

### 5 JMB men indicted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A court here yesterday framed charges against five members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) for looting a refuelling station in Dinajpur Sadar in 2015.

Proceedings of recording testimony will be started on April 29, said Additional Public Prosecutor Taherul Islam.

District and Sessions Judge Hossain Shaheed Ahmed framed the charges against the five when they were produced before his court, he said.

They are Saddam Hossan, Osman Goni, Ahsan Habib, Jobayer Hossain alias Shahin and Ramzan Ali.

On December 10 in 2015, nine members of JMB attacked Tripti Filling Station in Natun Bhurbandar area under Sadar upazila and looted Tk 1.70 lakh.

### UP member confesses to killing AL man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A union parishad member and three other people, accused in Bhuapur upazila Awami League leader Rokibul Hossain Farid murder case, have made confessional statements to a court, admitting their involvement with the killing.

They also disclosed names of several local AL leaders who planned and financed the killing, said Detective Branch (DB) of Police.

The accused include Mokbul Hossain Tarafder, a member of Aloa union parishad in the upazila, Mainul Hasan Masud of Bharoi village and Shawkat Hossain Saikat of the area.

# February, the month for florists

Business sees boost centring Pahela Falgun, Valentine's Day and Ekushey February

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With celebrations of the first day of spring, Pahela Falgun, as well as Ekushey February, the International Mother Language Day, and western Valentine's Day all falling within the month of February, the flower growers of different districts certainly have reason to celebrate.

Flower sales are expected to earn the growers of Jessore district up to Tk 20 crore in sales this month.

Roses, gerberas, gladioli, dahlias, sunflowers and China roses are among the many species on offer in the market. "I expect to sell around Tk 2 lakh of flowers this season," says Aminul Islam of Godkhali in Jessore's Jhikargachha upazila.

He has cultivated flowers on 15 bighas of land, while district-wide flowers are now grown on up to 10,000 hectares according

to florists and traders.

A surge in sales is usual for the start of the year, say growers. In addition to the festivals of February, people also buy flowers for New Year's Day and wedding celebrations, which are most common during winter.

"Demand for flowers skyrockets from New Year's Day onwards," says floriculture pioneer Md Shar Ali Sardar who has been involved in commercial flower farming since 1983. "It's the time of the year when we record a sustained sales upswing." Currently his flower fields are adorned with red, yellow, pink and white gerberas, which are common worldwide but relatively new to the Bangladesh flower scene.

Flower prices at Godkhali Bazar are determined by wholesale prices in Dhaka where flower growers, traders and workers converge from twenty districts, including key growing

areas like Savar, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Narayanganj and Mymensingh, as well as Jessore.

According to Abdur Rahim, president of the Bangladesh Flowers Society, blooms from Gadkhali are also exported to the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and some other countries.

Director of a locally-based agricultural project Michael G Nelson, says farmer training was held recently at the Local Government Engineering Department training centre as part of the US \$50 million funding provided by USAID to develop agriculture in the country's southwest, a project that includes flower production.

Our Jhenidah Correspondent reports: Trilochonpur union under Kaliganj upazila in the district is abuzz with activities as flower growers, traders and workers engaged in making wreaths

are passing busy time due to heightened demand centring the three occasions in February.

Tuberose, merry, rose and gladiolus cultivated in different villages of the upazila make way to several districts.

Visiting Baliadanga flower market and Kaliganj main bus stand this correspondent found that hundreds of growers and traders are selling and buying flowers.

Shariful Islam of Baliadanga village said he planted flower seedlings on 20 decimals of land in October last year.

"I started harvesting after 40 days and already sold flowers worth Tk 60 thousand," he said.

Hundreds of women, mostly poor ones, find a way of earning by making wreaths ahead of festivals.

"I get Tk 10 for making a jhopa (garlands with 800 flowers). I can make 18/20 jhops per day and

earn Tk 200. I get more ahead of festivals," said one Kohinur Begum.

