

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

AL leader electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Shaikupa Poura Awami League (AL) office secretary Muktar Hossain was electrocuted at Khalkula village under the upazila Monday morning. Locals said Muktar went to irrigate his Boro field by a power-driven pump at about 8:30 pm. Suddenly, he came in touch with a live electric wire and died instantly.

Transport strike withdrawn

A CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Lalmonirhat Motor Sramik Union yesterday withdrew indefinite transport strike in the district. The union enforced the strike on Monday demanding arrest of pro-BNP sramik leaders and workers who attacked Motor Sramik League leaders on the day. The union leaders at a press conference gave a three-day ultimatum to arrest the attackers. Otherwise, they threatened to launch a fresh programme. They also submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner (DC) demanding immediate arrest to the attackers.

Students' memo to DC

RU CORRESPONDENT

General students of Engineering and Survey Institute yesterday submitted a memorandum to Rajshahi deputy commissioner (DC) demanding recognition of the institute's students as diploma holder in job sector, their recruitment as survey diploma holder, sub-assistant settlement officer, deputy assistant land surveyor, building inspector, sub-assistant engineer (survey) and inclusion of modern technologies in their education. On Monday, the students of the institute blocked Shaheb Bazar road to press home their demand.

10 hurt in Satkhira clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

At least 10 people were injured in a clash between the activists of Awami League (AL) and Jatiya Party (Ershad) at Shyamnagar upazila headquarters yesterday. The AL activists set fire to three motorcycles parked in front of the local JP office and ransacked a shop owned by a JP leader at Shyamnagar Bazar. The trouble began in the afternoon as local JP men were allegedly trying to implicate AL leader Shaiful Alam in a murder case. Akij Uddin of Gabura village in Shyamnagar upazila was killed in a clash between two rival groups over taking possession of a shrimp enclosure at Parshemar on May 11.

Lightning kills 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Three people were killed by lightning during norwester that hit Fakirhat upazila of Bagerhat and Dumuria upazila of Khulna district on Monday night. The victims were identified as Abdul Kalam Azad, (55, of Shuvodia village and Rina Begum of Jinnahpara village under Fakirhat upazila of Bagerhat district, and Bimol Kapali, 45, of Bhadradiya village under Dumuria upazila of Khulna district. The lightning struck them while they were on a road, witnesses said.



Mother Shefali Begum, son Masud, and rescuer Rani Majeda. 'Drowned' son back to mother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

A 15-year-old dumb boy, thought to be drowned in the Mohananda River ten years ago, returned to his mother at Ramjibonpur village in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila yesterday. The five-year-old Masud, son of Shefali Begum, was thought 'drowned' in the Mohananda River on August 16 in 1999. Locals on Friday noon found a 15-year-old boy floating in the Mohananda near Kallayanpur Ghat in the town and rescued him alive. Rani Mazeda Ahmed sheltered the boy and later handed him over to his mother Shefali through police.

Rubber solution now addictive for urchins in Bogra

They smell the nerve damaging substance for 'relaxation'

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

Use of rubber solutions as an alternative drug is spreading among a section of impoverished children in Bogra town.

