

## SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

## Housewife killed for dowry

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A housewife was strangled allegedly by her husband for dowry at village Fokirer Tokeya under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday. She was identified as Rekha Begum, 21, wife of Mizanur Rahman. Mizan married Rekha six months ago and since then he had been torturing her physically and mentally for dowry, according to case statement filed by Rekha's father with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station. Police and locals said Mizan and his family members had gone into hiding soon after the incident.

## Missing Brac official found dead

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

The decomposed body of a missing Brac official was found at Ponditgram village under Sadar upazila on Thursday night. The dead was identified as Ali Reza, 32, programme manager of Brac Takia branch in Natore. Police and locals said Ali Reza went out of his office on Monday and since then he had been missing. Locals found the body in a field of the village and informed police. Police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Natore Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police could not unearth the clue to the murder as of 7:00pm yesterday.

## Three get life for killing student

RU CORRESPONDENT

A Rajshahi court on Thursday sentenced three people to life imprisonment for killing a madrasa student of Paba upazila in Rajshahi in 2007. The court also fined the convicts Tk 10,000 each, in default, they are to suffer another year in jail. The convicts are Khalilur Rahman, Hasan Ali and Salauddin of Dharmahata village under Paba upazila in Rajshahi. The court acquitted three others as charges against them could not be proved beyond doubt. According to the prosecution, the accused called Ariful Islam, 13, a student of Dharmahata Jannatun Nur Madrasa, out of his house. They snatched his mobile set and killed him.

## UP chairman jailed for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Women and Children Repression Prevention Court, Magura, on Thursday awarded life imprisonment to a Union Parishad (UP) chairman and his accomplice and fined Tk one lakh each, in default, they are to suffer one year more in jail for raping a teenager after abduction. The convicts are chairman of Dariapur UP in Sreepur upazila Kazi Mohidul Islam and Sumon Biswas. According to the prosecution, the UP chairman and his accomplice kidnapped the girl from village Goadah in the upazila and took her to the house of Mahtab Mian at Hogoldanga village on October 13, 2005. They confined the girl in a room for three days and raped her. After examining records and witnesses, judge Nazir Ahmed pronounced the verdict.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Artistes rendering songs at a function at Shilaidaha Kuthibari on Rabindranath Tagore's 148th birth anniversary yesterday.

## 28 shops gutted in Barguna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Fire gutted 28 shops and injured five people, including a firefighter, at Patharghata Pourasava market under Barguna district on Thursday. Fire service sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop at around 5:30 am and soon engulfed the shops. Fire fighters from Mathbharia under Pirojpur district rushed to the spot as there is no fire service station at Patharghata. They extinguished the blaze after three and a half hours with the help of local people.



KIDS IN ILLEGAL, RISKY TRADE: Children, hired for carrying smuggled goods from across the border, running to catch train on Hilli border in Jaipurhat district.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## Boro procurement may face problem for space shortage

70pc room of govt go-downs in N dists packed with earlier purchased food grains

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The government's food procurement drive in the ongoing Boro season may face difficulty due to space shortage in the government go-downs in three northern districts as 70 percent space of those go-downs are still packed with food grains purchased earlier.

This year the government has set target for rice and paddy procurement on monthly basis although there was provision for seasonal procurement for four months from May to August in previous years, food department sources said.

Rice procurement target in Nilphamari, Panchagarh and Lalmonirhat districts for May is 19,126 tonnes in total and

that of paddy is 3,601 tonnes. District-wise, 6634, 7093 and 5399 tonnes of rice are to be procured in Nilphamari, Panchagarh and Lalmonirhat. This year, the government's purchase rate for a kg of rice is Tk 22 and that for paddy is Tk 14. The paddy would be procured directly from the farmers and the rice would be procured from the rice mills owners.

In the three districts, there are 22 government-owned local supply depots (LSD) with total storage capacity of 37.5 thousand tonnes of rice, sources said. However, earlier purchased 26 thousand tonne food grains are still kept in those go-downs.

"Procurement target for May is 19,126 tonne but only 11 to 12 thousand tonnes of

newly purchased rice can be kept in the government go-downs using the 30 percent vacant space there.

The remaining amount would have to be kept elsewhere.