Around 250 hectares of land has been brought under flower cultivation in Jhenidah this year, said sources of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE)

Our Pirojpur Correspondent adds: The seasonal flower growers of Nesarabad upazila in the district, especially at Alenkarkathi village under Swarupkathi union, are passing a busy time.

Growers said they plant different flowers including rose, marigold, dalia, tuberose from September. After one month, they start selling that continues till the end of February.

Wholesale buyers from different areas come to buy flowers from Nesarabad.

According to the DAE in Pirojpur, there are flower plant nurseries on 14 hectares of land at Nesarabad.



FLORICULTURE FLOURISHES: Clockwise from left, a flower garden in Nesarabad upazila of Pirojpur, a gerbera plantation at Gadkhali in Jhikargachha of Jessore, and women making garlands at Baliadanga village in Jhenidah's Kaliganj upazila.



PHOTO: STAR

### Gunfight in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two robbers, including the ringleader of a gang, after an hour-long 'gunfight' between the robbers and the elite force members yesterday.

The arrestees are Nur Islam, 35, leader of 'Nur Bahini' and resident of Kolaroa upazila in Satkhira, and his close aide Abbas, 40, of Sadar upazila.

Local fishermen alleged that the gang was involved in kidnapping fishermen from different areas of the Sundarbars for ransom.

Major Adnan Kabir, deputy director of Rab-8 in Satkhira, said a team of the elite force raided Pashurtala Khal in Kalagachhia area under Satkhira range around 8:00am.

Around 9:00am, Nur and Abbas came out from their den after Rab members asked them to surrender.

### Main accused of BCL leader murder held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The prime accused in BCL leader Biplob murder case was arrested yesterday with arms at Kazirba village in Sharsha upazila of Jessore.

The arrestee was identified as Raju Mia, 24, son of Miaz Uddin of Matipukur village.

Biplob Hossain, 18, vice-president of Ullashi union unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), was beaten to death reportedly by his rivals at Navaran in Sharsha upazila on Saturday.

Police said they arrested Raju with one shooter gun and one bullet during a raid in the afternoon.

## SSC examinee gives birth at centre

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Only great determination can set such an example.

After giving birth to a child at Sarishabari Reazuddin Talukdar High School Exam Centre, an SSC examinee continued taking her mathematics examination on Sunday.

Expectant mother Swarnali, daughter of Jahurul Islam of Bogarpar village in Sarishabari upazila, sat for her SSC exam from Bogarpar High School on February 2.

Swarnali did not worry about her situation, instead, after giving birth to a baby boy she took merely 10 minutes to return to the examination hall, said Wajeda Parvin, secretary of the examination centre.

Swarnali, with great mental strength, started her general mathematics exam around 10.00am on Sunday.

After 30 minutes, she felt severe labour pain and was shifted immediately to another room where she gave birth to male child normally, said Wajeda, who provided all sorts of assistance and facilities for the purpose.

After witnessing a sweet smile of the newborn, she regained her energy, sat for the exam and completed that successfully, Wajeda added.

## Villagers repair road on their own

They start the work after the Kamalganj upazila authorities fail to keep their word to repair the road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The villagers started repairing Shamshernagar-Nittanandapur road in Kamalganj upazila by themselves on Saturday after the local administration failed to do the job they promised.

The people of Raghunathpur village in the district decided to do the repair work after several accidents occurred during the past few months on the dilapidated road in Kamalganj upazila

The upazila project implementation officer promised to repair the road as early as possible when he visited the area last month, they said.

"We started the repair work on our own as no steps were taken in this regard," said Jamshed Hossain of the village.

"Despite repeated request to get the road repaired the authorities concerned did not do the work," said

Jaasim Uddin.

"The dilapidated road was causing serious trouble and we became hopeful after the local union parishad chairman visited the area, but we did not see any step in this regard," said Sabuj Chandra Deb.

Tajul Miah said he cannot send his children to school during the monsoon.

