

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

A rare species of stingray (locally known as shankha maachh) netted by fishermen from the Padma River lands at New Market in Chapainawabganj town yesterday.

Two jailed in arms case

UNB, Narayanganj

A court here on Tuesday sentenced two people to 10 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) each in an arms case. The convicts are Jamal Hossain, son of Shahed Ali of Shantidhara and Sohag Mia, son of Mustafizur Rahman of Sanarpur in Siddhirganj police station. According to the prosecution, a team of Rab-11 in a drive held two men along with a foreign night-shooter gun from western side of Kanchpur Bridge on the night of April 23, 2008. Later, a case was filed with police in this connection. After examining records and witnesses, Zahurul Huq, judge of No 1 Special Tribunal, handed down the verdict in presence of the convicts.

Housewife commits 'suicide'

UNB, Gaibandha

A newly wed woman allegedly committed suicide at Dulal village in Sundarganj upazila on Sunday night by hanging herself. The victim was identified as Sheuly, wife of Swapan of the village. Police and family sources said Swapan found Sheuly hanging from the ceiling of her bedroom on Monday morning, two days after their marriage. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. A UD case was filed in this connection.

BKB loan for fishermen

UNB, Magura

Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has set a target to disburse Tk 123 crore loan among the fishermen in country's 10 south-western districts in the current fiscal. Official sources said the loan disbursement has already been started and would continue till June this year. This loan facility would increase fish production and income of the fishermen in this region. Of the total money, Tk 2 crore will be disbursed in each district of Magura, Narail, Meherpur and Chuadanga while Tk 9 crore in Jhenidah, Tk 8 crore in Jessore, Tk 33 crore in Khulna, Tk 29 crore in Satkhira, Tk 32 crore in Bagerhat and Tk 3 crore in Kushtia district.

Debate contest at RU

A RU CORRESPONDENT

A four-day long inter-university debate competition titled 'bdjobs.com-BFDF First National Debate Championship' will start at Rajshahi University (RU) from February 4. In association with Bangladesh Debate Federation (BDF), the Business Studies Faculty Debating Forum (BFDF) of the university will organise the programme at Dean's Complex. A total of 40 teams including 32 from public and private universities will participate. RU pro-vice chancellor Prof Muhammad Nurullah will inaugurate the programme at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium. RTV and the daily Samakal will be the media partner of the programme while Bdjobs.com will give technical support.

Two BCL faction leaders stabbed during clash over tender

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Two rival BCL leaders were stabbed in a clash over dropping tender in Brahmanbaria while criminals snatched tender boxes and set them afire in Gaibandha on Monday.

Our Correspondent in Brahmanbaria reports: Two BCL leaders of rival factions received serious stab injuries during a clash over LGED tender here. They are Md Helal Uddin, 35, vice-president of the recently dissolved district BCL committee and Md Mehdi, 38, member of the same committee.

Eyewitness said, when Helal group was talking about the tender with assistant engineer AKM Rashid Ahmed at LGED office here Mehdi group intercepted and locked in clash with the rival group.

During the clash, Helal and Mehdi were stabbed by the activists of rival faction. They were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

Contacted, Shafiqur Rahman, secretary of dissolved district BCL committee said, BCL workers were not involved in the tender scam. He, however, blamed the contractors for it.

Contacted, Musleh Uddin, executive engineer of LGED in Brahmanbaria said he was unaware about the incident.

Brahmanbaria Sadar police station OC Md Hamidul Islam

said he met injured Helal and Mehdi in the hospital but none came to file any case in this connection.

In Gaibandha, criminals snatched away tender boxes and set them on fire with all the documents inside on Monday.

Gobindaganj Upazila administration, however, cancelled all the tenders in connection with leasing government ponds and water bodies and filed two separate cases, according to our correspondent.

Gobindaganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer earlier called the tender for leasing 51 government ponds and water bodies around the upazila on January 24 and the closing date was February 1. The tender boxes were placed at the offices of Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Assistant Commissioner (Land), and upazila youth development office and Upazila co-operative offices.