If the government's rice procurement target is set in the similar way for June, July and August without any break, accommodation problem for food grains is likely to worsen.

Some more space would be available when a good amount of food will be delivered from the go-downs within a short time for different government programmes like test relief, vulnerable group feeding, vulnerable group development and other purposes. Enayetullah Rahman, Nilphamari dis-

trict controller of food, said.

Abdus Salam, the district controller of food in Lalmonirhat, said the government is considering taking lease of private-owned go-downs to store the procured food grains.

"I hope that the government would rent private-owned go-downs to pave the way for smooth rice procurement this year," said Rakibul Chowdhury, the vice president of North Bengal Rice Mills Owners Association.

Farmers in Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Panchagarh districts cultivated Boro on 1,78,798 hectares of land to produce 7,25,762 tonnes of rice this year, agriculture department sources said.

## Cases against Hasanat sent to home ministry for withdrawal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal district administration has forwarded to the home ministry former chief whip Abul Hasanat Abdullah's application for withdrawal of all the six cases lodged by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The six cases against Hasanat, who is also cousin of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, were politically motivated, the applicant said. Hasanat, who was convicted in absentia in four of the six cases lodged by the ACC, recently took initiative to file appeal against his conviction in the four cases.

However, following the High Court's recent directive for the convicted accused to surrender before the trial court to file appeal in higher court, Hasanat submitted his application before the district administration for withdrawal of the six 'politically motivated' cases.

Mashiur Rahman, deputy commissioner and district magistrate, on Thursday presided over the first meeting of Barisal district administration and magistracy for scrutiny of the applications filed for withdrawal of the six cases.

Abdullah Baki, additional deputy magistrate, Kazi Mortaz Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police, Mahbubur Rahman, district police superintendent, and advocate Giasuddin Kabul, district public prosecutor, attended the meeting at the office of Barisal deputy commissioner.

After reviewing Hasanat's application filed on April 13 this year and report of the public prosecutor submitted on Tuesday, the meeting unanimously decided that the six cases against Hasanat were politically motivated and so those were to be forwarded to the home ministry with recommendation for withdrawal.

## 10 hurt as transport workers clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

At least 10 transport workers were injured in a clash between the supporters of two rival bus owners' associations over establishing supremacy at Satkhira bus terminal yesterday.

The clash ensued when supporters belonging to Satkhira District Bus Owners Association -attacked workers loyal to District Minibus-bus Owners Association in the morning.

As a result, 10 people from both the groups were injured, witnesses said. The feuding groups ransacked

each other's office during the clash that continued for half an hour.

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The two bus owners' associations have been trying to take control of the terminal for long terming each other illegal, police said.

Both the feuding groups blamed each other for the clash.

When contacted, Satkhira Sadar Police Station officer-in-charge confirmed the incident, saying none came to file any case in this connection.

## 13 Chhatra Samaj men sued for ransacking Bhandaria UNO office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Thirteen leaders and activists of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, student wing of Jatiya Party (Manju), have been sued for ransacking Bhandaria upazila nirbahi officer's office and social welfare office during Thursday's hartal at the upazila headquarters.

Jatiya Party (Manju) Bhandaria unit enforced the hartal demanding release of party chief Anwar Hossain Manju who was sent to jail on Wednesday after he surrendered before a Dhaka court in connection with four criminal cases. Manju was earlier awarded 32 years imprisonment in the cases.

Upazila Cooperative Officer Mujibur Rahman filed the case with Bhandaria Police Station on Thursday night. Chhatra Samaj upazila unit President Mustafa Shikdar and Secretary Mamun Sardar are among the accused.

Immediately after filing of the case, police arrested Chhatra Samaj activists Sabuj and Labu Sardar.

During the hartal, road communications between Barisal and Pirojpur came to a halt. JP and Chhatra Samaj activists jointly held a rally and brought out a procession demanding immediate release of Manju, also former communications minister.

## Carpenter murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Unidentified criminals killed a carpenter at Char Singherkathi under Chandramohan union of Barisal Sadar upazila on Thursday night.

The victim was identified as Siraj Howladar, 40, son of Mustafa Howladar of Char Singherkathi.

Police said Siraj came under attack when he was returning home from his work place at around 8:00pm. The beat him up, hit on the head with iron rod and left the scene.