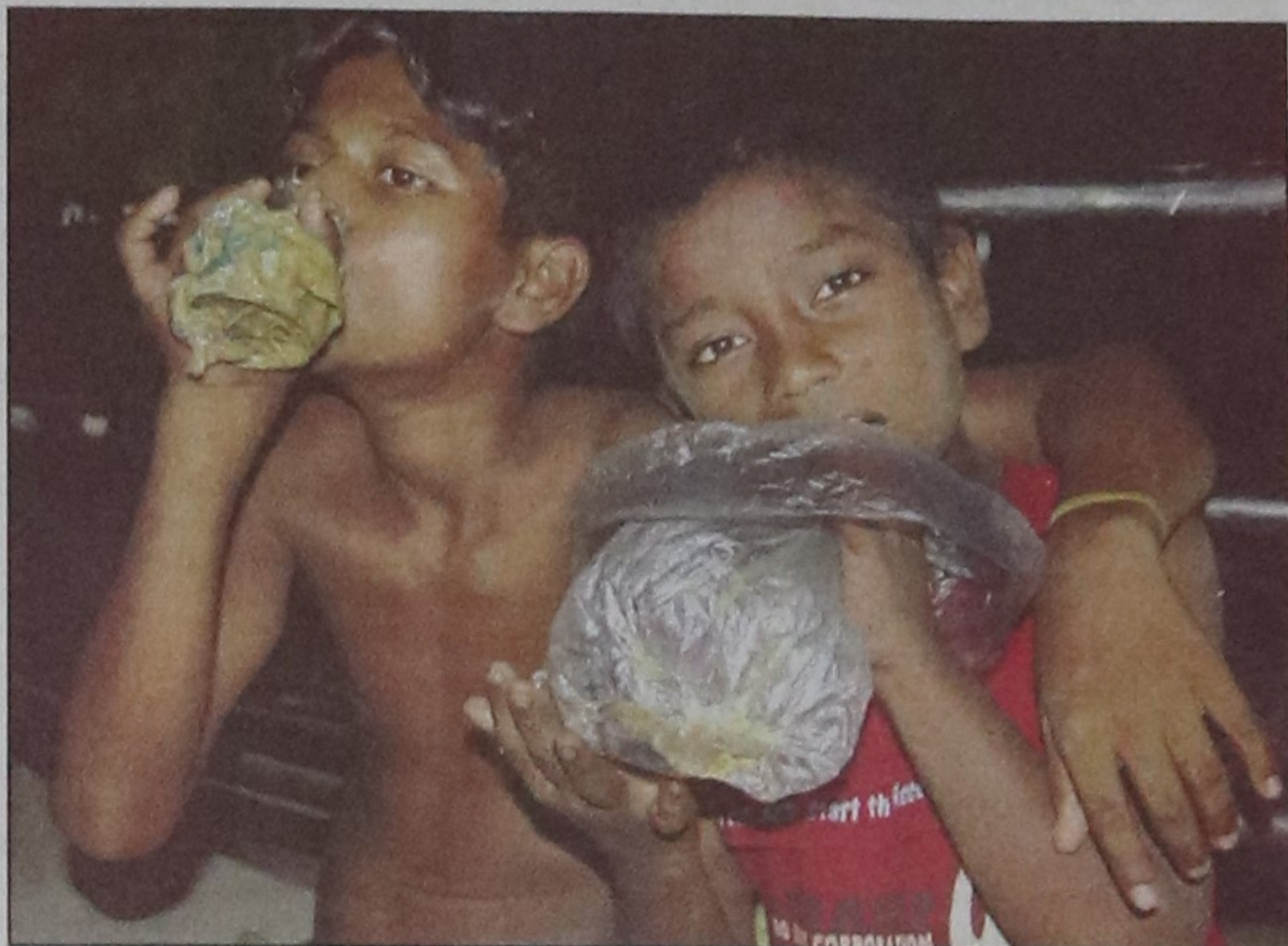
At least 200 children in Bogra town and adjacent areas have become addicted to several local-made solutions that are prepared for use in repair or joining items of leather, synthetic leather, ked, Formica, foam, wood, rubber, fabric etc, said local sources including solution traders.

"A few dozen eight to ten years old children purchase solution of a particular brand from hardware shops and variety stores at different markets in the town to satisfy their addiction," said Md Eskander Ali, a solution trader at Zia Market in Bogra town.

"During the last couple of years, I along with several other business colleagues have made futile attempts to check the peculiar type of addiction locally called 'Dandy'," he said.

"I never sell such type of solution to minor boys. But a few traders sell the solutions to minor boys for Tk 20 to 22 a pack," said Dulal, another solution trader in the same market.

