as a nor'wester lashed two upazilas Tuesday night.

The storm that lasted only 20 minutes hit 20 villages of Sadar and Jaldhaka upazilas. Around 300 small and big trees were also uprooted.

Elderly shopkeeper Echher Uddin, 65, of Horish Chandra Path market died on the spot when an uprooted tree fell on him. Twenty villagers were

also injured in the storm.

The damaged institutions are Itakhola High School, Tupamari Afasuddin Nongovt Primary School, Paschim Bahali Para Ebtedayi Madrasa and Panchapukur Senior Alim Madrasa.

A correspondent from Lalmonirhat reports: At least seven people were injured and about 100 houses damaged in the nor'wester that lashed Hatibandha and Patgram upazilas Tuesday night.

The storm hit over a number of villages at about 2.30 am damaging houses and crops, especially maize and uprooting a good number of trees, villagers said.

The affected areas are Goddimari and Doyani villages of Hatibandha upazila and Islampur and Panbari villages of Patgram upazila.



PHOTO: STAR

A high school building ravaged by Tuesday night's nor'wester at Itakhola in Nilphamari district.

RECRUITMENT OF CASH OFFICER

Southeast Bank Limited is a fast growing modern banking institution having a unique corporate culture & friendly working environment which unites our people towards achieving tremendous results in every aspects of Bank's operations.

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Age: Not over 27 years as on 30.04.2009.

Computer Knowledge in MS Word and MS Excel is essential.

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- Understand business activities, relationships, terminology and matrix; be a member of and attend management team meetings where required in order to assist with HR planning.
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- Provide recruitment services to the business unit, aligning resourcing activities with business needs, assisting with induction of new personnel.
- Work with CM and Group Talent function on skills development, retention, training and succession planning.
- Ensure HR policies and processes are fit for purpose, clearly documented and compliant with local regulations.
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- Masters Degree with HR qualification from a recognized University.
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