

SNIPPETS

Trader beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A local fish trader was beaten to death at Bhabanipur village in Ishwardi upazila yesterday morning. The dead is Md Abu Hossain alias Abu Paramanik, 50, of the village. Officer in-charge of Ishwardi police station Biman Kumar Das said, one Rafiq Mandol of the village swooped on Abu Hossain and beat him up mercilessly, leaving him seriously injured when Abu was going to Bhabanipur Ashrayan project around 8:00am. He was rushed to the upazila health complex where doctors declared him dead. Later, Rafiq was arrested in this connection.

Madrasa student found dead

UNB, Satkhira

Police recovered the body of a madrasa student from a pond at Godown intersection in Shyamnagar upazila on Wednesday night. The deceased was identified as Mojahidur Rahman Liton, 21, an Alim student of Shyamnagar Alia Madrasa and son of Nawsher Ali of Mirzapur village. Sagir Miah, officer in-charge of Shyamnagar police station, said Liton remained missing on Wednesday morning. The reason behind the death could not be known immediately, said police.

Hartal observed in Chandpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A half-day hartal enforced by the 18-party alliance in the district yesterday protesting the killing of a Jubo Dal man passed off peacefully. All kinds of heavy vehicles remained off the road while the rail communication was normal. Local Jubo Dal activist Faruk Patwary was killed in a clash with the members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) who opened fire on the blockaders on Wednesday afternoon after being attacked by the BNP men. Police filed a case against 15 identified BNP men and 200 to 300 unidentified people in connection with the clash.

Robbers loot house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Robbers looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 7 lakh from the house of a local wholesale egg trader in Parbatipur upazila town early yesterday. Police and locals said a gang of 10/12 stormed into the house of Omidul Haque in Dangapara area of the town and took away Tk 2.5 lakh, 12 tolas of gold ornaments and other valuables at gunpoint.

Jamaat men damage 5 vehicles

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Local Jamaat-Shibir men vandalised two trucks and three cars at Khataltoli Bazar in Barlekha upazila on Wednesday night. Upazila chairman Siraj Uddin said a group of Jamaat-Shibir activists damaged the vehicles all of a sudden around 9:00pm in the area. Earlier in the day, joint forces, in its drive, arrested some Jamaat-Shibir men in Juri upazila, said Abdul Hashem, officer in-charge of Barlekha police station.

Boy drowns in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A kid drowned in a pond at Joyenpur village in Sadullapur upazila on Wednesday. Locals said Tamim Mia, 2 son of Abu Taleb, was playing on the bank of a pond near their house. Suddenly, he fell down into the water and drowned. Later, locals recovered the body from the pond.

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PHOTO: STAR

As far as eyes go, the charming yellow of mustard flowers blooming on vast tracts of land in Pabna raise hope of bumper production this year. The photo was taken from Nazirpur village in Sadar upazila on Wednesday.

Mustard production may exceed target this year

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Blooming mustard covers vast tracts of land in several districts this season as the cultivation area of the popular cash crop exceeded the target due to favourable weather and timely supply of inputs.

Our Tangail Correspondent reports: As much as 38,589 hectares of land in 12 upazilas of the district has been brought under mustard cultivation against the target of 33,761 hectares this season, said sources of the Department Agriculture Extension (DAE).

The production target has been fixed at 40,513 tonnes.

Last year, both the cultivation area and production target in the district were much less than target but the farmers cultivated mustard on more areas of land this time as they had failed to get fair prices of aman paddy.

The cultivated mustard includes Tori-7, BARI-9, BARI-14, and BARI-15 varieties, of them Tori-7

alone covers 80 percent of the cultivated areas, agriculture officials said.

The cultivation of the crop started during mid-November and the harvest will continue till last week of January, they added.

"I have cultivated mustard on 300 decimals of land this year. The yield looks good and the production will be better than last year's if fog does not hamper production," said Abdul Mannan of Poyla village under Tangail Sadar upazila.

Mohammad Azizullah, deputy director of DAE in Tangail, said the mustard cultivation exceeded the target in the district this year and the production is likely to be very good due to favourable weather condition.

The cultivation, however, was hampered at some places due to disturbance in fertiliser supply amid continuous blockade by the BNP-led 18-party alliance, sources said.

Our Pabna Correspondent reports: According to DAE in Pabna,

29,743 hectares of land has been brought under mustard cultivation in the district this season with production target of 35,692 tonnes.

The weather is favourable for mustard cultivation this year. In last year farmers got 1.1 tonnes of mustard from each hectare but this year they expect 1.25 tonnes of yield per hectare, said AI Shahin, development officer of DAE, Pabna.

"Last year I cultivated mustard on one bigha of land but this season I have cultivated it on 2.5 bighas with prospect of good market price this year," said Md Abdus Salam, a farmer of Hamchiapur village of Pabna Sadar upazila.

Farmers in three upazilas of Narail district have brought 5,980 hectares of land under quality mustard cultivation against the DAE

target of 5,664 hectares this season, reports our correspondent.

Ashok Kumar Halder, Narail district training officer of DAE, said favourable weather, proper distribution of high quality seeds, timely supply of fertilisers and other agricultural inputs to the growers and less pest attack in the fields brings hope of bumper production of mustard this year if there is no prolonged foggy weather.

Our Lalmonirhat Correspondent adds: Mustard cultivation in the district is gradually increasing as farmers get good production and fair prices.

