

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A court here sent a drug peddler to jail when police produced him before it yesterday.

Sabbir Hossain, son of Mozammel Hossain Babul of Barakhata village in Hatibandha upazila, was arrested with seven packets of heroin near the Teesta Barrage in Dowani area on Saturday night, said Hatibandha Police Station Officer-in-Charge Rezaul Karim.

Sabbir, former joint secretary of Hatibandha upazila unit BCL, was also arrested about a year ago with huge Phensidyl in Nilphamari, Rezaul said. Police led by Sub-Inspector Selim Hossain arrested Sabbir and seized the heroin on the spot, he said.

Man strangles younger brother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A man strangled his younger brother in Kaliganj upazila of the district on Saturday.

The victim is Nur Islam, 45, son of late Foyez Mollah of Raripara village. Police said an altercation took place between Nur Islam and his elder brother Nur Mohammad on Saturday over breaking of an electric meter. At one stage, Nur Mohammad and his sons beat up Nur Islam and strangled him to death.

Refreshment betters kids' school performance

Midday meal programme benefits 2 lakh primary children in Noakhali

MD NURUL AMIN, Noakhali

Admission, attendance and pass rates of government primary school students in nine upazilas under district have seen significant improvement during the last one year, thanks to the introduction of midday meal to provide refreshment to the kids during school hours.

The programme, brainchild of Hazera Khatun, headmistress of Charbata Primary School in Subarnachar upazila, gained tremendous success solely depending on the guardians' cooperation, without any grant from any government or non-government organisation.

Hazera initiated the programme at her school early last year and seeing the success, other primary schools in the district started introducing it in phases.

Now 1.99 lakh 120 students of 1,213 primary schools in nine upazilas of the district are getting the benefit of the programme. They attend school from 9:00am 4:00pm daily.

However, 64 schools in the district are yet to introduce the programme.

At the beginning of the programme, mothers' rallies were held at the schools where they were made aware of giving children regular nutritious food and the bad effects of not taking meals on time by the school children.

School bags and tiffin boxes for the school children were bought with the money collected from the



mothers and those were distributed among the students.

The mothers were advised to give rice, bread, eggs, khicuri, chira (beaten rice), muri (puffed rice), vegetables etc in the tiffin boxes of their children.

"After introduction of midday meal, students' attention to classes has improved. They are doing better results," said Hazera Khatun, headmistress of Charbata Primary School in Subarnachar upazila in the district.

Nuruzzaman, a small trader at a local bazaar, said, "When I started giving home-made tiffin to my two kids reading in Class V and Class IV, they became more inter-

ested to go to school and study regularly.

Hasib and Nayan, students of Class V at Dakkhin Char Jabbar Model Government Primary School, said they enjoy taking midday meal with other classmates during the tiffin period.

Md Harun-or-Rashid, upazila nirbahi officer of Subarnachar, said all the 90 primary schools in the remote upazila have been brought under the midday meal programme.

"Now the admission rate of the children in the upazila is 99 percent and the pass rate has reached 100 percent. The drop out percentage has come down to zero from earlier

13 percent.

"The success could be achieved as the guardians have become aware of the importance of nutrition for attention to study. Sincerity of the local administration, teachers and guardians of the schools concerned is enough for introducing the programme all over the country," he said.

Noakhali District Primary Education Officer Anwar Hossain said introduction of midday meal programme in the primary schools has greatly helped to ensure children's regular attendance at classes and improve their performance.

ROW OVER SUPREMACY

BCL leader beaten dead by rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A local leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was killed allegedly by his rivals at Navaron Bazar in Sharsha upazila of Jessore on Saturday night, reportedly over establishing supremacy in the area.

The deceased, Biplob Hossain, 18, son of Nazrul Islam of Jirengachha village in the upazila, was the vice-president of Ulasi union unit of BCL.

Quoting locals, police said there had been a longstanding rivalry between one Shahanur member and Hossain member of the village over establishing dominance in the area.

As a sequel to the enmity, supporters of Hossain member, equipped with sharp weapons, swooped on Biplob around 10:00pm and beat him mercilessly and fled the scene.

Locals rescued Biplob in a critical condition and took him to Sharsha Upazila Health Complex where he succumbed to his injuries the same night, said Officer-in-Charge Moniruzzaman of Sharsha Police Station.

Hearing the death news, Biplob's supporters blocked Jessore-Benapole road for two hours and vandalised several houses in the area.

