

# To save from bird menace

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Vegetable farmers of Tarapur village in Sundarganj upazila have introduced a new technique of netting vegetable fields to protect brinjal from flocks of birds that destroyed the flowers and buds of the vegetable.

To protect the vegetables from the birds, farmer Feroj Mia decided to cover up his field with a net made of thin jute rope. "I spent Tk 7,000 to cover my field with a net, and I have already recovered the production cost within three days of harvesting," he said, adding that brinjal was selling at Tk 800 per maund.

"It is difficult to guard the vegetable fields all day, and covering the fields with nets is a good labour saving technique," Feroj said.

"Seeing the success of Feroj Mia, many vegetable growers have also started using netting system in vegetables fields," said Abul Kashem, another farmer.

It is wise to use netting to protect the brinjal fields, although it causes a little cost for farmers, said Upazila Agriculture Officer of Sundarganj Rashedul Islam.



A brinjal field covered with a net, an ingenious way to protect the vegetables from flocks of birds, innovated by Feroj Mia, a vegetable grower of Tarapur village in Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha.

**Poison traps kill 400 ducks**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Around 400 reared ducks died, falling prey to 'poison traps' set by callous bird poachers at a paddy field in Sunampur village under Juri upazila of the district on Monday evening.

While walking in the field, the ducks belonging to Joynal Mia, Jalal Mia and Abdul Hannan died after taking food mixed with poison.

With the advent of winter, ducks often move around in the paddy fields of Hakaluki Haor area, and taking the opportunity, a section of people use poisonous foods to kill the birds.

Contacted, H. A. Ahmed, livestock officer of Juri, and Jalal Uddin, office-in-charge of Juri Police Station, confirmed the matter.

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## Transport strike begins in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

District Motor Malik-Sramik Oiakay Parishad called an indefinite strike yesterday protesting the attack on the secretary of the district Bus-Truck-Tank Lorry Owners' Association (BTILOA) and vandalising a toll counter.

A clash took place on December 13 during the general meeting of Gaibandha Chamber of Commerce, in which Moktadur Rahman Mithu, secretary of the district BTILOA was attacked by a rival group and sustained severe injuries.

Police have not arrested any of the accused persons involved in the attack on our leader till Tuesday, so we called a strike until the accused people are arrested," said Abul Hossain, joint secretary of BTILOA.

# Battery-run illegal vehicles reign in Bogra town

*Police inactive although auto-rickshaws and rickshaws create traffic jam in the town*

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Hundreds of unauthorised battery-run auto-rickshaws and rickshaws have flooded Bogra town, causing huge tailbacks and accidents, to the suffering of the commuters.

Toll collection by the auto-rickshaw owners' and labours' associations, rent for the vehicle, recharging fee and maintenance cost force the drivers to drive recklessly to earn enough to maintain their families.

Locals said about 8,000 battery-run-rickshaws and 4,000 battery-run auto-rickshaws are running in the town, though the authorities concerned do not know the actual number.

A driver of a battery-run auto-rickshaw said he has to pay Tk 60 in total every day to the owners' association, district motor workers' association, district motor workers' association and as toll taken allegedly by ruling party leaders. He also has to pay the auto-rickshaw owner and the recharge fee separately.

A battery-run-rickshaw driver said he has to pay Tk 20 daily to the battery-run-rickshaw charger owners' association, and also the garage fee and recharge fee.

Some auto-rickshaw drivers said the police seized their vehicles and released them after getting Tk 400 to Tk 500.

Executive Engineer of Power Development Board in Bogra Dewan Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal said a lot of electricity is used for charging the batteries legally, and constant vigilance is needed to prevent electricity theft.

Assistant Director of Bangladesh

Road Transport Authority (BRTA) in Bogra Kazi Md Mursalin said there are 5,290 registered CNG-run auto-rickshaws, but many more unregistered battery-run vehicles are plying in the district.

They cannot conduct any drive against the unlicensed vehicles, except for mobile courts to take the unlicensed vehicles under registration, he added.

Representative of Bogra district charger rickshaw/van owners' association Rabbi Mia said they have been collecting Tk 20 per day and Tk 1,500 for registration for the welfare of the transport workers and management of the law enforcers.

Traffic Inspector of Bogra Bikarna Chowdhury refuted the allegations against the police.

Milow might have slipped into the pond while he was returning home as he had consumed alcohol on Tuesday night.

## Indigenous youth found dead in Natore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police recovered the floating body of an indigenous youth from a pond in Diyarvita area of Natore Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Malin Pahan, 33, son of Sadharan Pahan of Sankerbhag village in the upazila, was a worker of Pran Agro Ltd.

