

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

10 houses gutted in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

At least 10 houses were gutted at Jubilee Road near Enayet Bazar Mosque in the city yesterday. Sources said, the fire broke out at a tin-shed house at Lane No-1 at about 11:00 in the morning and soon engulfed nine adjacent houses owned by one Monir Ahmed. Four fire-fighting units from the city's Nandankanon and Agrabad fire stations rushed to the spot and managed to extinguish the blaze after two-hour effort. The fire originated from gas line leakage and damaged property worth Tk 2 lakh, said the fire fighters.

Night guard murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Criminals have murdered a night guard of Rajshahi University staff quarters. Police recovered his body from a papaya orchard behind Sayed Amir Ali Hall on Sunday night. Victim Zahurul Islam, 35, was son of Jhanu of Mirzapur area. His body was found in a dustbin. His eyes were tied with a piece of cloth and there was a dustbin. His eyes were tied with a piece of cloth and there was a dustbin. His eyes were tied with a piece of cloth and there was a dustbin.



A huge quantity of banned phensydyll syrup is smuggled into the country every day. Photo shows a consignment of the Indian made sedative drug seized by Rab from a gas cylinder-laden truck in Fulbari municipal area under Dinajpur district yesterday.

Sacrificial cattle snatched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Nine sacrificial cattle were snatched at a point of Saidpur Rangpur road on Friday night. Sources said, Ashraf, Kalim and Atiq of Saidpur municipality bought the cattle from nearby Taraganj village market of Rangpur district on Friday night. While returning home with the cattle, a gang numbering 10-12 intercepted them near Chikli Bazaar. The snatchers beat them up and tied their hands and feet with rope and took away the cattle. The criminals came on a pick-up van, the victim said.

JCD leader found dead

UNB, Sirajganj

A Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader was found dead in bus stand area of Belkuchi upazila on Sunday morning. The dead was identified as Mokhesur Rahman, 35, senior vice-president of Belkuchi upazila unit JCD. He was also the former VP of Belkuchi Degree College unit JCD. Family sources said, Mokhesur was called out of his Subarnasara village house on Saturday afternoon by some unidentified people, but he did not return home. Police said, the JCD leader might have been murdered by rivals.

Accident kills mill worker

UNB, Bagerhat

A female worker of a rice mill died when her sari was accidentally wrapped with the wheel of a machine at Badhalbazar in Kachua upazila on Saturday. The victim was identified as Selina Begum, 45, of the village. Witnesses said, Selina while working in the mill in the evening sustained serious injuries. She was rushed to a local clinic where the attending doctors declared her dead.



Acid victims hold procession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Scores of acid victims, mostly women and children, brought out a procession in Bogra town yesterday morning to raise awareness against acid violence.

Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) and Bogra based NGO Light House jointly organised the occasion.

At least 55 out of 130 acid victims in Bogra

district took part in the procession followed by a regional conference at local Zila Parishad Auditorium.

Two acid burnt children, Ayesha, 7, from Nandigram and Shima, 6, from Shibganj upazila also joined the conference.

Light House sources said that more than 2500 goldsmiths are using sulphuric and other acids in Bogra district without any license.

EID MARKETS IN 16 NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Cattle fattened in unscientific way pose serious health risk

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Most of the cattle brought for sale as sacrificial animals in the northern districts ahead of Eid-ul-Azha are fattened allegedly through harmful ways as a section of unscrupulous cattle traders ignore the scientific formula prescribed by Livestock Department.

As harmful processes to fatten cattle start several months before Eid-ul-Azha, the animals are affected with serious diseases, posing serious health hazard for consumers, experts said.

Fattening of cattle including different varieties of oxen is a common practice in the northern districts including Rangpur, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh.

The scientific method of fattening cattle is to feed right proportion of 2 to 2.5kg mixture of urea, molasses and straw (UMS) to the cattle daily for about six months, according to relevant officials of Nilphamari Livestock Department.

Small amounts comprising 1kg straw mixed with 700ml water, 225 grams of molasses and 30 grams of urea makes ideal UMS food for cattle fattening, district livestock office sources said, adding that the animal should undergo de-worming before this.

If the cattle are too weak then they might be given limited dose of vitamin B-12 injections, they said.