A total of 3,100 hectares of land have been brought under mustard cultivation in five upazilas of the district this season with the production target of 3,200 tonnes, Lalmonirhat DAE sources said.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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North South University (NSU), the first private university in Bangladesh which follows North American standards, seeks applications for the following positions-

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Job Requirements: Excellent academic credentials; Masters degree, preferably in Business Administration / English / Social Sciences. NSU applicants with a 4 years Bachelor degree only are also encouraged to apply. Applicants with experience in related field will be given preference. Asstt. Officer will work on student admission and registration, record-keeping, scheduling classes and apply university rules and regulations, acts, statutes and policies. Must be conversant in the M.S. Office.

Age limit: Not above 35 years.

Lab Instructor (07 positions) & Lab Assistant (04 positions)

Job Requirements (Lab. Instructor): Minimum B.Sc in CSE/EEE/ETE from any reputed university with good academic background and communication skill in English. Applicants with experience in related field will be given preference. The CSE candidate requires having a strong background in C/C++/Java with strong theoretical and practical knowledge in data structure and algorithm and preferably one year of experience in teaching related laboratory classes. Preference will be given to the candidates skilled in dynamic web development/ programming using open source software. The EEE candidate requires one year of experience in teaching (a) Machine, (b) Power Electronic and (c) Control Lab. Preference will be given to candidates having knowledge in experiments in renewable energy. The ETE candidate requires one year experience in teaching Electronics and Communication laboratory. Preference will be given to candidates having experience in Fiber Optic Communication Laboratory. In all the above cases, additional research with publications and teaching experience, in English medium, in the relevant subject will be considered as a plus point.

Age limit: Not exceeding 35 years.

Job Requirements (Lab. Assistant): Bachelor degree or Diploma degree with 3 years hands on experience in CSE/EEE/ETE from any reputed university. CSE candidates require strong background in C/C++/Java with strong theoretical and practical knowledge in data structure and algorithm. Excellent command in writing and speaking English. Preference will be given to candidates skilled in dynamic web development/ programming using open source software. The candidate requires having at least two years of experience in computer lab.

Age limit: Not exceeding 32 years.

Nurse: 02 positions

Job Requirements: Must have B.Sc. in Nursing from any recognized institution. Must have registration from Bangladesh Nursing Council. Applicants with experience in related field will be given preference.

Age limit: Not above 30 years.

Assistant Inventory Officer: 01 position

Job Requirements: Master's or 4 years Bachelor degree in business with computer literacy. Applicants with experience in related field will be given preference. The position will work in receiving, storing, issuing, record keeping, determining stock items and stock levels, university maintenance and Lab items such as electrical & electronics, civil, mechanical, sanitary, hardware, tools, lab equipments & chemicals and also other printing, stationary and convocation materials. Well conversant in inventory software and other applications will be preferred. Excellent command of writing and speaking English.

Age limit: Not exceeding 35 years.

Monthly Salary (for all positions):

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Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview

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Joy seeks vote for 'boat' in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Sajeeb Wazed Joy, son of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, has urged people to vote for the 'boat' symbol in the January 5 parliamentary election for continued development of the country.

Joy came to Rangpur yesterday afternoon as part of his mother's election campaign for the 10th parliamentary election on January 5.

Sheikh Hasina, also president of ruling Awami League, is contesting the elections from the Rangpur-6 (Pirganj) constituency in Rangpur district.

She was elected lawmaker from the constituency in the last national election held on December 29 in 2008.

Addressing a wayside rally

at Chetona High School ground at Bhendabari union in Pirganj upazila, Joy said, "People know who have contributed to the country's development. The Awami League-led government has implemented most of its electoral commitments given to the people of Rangpur. Now it is your turn to re-elect my mother again for continued peace and development of the country."

The government has started trial of those who committed crimes against humanity during the Liberation War. War criminal Abdul Qader Mollah has already been executed. Trial of other war criminals should also be completed step by step.

Later he addressed another two wayside rally in Pirganj.

Addressing a wayside rally

Abu Sayeed's charges against rival Tuku

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Former state minister for information Prof Abu Sayeed, an independent candidate in Pabna-1 constituency, has alleged that his rival AL candidate advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku, state minister for home, is exerting influence on the local administration in his favour.

The returning officer is spineless and the superintendent of police and officers-in-charge of three police stations under the constituency have sided with Tuku. So, their activities have raised doubts over the impartiality of January 5 election for the JS seat," Prof Sayeed said while addressing a press conference at Pabna Press Club yesterday.

He demanded the immediate removal of the state minister for home in the interest of a peaceful and impartial election in Pabna-1 constituency.

Sayeed claimed that Tuku's men assaulted his election agent Mahamud Hossain at Nandanpur Bazar in Santhia upazila on December 26 and his campaigners in Dhulauri Bazar in the upazila on December 27.

"The supporters of the rival candidate foiled my election at Sonatol Bazar in Santhia upazila on December 31 and the officer-in-charge of Bera Police Station along with the candidate's men raided the houses of my activists at Sanila village in the upazila on Wednesday (January 1)," Sayeed alleged.

He said three officers-in-charge of Santhia, Bera and Ataikula police stations are working as campaigners of Tuku and have threatened my activists with arrest. He urged the authorities concerned to withdraw the police officers immediately to ensure a peaceful and impartial election in the constituency.