Siraj succumbed to his injuries on the way to hospital. The law enforcers arrested a man named Jasimuddin, 35, at Char Singherkathi yesterday in connection with the murder.

## Ex-KCC mayor Tayebur gets bail in a case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Former mayor of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) Sheikh Tayebur Rahman has been granted bail for six months in one of the 11 extortion cases filed against him.

A division bench of the High Court granted him bail on Thursday.

This was the first extortion case filed against him on November 2, 2007 with Khulna Sadar Police Station.

## বিজ্ঞপ্তি

স্বাস্থ্য ক্যাডারের জ্যেষ্ঠতা তালিকা চূড়ান্ত করণের লক্ষ্যে খসড়া তালিকায় যাদের কোন সংশোধনী, সংযোজনী বা আপত্তি আছে তাদের আবেদনপত্র শেষ বারের মতো আগামী ২০শে মে ২০০৯ তারিখ পর্যন্ত জমা দেয়ার সুযোগ প্রদান করা হয়েছে। আবেদনপত্র মহাপরিচালক (দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ- পরিচালক প্রশাসন) স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর, মহাখালী, ঢাকা-১২১২-এর বরাবর জমা দিতে হবে। এরপর আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণের আর কোন সুযোগ থাকবে না। জ্যেষ্ঠতা তালিকার খসড়া কপি সকল বিভাগীয় পরিচালক (ঢাকা, চট্টগ্রাম, রাজশাহী, খুলনা, বরিশাল ও সিলেট)-এর কার্যালয়ে এবং স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তরের ইন্টারনেট (www.dghs.gov.bd) এ পাওয়া যাবে। এবার সকল জেলার সিভিল সার্জনদের কাছে জ্যেষ্ঠতা তালিকার CD পাওয়া যাবে। এছাড়া স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তরের এইচ.আর.এম শাখায় (৬ষ্ঠ তলা) জ্যেষ্ঠতা তালিকা দেখার সুযোগ রয়েছে।

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বিষয় : বিশ্ব পরিবেশ দিবস ৫ জুন ২০০৯ উপলক্ষে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য পরিবেশ মেলায় অংশগ্রহণ প্রসংগে।

প্রতি বছরের মতো এ বছরও যথায় মর্যাদায় বিশ্বের অন্যান্য দেশের সঙ্গে বাংলাদেশেও ৫ জুন ২০০৯ বিশ্ব পরিবেশ দিবস উদ্‌যাপিত হতে যাচ্ছে। জাতীয় পর্যায়ে এ দিবসটি উদ্‌যাপনকল্পে ঢাকাই ওসমানী স্মৃতি মিলনায়তনে পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর, পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক ৫ ও ৬ জুন, ২০০৯ সময়ে ২ (দুই) দিনব্যাপী পরিবেশ মেলায় আয়োজন করা হবে। এ বছর বিশ্ব পরিবেশ দিবসের প্রতিপাদ্য বিষয়: "Your planet needs you, Unite to combat climate change (জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন মোকাবেলায়, তোমার পৃথিবী তোমাকেই চায়)। এই মেলায় জ্বালানী সাশ্রয়/দূষণ নিয়ন্ত্রণমূলক প্রযুক্তি (ইটিপি)সহ পরিবেশ বান্ধব গ্রীন প্রযুক্তি উদ্ভাবন ও ব্যবহার, পরিবেশ বান্ধব সামগ্রী তৈরী, পরিবেশ গবেষণা, শিক্ষা ও প্রচারের সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে অর্থায়ন করা হবে।

উক্ত মেলায় আপনার প্রতিষ্ঠান/সংস্থাকে 'আগে আসলে আগে পাবেন' ভিত্তিতে স্টল বরাদ্দ দেয়া হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে পরিবেশ মেলায় অংশগ্রহণ করার জন্য আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠান/সংস্থার অনুরোধ স্বাক্ষরিত পত্র নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর বরাবর ১৮/০৫/২০০৯ তারিখের মধ্যে প্রেরণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। স্টল বরাদ্দের বিষয়ে প্রয়োজনীয় অন্যান্য তথ্যের জন্য জনাব মোঃ নজরুল ইসলাম (মোবাইল নং-০১৭২০৬৩৫৮২০) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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