But high dose steroid injections are often pushed to cattle body to make them look fat and healthy as dishonest traders



Unscientifically fattened cattle are flooding the makeshift Eid markets in northern districts. This photo was taken from a cattle market in Nilphamari yesterday.

are out to earn windfall profit.

The animals are even given high dose hormonal and vitamin injections and fed harmful chemicals and high amount of urea.

"We never suggest using steroid, hormone, high dose vitamin injections or chemicals to fatten cattle," said Dr Abul Hossain, Panchagarh district livestock officer.

After injection of steroid, the fluid is spread throughout the cattle's body to make them look fat, but the fluid is deposited in

the animal's body and different diseases caused by excess vitamin and hormone injection may even cause its death.

Visiting different cattle markets in the northern region, this correspondent found that the artificially fattened cattle lack liveliness and energy. They become too tired to proceed even after walking a short distance.

"People can be affected with different deadly diseases like kidney damage, liver failure, gastric ulcer, diabetes, pan-

creas diseases, high blood pressure and skin diseases through consumption of meat from those diseased cattle. Long time consumption of such meat might have impact even on the future generation," Nilphamari Civil Surgeon Dr Anwarul Islam said.

"There is no specific law to prevent this unscientific practice. Moreover, there is no facility to test steroid in the cattle body in field level," Lalmonirhat District Livestock Officer Dr Siraj Ali said.

RIVAL BNP FACTIONS HOLD COUNCILS TODAY

Sylhet tense, Magura situation eases

STAR NATIONAL DESK

A tense situation is prevailing in Sylhet city as two factions of the district unit are going to hold councils at closely located venues under Dakshin Surma upazila today.

District Convener Ilyas Aled faction will hold conference at Shuvechchha Community Centre in the area while Joint Convener Abul Kaher Shamim group will hold the first session of the council at a truck terminal in the area and the second session at a venue near the community centre, according to our staff correspondent.

Meanwhile, Two factions of Magura BNP are finally ready to hold district unit conference at separate venues in the town today.

In Sylhet, Ilyas faction announced that central BNP Joint Secretary General Goyeshwar Roy would inaugurate the first of the council while Kaher Shamim-led faction said central BNP Joint Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan would join their council as the chief guest.

Kaher Shamim group held a preparatory meeting in Chandipul area in the city on Monday night with Haji Shahab Uddin in the chair.

Both factions have already formed their committees at Kanaighat, Golapganj, Beanibazar, Companiganj, Fenchuganj and Gowainghat upazila units.

Magura BNP Convener Kabir Murad-led faction will hold its conference in Pananduali area while Joint Convener Mokaddes Hossain group will hold the council at district unit office, reports our correspondent.

The district administration on Sunday gave permission to Kabir Murad faction to hold the council at Asaduzzaman auditorium in the town. But it cancelled the permission on Monday following an application submitted by advocate Mokaddes Hossain to the deputy commissioner, seeking permission to hold the council of his faction at the

same venue on the same day. Apprehending untoward incident, the administration also rejected the petition of advocate Mokaddes the same day.

Talking to this correspondent, Kabir Murad said Mokaddes group is trying to hold conference separately violating party constitution. "Their evil intention to damage the image of the party will not be fulfilled as eight of the ten joint conveners of the district unit have extended support to me," Murad claimed.

Our Kushtia correspondent adds: Rival factions of Kushtia BNP held separate councils and declared separate com-

mittees of the town unit on Monday night.

District BNP Convener Sohrab Uddin-led faction held council of the unit at Kushtia Zila Parishad hall room and Joint Convener Minhajur Rahman Alo organised the council of the same unit at Kushtia Law College.

Sohrab group made Hafizur Rahman Helal and Kutub Uddin Ahmed president and secretary of the town unit while Alo group formed the committee of the unit with AK Shamim Arzoo and Muddun Choudhury Milon as president and secretary.

Robbers kill expat, hurt 5 in Sylhet

STIFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Robbers killed an expatriate and injured five others during a robbery at a house at Paschim Bharni village in Bishwanath upazila early yesterday.

The victim was identified as Babul Mia, 30, son of Montaz Ali of the village.

Police and locals said, about a dozen armed robbers wearing mask entered the house of Babul Mia by breaking open door at about 3:15am.

Then they held the inmates hostage at gunpoint and started looting valuables.