Officer-in-Charge

Moshirul Rahman of Sadar Police Station said villagers found Malin's body floating in a pond around 8:00 am and informed the police who recovered the body and sent that to Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Police suspect that Milow might have slipped into the pond while he was returning home as he had consumed alcohol on Tuesday night.

# Couples crowd to adopt newborn

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

About 30 couples, most of them childless, applied till yesterday for adopting the newborn following her recovery from a roadside bush in Dinajpur municipality on Sunday.

The one-day-old infant is now undergoing treatment at Dinajpur Medical College Hospital (DjMCH).

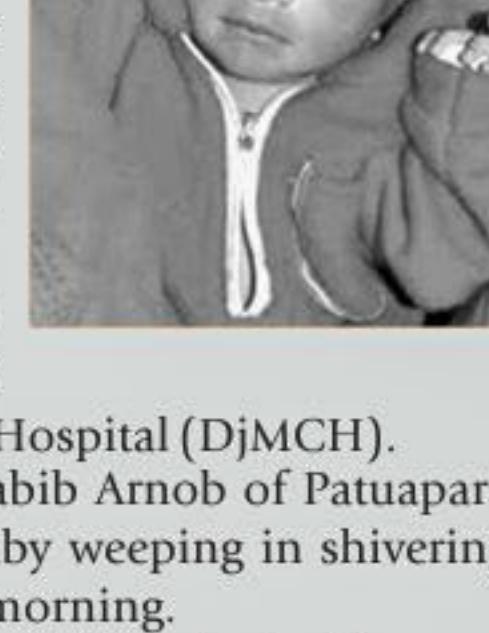
Police said one Ahsan Habib Arnob of Patuapara area in the town heard a baby weeping in shivering cold near a pond on Sunday morning.

Arnab immediately wrapped the infant with warm clothes and informed the police before taking the baby girl to DjMCH.

Indoor Medical Officer Halima Sarkar and Bilkis Ara, in-charge of Department of Paediatrics, who are taking care of the infant, said the baby is doing well.

Meanwhile, many childless couples, who showed interest in adopting the ill-fated infant, visited the girl at the hospital with new clothes and food since Sunday afternoon.

Dinajpur Superintendent of Police Hamidul Alam said they have already received nearly 30 applications from interested couples to adopt the girl, adding that police are yet to decide about her adoption.



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## Bid to rape three-yr-old in Natore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A bid to rape a three-year-old girl was foiled at Patakata village in Naogaon Sadar upazila.

Tariqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said when the victim's mother was cooking at the kitchen on Monday, the kid was playing inside the room.

At one stage, Dulal Hossain, 16, of the village tried to rape the girl but hearing screams, family members rushed to the spot and rescued her. However, Dulal managed to flee the scene.

Later, a case was filed in this connection, the OC said, adding that they are raiding different areas to arrest the culprit.

## LEASING OF GUGALICHERA RIVER

# DC seeks report on alleged malpractice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Upazila nirbahi officers (UNO) of Kulaura and Juri along with other officials yesterday visited Gugalicherra river in Ashurhat area of Kulaura under the district.

Earlier, following a Daily Star report titled "Gugalicherra dying for being leased as wetland" on October 29, the deputy commissioner asked for detailed reports about the river from the UNOs.

"Gugalicherra is a flowing river running through the haor area of Moulvibazar district. But the local administrations leased it, showing it as a 'stagnant water body,'" Hashim Mia, 57, a resident of Shahpur village in Juri upazila, said during this correspondent's visit to the river area yesterday.

Tahsina Begum, UNO of Kulaura, said, "I along with Juri UNO visited the Gugalicherra river. After investigation, I will submit report to Moulvibazar deputy commissioner."

"We want cancellation of the lease of Gugalicherra, reinstating its officially recognised category as a river and taking administrative action against the officials who had changed its category to lease it," said Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon's Sylhet unit.

Sharif Jamil, coordinator of Water Keeper Bangladesh, said the policy to authorise local administration to lease out river areas in the name of degraded wetland would lead to abuse of rivers in different areas of the country.

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# Three murdered in dists

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Three people, including a newlywed housewife, were murdered in different incidents in Pirojpur, Dinajpur and Faridpur yesterday.

The deceased is Ali Mortaza Milon, 40, son of Shahjahan Ali of Bashpukur village in the upazila.

One his way home from his shop, criminals waylaid Milon, stabbed him indiscriminately and looted his valuables, leaving his dead on the spot, police said.

Officer-in-Charge Mostaque Hossain of Parbatipur Police Station said locals spotted Milon's body in a paddy field yesterday morning and informed the police.

In another incident, police recovered the body of a timber trader from Kalibari area in Saltha upazila of Faridpur yesterday.

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