Use of solution as an alternative of drug would be very harmful for health, said Dr Mainul Hasan Sadik, Professor of Medicine at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College



Unaware of the dangerous effect, two children absorbed in taking 'sweet smell' of a solution that they said makes them relaxed.

Hospital in Bogra. "Especially in case of children, it might prove fatal as it can damage nervous systems quickly, even within a few months," said Dr Mainul.

"After opening the cover of a solution packet, I put it in a polythene bag and take the smell for half an hour. Then I feel very relaxed," said ten-

year-old Mohon, who has been taking it as an alternative of drug for the last two years.

Seven-year-old Ranju said he has continued taking smell of a solution for the last two months with the help of 11-year-old Gada of Shimultoli village in Bogra town.

Shakil, Rahim, Shahadat

LALMONIRHAT SCHOOL COLLAPSE Responsible UP member to rebuild it with own fund

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Saptabari Union Parishad (UP) at a meeting yesterday ordered woman UP member Jyotsna Rani to reconstruct the new room of Balapukur High School as she had conducted construction of the room that collapsed before handing it over to the authorities.

Nine ward members, three women members and UP secretary attended the meeting presided over by UP chairman Ananto Roy.

As per decision of the meeting, Jyotsna Rani was ordered to start the reconstruction work today (Wednesday) and complete

it in a month with her own fund.

"Jyotsna Rani admitted her responsibility for collapse of the school room and agreed to reconstruct it with her own fund in a month," UP Chairman Ananto Roy said.

The UP chairman and the school headmaster will jointly supervise the reconstruction work.

Jyotsna Rani said she will start the reconstruction work today to comply with the order of the UP meeting.

Constructed in December 2008 at a cost of Tk 65 thousand, the 12 feet by 15 feet room for Balapukur High School collapsed on Saturday night.

15 outlaws get life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced 15 outlaws to life imprisonment for killing a woman in Uzirpur upazila of the district in 2004.

The convicts are Jalil, Sultan, Faruk, Masum, Samad, Akbar, Nurul Islam, Dulal, Yusuf, Abdul Khalek, Alauddin, Alamin, Yasin, Sohel and Shahid. Of them, five are now in jail while the rest have been absconding since filing of the case.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 5,000 each, in default, they are to suffer three more months in jail.

After examining 23 witnesses and evidence, First Additional District Judge Siddikul Arefin Chowdhury

pronounced the verdict.

According to the prosecution, about 30 cadres of outlawed Sarbahara Party men, led by Monirul Islam Nobin, stormed into the house of Sufia Begum in search of his son Kazi Shah Alam on the night of November 9, 2004.

Failing to get Alam at the house, the outlaws shot Sufia dead.

Alam filed a murder case with Uzirpur Police Station the following day. After investigation, Sub-Inspector Rakibuzzaman submitted a charge sheet against the accused on December 12, 2005.

The court also acquitted 'Nobin' as he was 'killed' in a 'shootout' with the law enforcers in 2006.

Demra massacre day today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Today is Demra massacre day.

On May 13 during the 1971 Liberation War, Pakistan occupation army with the help of their local collaborators killed around eight hundred people at Rupshi and Bausgari villages under Demra union of Faridpur upazila in Pabna district, said elderly people of the area.

"It was early hours on Baishakh 30, perhaps Friday. The occupation army led

by local collaborators entered the village through the Boral River and cordoned Bausgari and Rupsi villages," said Md Ainul Haque, a retired primary school teacher.

Bodies of several hundred people lay scattered as the Pakistani soldiers and their collaborators let loose a reign of terror through killings, arson and looting in the area, he said.

Many others, injured during the brutalities, are still bearing the tragic mem-

ory, villagers said, adding that the occupation army and rajaks targeted the village as it was a Hindu majority area and a large number of people from other places took shelter there.

