OUR CORRESPONDENT,

An accused in a case filed for

killing an abducted a seven-

year-old girl has admitted to

a court in the district his

involvement in murdering

Khan, 28, of Habla Dakkhin

Para village in Basail

upazila, made the confes-

sional statement before the

court of Senior Chief

Judicial Magistrate Sonia

The victim is Juthi Akhter,

On March 7, the victim's

The case was later shifted to

arrested Julhas in a case filed

Earlier on March 5, police

daughter of Ilias Khan of the

Ahmed on Saturday.

Mohammad Julhas

her after rape.

7-month ban on risky vessels in S dists starts

Thousands to suffer as alternative transport too scanty

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

The authorities have imposed a seven-monthlong restriction on plying of risky passenger carrying watercrafts, including small launches and trawlers, on eight routes in the 'danger zone' of Meghna and Tetulia estuaries and coastal areas yesterday.

The shipping ministry imposes the ban from March 15 to October 15 on around 3000 kilometres of waterways every year as nor'westers and cyclones during the period threaten lives of passers in the southern region, said Abul Bashar Majumdar, deputy director Bangladesh Inland Water

in the large area isolated by rivers.

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Once a landless farmer,

Nazrul Islam has gained

solvency by selling

vermicompost fertiliser

prepared at his Modhupur

village home in Sarpukur

union of Aditmari upazila

"Starting the work in

2010, I earned Tk 55 thou-

sand by selling

vermicompost to the villag-

ers that year. The earning

rose to Tk 1.32 lakh in 2011,

Tk 2.10 lakh in 2012, Tk 2.55

lakh in 2013, and Tk 2.90

lakh in 2014. I hope to earn

Tk 3.50 lakh this year,"

high demand among the

Nazrul said.

under the district.

Transport Authority, and incharge of river safety and traffic management of Barisal port. The 'danger zone' routes

are Elisha-Mozu Chowdhurir hat, Char Alexander-Daulatkhan, Char Alexandar-Mirzakalu, Char Alexandar-Aslampur, Manpura-Tajumuddin, Manpura-Sashibhushan, Dasmina-Char Kalmi of the Meghna River and Dasmina-Char Mantaj of Meghna and Tetulia rivers.

"We have sent letter to the UNOs and different police stations in this area, for action to stop plying of risky water transports in the danger zone," said the BIWTA official.

However, he admitted that the ban, without an arrangement of sufficient alternative transport, will create problem for a large number of people in the area where watercrafts are the main mode of trans-

"Sea trucks Khizir-7 and Khizir-8 will start operation on Elisha-Mazu Chowdhurir Hat route today. We are trying to arrange two sea trucks in other routes on the danger zone soon," said Gopal Chandra Majumdar, manager of BIWTC Barisal sta-

But only four seas trucks Hossain, a passenger on are too inadequate to meet the requirement of a large

These two sea trucks started plying Elisha-Mazu Chowdhurirhat route on the Meghna River to mitigate sufferings

of passengers as a seven-month ban on plying of small watercrafts in the 'danger zone' of southern districts

started yesterday. However, the arrangement is too scanty to meet the requirement of tens of thousands of people

Vermicompost making

brings him solvency

rising demand in Lalmonirhat village

he said.

180 to 220.

"Vermicompost has a dung," said Nazrul's wife

Sabina Begum.

The natural fertiliser yields better crops, sees

local farmers as it is better

than chemical fertilisers.

Many people offer advance

payment to get the item

from me but I cannot meet

the demand of all of them,"

ing 50 kg of vermicompost

at Tk 420 while the pro-

plants and trees and buy

cow dung from the village

farmers. Kept in a big

earthen hole, these items rot

in 20 to 25 days. It is used as

feed for earthworms, and

finally vermicompost is

made from the earthworms'

He sells a bag contain-

duction cost stands at Tk vermicompost.

"We collect wastes of ers at Modhupur village

number of passengers using the eight coastal routes, locals said.

The seven-month ban without arranging sufficient number of safe vessels with valid licence for crossing the areas near the Bay will make the ban virtually meaningless, said Arif Hossain, a frequent passenger on the routes.

Due to shortage of safe village, and neighbour of water transport in remote Julhas, said Sub-Inspector areas isolated by rivers, Masud Rana of DB police, local people often get on investigation officer of the unsafe small motor case. launches, boats, and trawlers on the Meghna and father filed a case for abduc-Tetulia rivers, said Anwar ting and killing Juthi who went missing from in front Elisha-Mazu Chowdhurir of their house on August 29 Hat route. last year, said Basail police.