The robbers fired gunshots as Babul Mia as he locked in an altercation with them and tried to resist robbery.

Babul died on the spot

while five others suffered serious injury.

Babul's father Montaz Ali, 60, brother Kamal Hossain, 24, sister Rahima Begum, 20, and guard Sabaj Ali, 30, were admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital in a critical condition.

The robbers looted cash, gold ornament and other valuables worth about Tk five lakh and made good before the arrival of neighbours, who rushed to the spot hearing the cry for help.

On information, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Babul returned to Sylhet from Saudi Arabia about a month ago. He was set to get married today.

Robbers, villagers clash 6 injured in Munshiganj

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Four people were bullet-hit while two robbers beaten up as the villagers clashed with a gang yesterday afternoon.

The injured villagers were admitted to a local health complex.

Police recovered two pistols and a pipe gun used by the robbers from the spot.

The robbers arrested at Nandankola village under Sirajdikhan upazila are Ripon, 25, and Hasan, 25. Ripon's eyes were gouged out by angry mob while Hasan was seriously injured in mob beating.

They were taken to Ichchapur health complex but no treatment was given.

Villagers Sajib, 12, Shahjahan, 40, and Laxman Baroi, 35, were being treated there till filing of the report in the evening.

Nazmul Hasan, SI of Sirajdikhan police station said, a gang of robbers went to the village to commit robbery the previous night. On information, police and locals encircled the whole area. Sensing danger, the robbers tried to flee by opening fire. It triggered a clash between the robbers and the villagers.

Papaya cultivation gaining popularity

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Commercial cultivation of papaya has been gaining popularity among the farmers here as its cultivation proved to be more profitable than other crops.

Some 250 hectares of land have been brought under papaya cultivation this year with an output target of 3500 tonnes.

Farmers are showing interest in papaya cultivation as it needs less fertiliser and irrigation comparing to paddy.

Many farmers of Sadar, Shibganj and Bholahat upazilas have been cultivating various high-yielding variety of papaya including Shahi, Rachi and Kohinor commercially.

Besides, many jobless youths of the district have become self-reliant by cultivating papaya.

Faruq Ahmed of Mirzapur village of Shibganj upazila has become self-reliant in a year by cultivating papaya.

Now, he has 1100 papaya trees in his orchard and he has already earned Tk 1.56 lakh by selling 385 maunds of papaya.

He is optimistic that he would be able to earn a profit of Tk 4 lakh by this year-end.

Papaya cultivator Moazzem of Bholahat area said he has been earning good profit by cultivating papaya on commercial basis for the last several years.

Deputy Director of Department of Agriculture Extension Abdul Quddus said they have been motivating farmers to cultivate papaya in large scale.

He said high quality seeds are being supplied from Kalyanpur horticulture centre to boost production.