"Freedom fighters have been demanding setting up a memorial in honour of the martyrs in Demra. But nothing has been done during the last 38 years," Md Moniruzzaman Moni, commander of Faridpur upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad, told this correspondent yesterday.

16 sued for '71 war crimes in Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Sixteen alleged collaborators of Pakistani occupation army have been sued for war crimes at Shakhariakaty under Kachua upazila of Bagerhat district in 1971.

Freedom fighter Nimai Chandra Das filed a petition case with Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Bagerhat on Monday.

The petition case was recorded as regular one with Kachua Police station as ordered by the court.

The complainant in his petition said the accused attacked Shakhariakaty Bazar on November 3, 1971 and picked up 40 Hindus from there at gunpoint.

The collaborators then took the Hindus to the bank of a canal at the same village and killed them. The bodies were later dumped on the bank of Bishkhali river at Ramchandrapur village under Morrelganj upazila, the complainant added.

The accused are Latif Talukder, 70, Iddris Molla, 68, Rustam Molla, 66, Iddris Sheikh, 62, Abual Dihidar, 70, Karim Dihidar, 70, Delwar Sheikh, 60, Fazlur Rahman Dihidar, 62, Imam Hossain Dihidar, 60, Asman Dihidar, 63, Makfer Dihidar, 65, Abdul Jabbar Sarder, 64, Akram Khan, 63, Adam Dihidar, 68, Siraj Master, 70, and Abu Shikder, 56.

With this, the total number of cases against war criminals filed so far with different police stations of Bagerhat district now stands at 11.

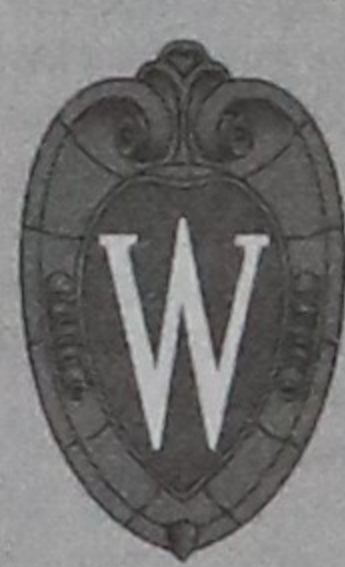
Cheating in exam: 3 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police yesterday arrested three people including a degree (pass) examinee of Pirganj Shah Abdur Rouf Degree College in Pirganj upazila on charge of cheating in examination.

The arrestees are degree examinee Noor-un-Nabi Miah, sweeper Sunil Chandra and scriptwriter Aminul Islam.

Hall superintendent Belayet Hossain caught Sunil red-handed while he was bringing back the answer script of Nabi, police said. On interrogation, Sunil admitted to have supplied the answer script of Nabi along with a question paper outside the hall. He said that he had handed over the answer script to Aminul Islam who later wrote answers to several questions on it at a nearby house. After two hours, when Sunil was bringing back the answer script to the examinee, the hall super caught him red-handed, police said. According to his confession, police caught script writer Aminul from a nearby house. Contacted, Principal Rashed-un-Nabi said the arrestees were handed over to Pirganj police.



APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM MERITORIOUS BANGLADESHIS FOR THE KAMALUDDIN AHMAD DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES IN BIOCHEMISTRY AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, USA APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 JULY 2009



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  - b. Why are you interested in pursuing a PhD in biochemistry? What kind of professional career would you like?
  - c. What are your research interests and experiences?
  - d. Have you participated in any social service activities?
4. List of 4 references - at least 3 of whom must be professors you have studied under.
  - a. Provide name, title, address, phone number; and if available, email and fax number of each reference.
5. GRE and TOEFL examinations: Please provide photocopy of test results (if already taken).

Please note that applicants who have not already taken these examinations must take the test no later than August 2009 for consideration. For Information Form and inquiries, please e-mail: k.ahmad.scholarship@gmail.com

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