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Man found

murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Police recovered the body of

a 'missing' man from

Pirganj municipality area of

the district yesterday after-

The deceased is Azim

Uddin, 48, son of Nezam

Uddin of Roghunathpur

Munshipara village in the

municipality. He was a

worker of an insurance

Mokbul Hossain, officer-

in-charge of Pirganj Police

Station, said after receiving a

phone call on March 10,

Azim went out of house and

did not return home since

At around 1:00pm yester-

day, locals found his body in

a graveyard and informed

the police who sent it to

Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital

strangled Azim and dumped

the body in the area, said the

detained a woman, a co-

worker of the deceased, for

Relatives attacked police

and snatched an accused at

Gochia village in Dirai

interrogation, he said.

Accused

snatched

UNB, Sunamganj

Criminals might have

The law enforcers

morgue for autopsy.

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noon.

company.

Now their four-member

family are leading a happy

life, living on their own land

that was bought with the

money earned from selling

village said they get good

yield of crops especially

vegetables by using

are now using

vermicompost, buying the

quality fertiliser from

Nazrul Islam," said

Delowar Rahman, another

to local farmers about the

process of making the natu-

ral fertiliser.

Nazrul gives suggestion

farmer at the same village.

Mansur Ali of Modhupur

"I and many other farm-

vermicompost.



DB police.

Ahsania Mission observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Through the mission,

Former health minister AFM Ruhul Haque was the chief guest at the programme presided over by Muhammad Selimullah, president of the mission.

Juthi Akhter

for possessing drugs and

then produced him in a

placed on one-day remand

in the case for abducting and

killing the girl following a

plea filed by DB police with

According to his confes-

sional statement to the court

on Saturday, Julhas picked

up Juthi from in front of her

house on August 29 last

year, killed her after rape

and dumped the body in the

recover the body of the girl,

Police are trying to

the court.

Jhinai River.

On March 12, Julhas was

court that sent him to jail.

Ahmed, khadem of the shrine, Satkhira Zila Parishad administrator Mansur Ahemd and AFM Enamul Haque were among the special guests at the programme.

Renowned educationist

Accused confesses rape, SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

12 houses gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

At least 12 houses were gutted in a fire at Chaklahat Birpara village in Sadar upazila of Panchagarh district early yesterday. The fire originated from a mosquito coil at the cowshed of one Abdul Malek's house at around 2:30am and soon engulfed the adjoining houses, said fire service sources. Firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the flames in two hours. The affected house owners claimed that the loss could go up to Tk 12 lakh.

Man held with fake notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a man along with fake notes worth Tk one lakh in Puronbazar area under Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj district on Saturday night. The arrestee is Jayed Ali, 32, son of Didar Hossain of Biramchar village in Sadar upazila. Md Iqbal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Chunarughat Police Station, said on secret information, a team of Rab-9 raided the area and arrested Jayed at around 10:00pm. Jayed was later handed over to the police station, said the OC.

Library catches fire

UNB, Natore

A fire broke out at a government-run library in Uttar Patuapara area of the district town yesterday morning. Police and fire service sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a room of the library building and soon engulfed the entire building. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze. Several books of the library and important documents were gutted in the fire, said Abdur Rauf, an official of Sadar Fire Service Station.

BGB destroys drugs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) destroyed 7,756 bottles of Indian phensidyl, 327 bottles of liquor, 950 grams of cannabis, 433 grams of heroin, 43,580 ampoules of sedative injection in Naogaon district town yesterday. The border guards in separate drives seized the drugs worth about Tk 76.50 lakh from different areas in the district for the last 10 months, said Lt Col Zahid Hasan, commanding officer of BGB-43 Battalion.



Border Guard Bangladesh destroys huge quantity of illegal drugs worth Tk 76.50 lakh in Naogaon town yesterday.

A philanthropist's contribution recalled

murder of minor girl

80th anniversary of Nalta Central

Speakers at a discussion held on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of Nalta Central Ahsania Mission in Kaliganj upazila of the district yesterday recalled the contribution of Hazrat Shah Sufi Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah, founder of the mission.

people irrespective of caste, creed and colour are involved in prayers to the Creator and service of the creation, speakers said in the programme held on the premises of the shrine of the saint.

Moulvi Ansar Uddin

of the Indian subcontinent, Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah set up the mission in his locality on March 15 of 1935.

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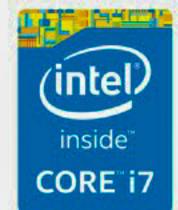


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upazila on Saturday. (Price without tax) Four policemen were Connect with us www.facebook.com/HPbangladesh

injured during the incident. Dilal Hossain, 25, son of Participating Business Partners:

former UP member Ain Uddin of the village, is an accused in a case filed under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, said police. Bayes Alam, officer-in-

charge of Dirai Police Station, said a police team arrested Dilal at his house early in the morning.

While he was being taken to the police station, Dilal's relatives attacked the law enforcers and snatched him.

Later, additional police joined the team and arrested five people, said the OC.

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Nazrul Islam prepares vermicompost at his Modhupur village home in Sarpukur union of Aditmari upazila under Lalmonirhat district.