BALANCE SHEET (UN-AUDITED) AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2009				
CAPITAL & LIABILITIES	30.09.2009	31.12.2008	GROWTH (%)	
	TAKA	TAKA		
CAPITAL				
AUTHORISED				
30,00,000 Ordinary Shares of Tk. 100/- each	300,000,000	300,000,000		
ISSUED, SUBSCRIBED & PAID UP				
12,187,500 Ordinary Shares of Tk. 100/- each	121,875,000	93,750,000	30%	
BALANCE OF FUNDS & ACCOUNTS				
Life Insurance Fund	4,762,593,825	4,159,089,587	14.51%	
LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS				
Amount due to other persons or bodies carrying on insurance business	2,354,774	541,800	334.62%	
Estimated liabilities in respect of outstanding claims whether due or intimated	96,799,163	259,577,955	(168.16%)	
Premium Deposit	9,625,425	15,178,745	(57.69%)	
Sundry Creditors	128,973,715	219,201,481	(69.85%)	
	237,753,077	494,999,981	(107.98%)	
Taka	5,122,221,902	4,747,339,568	7.89%	
PROPERTY & ASSETS				
	30.09.2009	31.12.2008	GROWTH (%)	
	TAKA	TAKA		
LOANS				
On Mortgage of Properties	4,914,662	5,435,884	(10.60%)	
On Insurer's Policies within their Surrender Value	14,668,548	15,112,710	(3.02%)	
	19,583,210	20,548,594	(4.92%)	
INVESTMENT (At Cost)				
Securities & Shares	1,711,462,459	1,245,174,767	37.44%	
House Property (At cost Less Dep.)	63,395,568	61,868,349	2.30%	
	1,774,858,028	1,307,143,116	35.78%	
AGENTS BALANCE				
OUTSTANDING PREMIUM	25,940	30,888	(19.11%)	
INTEREST, DIVIDEND & RENTS	70,655,052	149,948,164	(112.22%)	
ACCRUED BUT NOT DUE	180,353,846	116,404,867	54.93%	
ADVANCE, DEPOSIT & PREPAYMENTS	86,510,428	61,554,979	40.54%	
SUNDY DEBTORS	31,095,181	26,582,573	16.97%	
CASH, BANK & OTHER BALANCES:				
On FDR with Bankers	1,898,094,365	1,603,560,438	18.36%	
On C/D & STD A/C	882,623,643	1,250,639,754	(41.69%)	
Cash & Other balances in hand	30,052,367	75,940,588	(152.69%)	
	2,810,770,375	2,930,140,780	(4.24%)	
Printing & Stationery in hand	2,775,418	3,781,193	(36.23%)	
Stamps in hand	6,056,750	6,657,892	(9.92%)	
OTHER ACCOUNTS				
Fixed Assets (At cost Less Dep.)	134,025,418	119,220,733	12.41%	
Amount due from other persons or bodies carrying on insurance business	470,431	470,431	-	
Motor Cycle & Cycle Loan	5,041,825	4,855,318	3.84%	
	139,537,674	124,546,482	12.03%	
Taka	5,122,221,902	4,747,339,568	7.89%	

LIFE REVENUE ACCOUNT (UN-AUDITED) FOR THE 3rd QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009			
	30.09.2009	30.09.2008	GROWTH (%)
	TAKA	TAKA	
PREMIUM INCOME			
1st Year Premium :			
First Year Premium (OL)	155,857,908	139,219,700	11.95%
First Year Premium (LB)	126,833,400	121,922,100	4.02%
First Year Premium (IB)	67,488,700	50,094,700	34.72%
First Year Premium (IKB)	29,544,200	31,332,800	(6.05%)
First Year Premium (SB)	10,501,500	1,688,900	521.79%
	390,225,708	344,258,200	13.35%
Renewal Premium :			
Renewal Premium (OL)	244,047,900	191,219,214	27.62%
Renewal Premium (LB)	324,979,964	241,111,100	34.78%
Renewal Premium (IB)	72,464,429	66,264,500	9.36%
Renewal Premium (IKB)	51,854,369	42,215,400	22.85%
Renewal Premium (SB)	1,197,155	-	-
	694,543,817	540,810,214	28.42%
Group Insurance Premium	4,030,850	3,015,500	33.67%
Gross Premium	1,088,800,375	888,089,914	22.60%
Less: Premium on Re-Ins.	2,298,542	2,128,630	7.98%
Net Premium	1,086,501,833	885,965,284	22.63%
INTEREST & DIVIDEND INCOME	259,675,250	172,040,418	50.94%
PROFIT ON SALE OF SHARE	90,965,339	61,295,408	48.40%
PROFIT ON SALE OF CAR	1,427,873	650,200	119.60%
PROFIT COMM. EARNED	323,062	566,240	(75.27%)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	520,240	304,500	70.85%
[A] TOTAL (1+2+3+4+5+6)	1,439,413,597	1,220,812,050	18.42%
CLAIMS & SURRENDERS	314,413,004	246,975,556	27.30%
(Less Re-Insurance)			
MANAGEMENT EXPENSES :			
(a) COMMISSION TO INSURANCE AGENTS & EMPLOYER OF AGENTS	226,326,650	189,540,398	19.40%
(b) OTHER MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	230,130,100	205,928,926	11.75%
OTHER EXPENSES	65,039,605	28,665,498	126.89%
[B] TOTAL (7+8+9)	835,909,359	671,110,376	28.13%
SURPLUS TO LIFE FUND (A-B)	603,504,238	449,701,674	34.20%
Add : Balance of Fund at the beginning of the year	4,159,089,587	2,942,330,819	41.35%
LIFE FUND TRANSFERRED TO BALANCE SHEET	4,762,593,825	3,392,032,493	40.40%



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