Prior to closure of tender boxes, a group of criminals allegedly patronised by a rival group of bidders swooped on the said offices with deadly weapons. They snatched away all the tender boxes and took those to nearby Kuthibari Eidgah ground.

There they damaged the boxes and set fire to the papers and documents.

Admitting the incident, UNO Abdul Wahed said cases were filed and all the tenders cancelled soon after the incident.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Comilla Sector of Bangladesh Rifles yesterday destroyed a huge amount of addictive substances that were seized by them during the last three months.

'Suicide' in custody

UNB, Keraniganj

An accused in a murder case allegedly committed suicide at the toilet of Keraniganj model police station early Monday.

The deceased was identified as Manik Mia alias Lutfar, 38, son of Adu Mia of Munshi Nuarda village under the police station.

Police said, SI Zahidur Rahman arrested Manik, Anwar and Aslam in the sensational Nazma murder case on Sunday at 11:00pm and brought them to the police station.

Zahidur, also investigation officer of the case, said Anwar and Aslam confessed during interrogation that Manik burnt his neighbour Nazma to death 20 days ago due to previous enmity.

After disclosing his involvement in the murder, Manik went to the toilet and committed suicide by hanging from the ceiling of the toilet, he added.

Meanwhile, the victim's relatives alleged that Manik died due to severe torture at the police custody late at night.

UP chairman arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Kalapara police arrested Kamruzzaman alias Shahid Ambar, chairman of Nilganj Union Parishad (UP) under Kalapara upazila on Tuesday in a case of misappropriation of CI sheets.

Police sent him to Kalapara magistrate's court on the day and the court sent him to jail.

Police said they arrested the UP chairman as a court issued a warrant of arrest.

One Wahidul Jomaddar of Kumirmara village under the upazila filed the case in 2008.



PHOTO: STAR

Inspector General of Police Noor Mohammad visits coral reef in St Martin's island under Cox's Bazar district recently to see for himself the effect of widespread rock extraction in the picturesque tourist spot.

Save St Martin's from coral hunters

A CORRESPONDENT, from St Martin's

Speakers at a meeting have urged necessary steps to protect the environment and ecology of St Martin's Island under Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar district.

At the programme organised by Cox's Bazar district police at the conference room of Blue Marine Hotel on the island Sunday afternoon, several hundred people from different professions pledged to do their best to save environment and ecology of the picturesque coral island.

Natural beauty of St Martin's attracts a large number of people from home and abroad but indiscriminate extraction of stones and sea corals is causing harm to its environment and ecology, Inspector

General of Police (IGP) Nur Mohammad said in his speech as chief guest at the function.

Referring to the information provided by biologists, he said the island is home of 153 species of sea algae and 157 species of aquatic plants. Besides, there are 66 species of corals, 157 species of conchs and shells, 240 species of fish and 29 species of reptiles in the island rich in bio-diversity.

He posed a question implying that the island would lose its attraction to tourists if its resources are destroyed.

"All should refrain from activities that is harmful to environment. The government is taking a special plan to save St Martin's Island," Cox's Bazar Superintendent of Police Md Sakhawat

Hossain said.

He sought suggestions from the audience on the ways to save environment and ecology of the island and make it tourist-friendly.

"Eighty per cent residents of the island depend on fishing in the sea for livelihood. Adequate security measures should be taken to protect the fishermen from pirates," said Feroz Ahmed Khan, chairman of St Martin's Union Parishad.

Chittagong Range Deputy Inspector General of Police Md Asaduzzaman Miah, Teknaf Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Khaled Hossain and Managing Director of Elita Aquaculture Ltd S Sarwar also spoke on the occasion.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Education Board (বিদ্যা উন্নয়ন বোর্ড) featuring a list of examination dates and subjects for various levels (K, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z).

Government of Bangladesh advertisement for Textile Engineering College, Joranganj, Mirsora, Chittagong. Includes details about tendering for equipment and machinery, with a table of specifications and contact information.