Biplob's father filed a murder case against 14 people yesterday, the OC added.

Man takes own life after killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A man strangled his wife to death and then hanged himself at Brinchi village in Gobindaganj upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were Jalal Mia, 28, driver of battery-run auto-rickshaw, and his wife Pakhi Begum, 23.

Neighbours found Pakhi lying on the floor and her husband hanging from the ceiling in the morning and informed the police.

Police from Gobindaganj Police Station went to their residence, recovered the two bodies and sent them to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital for post mortem.

Local UP member Musa Mia said Jalal married Pakhi one-and-a-half years ago and they have a six-month-old baby. Quoting locals, he said a quarrel took place on Saturday night between the couple over family affairs, adding that Jalal later strangled his wife and then hanged himself.

Injury marks were found on Pakhi's neck, said Subrata Kumar Sarkar, officer-in-charge of Gobindaganj Police Station.



Owner of an irrigation pump (inset) has dug a one-kilometre-long drain along this village road at Shyampur in Gaibandha Sadar upazila, creating nuisance for locals.

PHOTO: STAR

ILLEGAL IRRIGATION PUMP IN GAIBANDHA

1 km drain troubles villagers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Sinking of a new irrigation pump at Shyampur village in Sadar upazila has created tension among the farmers and pump owners of the village.

A local influential person, without any prior permission from the authorities concerned, has set up an electrically driven irrigation pump next to Shyampur-Bhagabanpur road and dug a nearly one-kilometre-long drain for supplying irrigation water to distant boro fields, hindering movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

He has been operating the pump by taking illegal power connection from a nearby power supply pole of Power Development Board (PDB),

locals said.

Owner of the pump Ripon Akanda said he has been operating it for the last one month taking power connection as per rules, and PDB provided the power connection. But PDB denied giving any new connection this year.

Other pump owners and local people filed complaints with PDB and Upazila Irrigation Committee.

At present, there are three rural irrigation pumps in the village, each covering 300 square-foot area. The owners, Reza Mia, Shahrul Islam and Abdur Rahman, have been operating the pumps for the last few years.

According to irrigation rules, one 5-inch diameter pump can supply water for 300 to 700 square feet area and

there is no scope of setting up any more pumps in the said areas, said Reza Mia, owner of a pump in Maddha Dhanghara village.

Upazila Irrigation Committee President, also upazila parishad Chairman, Rashida Begum said the committee did not approve any new irrigation pump, adding that measures will be taken against the illegal pump owner and he has been asked to stop digging the road.

No power connection is provided to any irrigation pump without approval of the Upazila Irrigation Committee, said Anwarul Islam executive engineer of PDB in Gaibandha, adding that PDB has not given connection to a new irrigation pump this year.

Six held while returning from India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested six Bangladeshi nationals while they were illegally entering the country through Putkhali border under Benapole Port Police Station on Friday night.

The arrestees are Pabitra Kumar, 55, his wife Sabita Rani, 45, Kanchan Mala, 40, Dipa Rani, 25, and Uttam Majumder, 30, of Moksedpur upazila in Gopalganj and Nikhil Roy, 35, of Rajoir upazila in Madaripur.

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e-Tender Notice 12/2016-17

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of

Sl. No.	Package No.	Tender ID	Name of scheme
1	IRIDP-2/PTK/SDW-93	84552	(a) Improvement of Daritaluk Pucca road Abdul Rog Gazibari Kismat Moukaram Pucca road Bajlul Hauladar Bari road Ch. 00m - 1620m & Mosque link road 80.00m (b) Construction of 02 Nos. 1.50mx1.50m culvert at Ch. 200m & 1610m on the same road (ID No.: 57895338).
2	BDRIDP/PAT/BAF/UN-Rd/05	84556	Improvement of Road from Kailsuri UPC Kumarkhali Bridge-Nurainpur Bazar via Kanakdia Bazar by BC at Ch. 1750m-2750m and including 3 Nos. 1.60mx1.60m RCC Box Culvert at Ch. 1945.00m 2260.00m & 2530.00m (ID No.: 57838300).
3	IRIDP-2/PTK/DW-94	85098	(a) Improvement of Dashmina UPC-Khairhat via ART College road Ch. 715m-4950m (b) Construction of 01 No. 1.0mx1.0m culvert at Ch. 4200m on the same road (ID No.: 578523001).
4	IRIDP-2/PTK/DW-95	85099	(a) Improvement of Lalua UPC-Nilganj UPC Road via Baliatoli UPC Mithaganj UPC road. Ch. 13245m-16945m. (b) Construction of 03 Nos. 1.50mx1.50m culvert at Ch. 13345m 15525m & 16045m on the same road. (c) Construction of 02 Nos. 0.60mx0.60m culvert at Ch. 15173m & 15345m on the same road. Road ID No. 578665279.
5	IRIDP-2/PTK/DW-96	85100	Improvement of Nizabad Arayan UZR-Ranua Hat via Mirmadon GPS road Ch. 1950m- 3500m Road (ID No.: 578524050).
6	IRIDP-2/PTK/DW-97	85101	Improvement of Dashmina UP-Dashmina Upazila Border via Mollarhat road Ch. 6720m- 8600m Road ID No.: 578523003
7	IRIDP-2/PTK/DW-98	85102	(a) Improvement of Lalua UPC-Nilganj UPC Road via Baliatoli UPC Mithaganj UPC road. Ch. 13245m-16945m. (b) Construction of 03 Nos. 1.50mx1.50m culvert at Ch. 13345m 15525m & 16045m on the same road. (c) Construction of 02 Nos. 0.60mx0.60m culvert at Ch. 15173m & 15345m on the same road. Road ID No. 578665279.
8	IRIDP-2/PTK/DW-99	85103	(a) Improvement of Tagachia Bazar-Mithaganj Gazir Bazar road via Modokhali Dakkail Madrasa Bishakhola bridge Ch. 6050m- 8500m. (b) Construction of 02 Nos. 0.60mx0.60m culvert at Ch. 6350m & 6540m on the same road. (ID No.: 578665279).
9	IRIDP-2/PTK/DW-100	85104	(a) Improvement of Baliatoli-Karmazapara via Modupara road Ch. 00m-4915m. (b) Construction of 02 Nos. 1.50mx1.50m culvert at Ch. 3260m & 4335m on the same road. (c) Construction of 01 no. 0.60mx0.60m culvert at Ch. 1100m on the same road. (ID No. 578665004), (Salvage Cost Tk. 117649.00).

Under District: Patuakhali
This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 5:00pm on 05/03/2017 for the serial No. 7 & 9 of the above table and up to 5:00pm on 26/02/2017 for the remaining tenders.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Supply of Microsoft Software License for Biman

01. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd is going to float Request for Proposal (RFP) for the supply of Microsoft Software license for Biman. Distributors, resellers or authorized partners may participate in the RFP complying all terms and conditions of the RFP schedule.

02. Detailed terms and conditions have been given in the RFP Schedule. RFP Notice and Schedule may be viewed in Biman's official website www.biman-airlines.com.

03. The Proposal/Offer may be submitted to the Deputy General Manager (CMIS) at E-mail: dacid17@biman.com on or before 1000 hours LT (0400 hrs UTC) on 06 March 2017. Proposal/Offer may also be submitted in the Box placed in the Office of the General Manager (CMIS), Biman Head Office, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229 within the stipulated schedule. No Proposal/Offer would be accepted after the closing time due to any reason, whatsoever.

04. The Technical Proposal(s)/Offer(s) will be opened on the same day at 1100 hours (BST) in the presence of the bidder(s), if any. After evaluation of technical proposal, financial proposal will be opened.

05. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Proposal/Offer partially or wholly at any time and/or stage without assigning any reason, whatsoever; and no claim shall be entertained in this regard.

Deputy General Manager (CMIS)

Books in Santal language demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Indigenous people of the district formed a human chain on Saturday, demanding books in Santal language (in Roman alphabet) up to primary level for the children of the community.

Northern Indigenous Students Union, Sabitha Sangbad, Santal Students Union, BSELC Sahitya Bibhag, Adivasi Mukti Morcha, Santal Lekhak Forum and Santal Samannaya Parishad organised the rally in front of Dinajpur Press Club.

Santal males, females and school children, holding books written in their language (in Roman alphabet), joined the human chain and urged the government to publish book for Santal children in their own language.

Speakers said if an initiative is not taken, the indigenous children would forget their own language and would hardly get chance to study due to the absence of books.

Santal Samannaya Prarishad President Cornelius Murmu, Santal Lekhak Forum Organising Secretary Prodeep Hembram, Uttarabanga Adivasi Forum President Hinggu Murmu and Adivasi Mukti Morcha President Jogendranath Soren and Secretary Jakarious Dumri spoke at the programme.