Shamshernagar Union Parishad Member Rehana Begum said the repair of the road could not be started due to fund constraint.

Lauding the repair work by the villagers, Upazila Chairman Rafiqur Rahman said the initiative is good.

Kamalganj upazila Project Implementation Officer Md Asaduzzaman said they could not start the work as they have yet to get permission although an UP member has submitted a proposal for repair of the road.

## Kushdah declared beggar-free

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

As many as 126 beggars of Kushdah union in Nawabganj upazila vowed to live in dignity, leaving their begging profession.

They made the pledge at a meeting organised by Kushdah Union Parishad at its complex yesterday.

Chief guest Upazila Nirbahi Officer Bazlur Rashid declared the union free from beggars at the programme.

Under the slogan, "Live with Dignity", the programme was presided over by union parishad Chairman Md Sayem Sabuj. Assistant Commissioner (Land) Mousumi Afrida, Upazila Agriculture Officer Abu Reza and Upazila Youth Development Officer Enamul Haque spoke at the meeting.

Local union parishad so far identified and selected 126 male and female beggars in the area and assured them of giving all out assistance if they stay away from begging.

One Moriam Bewa in her speech thanked the organiser for such initiative for them.

The UP chairman said 126 beggars will get Tk 250 each in cash monthly from the fund of the union.

Besides, their family members will enjoy all out cooperation if they want to start any small scale business, he said.

Apart from this, they will enjoy vulnerable group development (VGD), vulnerable group feeding (VGF) and other facilities, he said.

Later, the UNO handed over VGD cards to the 126 people.

## Lathi Khela Utsab ends

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A two-day-long Lathi Khela Utsab, a festival of the traditional play with sticks, at the Kushtia Government College ground ended on Sunday night.

Organised by Bangladesh Lathial Bahini's central unit in Kushtia, the event, which is held regularly every two years since 1993, started on Saturday.

Around 100 female lathials, among 500 participants in 27 different groups, took part in the event this year.

Kushtia Deputy Commissioner Zahir Raihan inaugurated the two-day festival where participants from different areas of Narail, Jhenidah, Pabna, Chuadanga, Natore and Jessore took part.

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### Procurement & Logistics Support Directorate

REF: DACPF/Int'l Tender/024/Corrigendum/2016-17 Date: 13/02/2017

### Corrigendum

This refers our Tender No: DACPF/Int'l Tender/024/2016-17 Dtd. 18/01/2017 published earlier in The Daily Star on 20-01-2017 and The Daily Ittefaq on 19-01-2017 for procurement of Airport Apron/Ramp Coach Qty: 05 Units. All participants are requested to follow the following amendments:

1. General specification of Item No. 01 in the tender schedule, the length will be 12,000 ± 200mm instead of 1,200 ± 2,00mm
2. Last date for submission of tender/offer is 23-02-2017 at 1100 hrs (LT) and last date for selling of tender schedule up to 22-02-2017.

All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

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### Invitation for Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.		
2	Agency	Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Dinajpur-5200.		
3	Procuring entity name	Department of Statistics.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dinajpur-5200.		
6	Invitation for	Tender for goods (Multiple Lot).		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	HSTU/STAT/UGCHEQ/CP-3305/06		
8	Date	13-02-2017		
9	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National).		
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government & IDA Credit).		
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA).		
12	Project/program code	9137		
13	Project/program name	Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP).		
14	Tender package No.	G9 (Multiple Lot).		
15	Tender package name	Supply and Installation of Laboratory & Scientific Equipment, Air-conditioner and others.		
16	Tender publication date	14-02-2017		
17	Tender last selling date	05-03-2017 @ 05:00pm (During Office Time).		
18	Tender closing date and time	06-03-2017 @ 11:30am.		
19	Tender opening date and time	06-03-2017 @ 12:00 noon.		
20	Name & address of the office(s) Selling, receiving and opening tender document (principal)	Address: Office of the Sub-Project Manager, HEQEP, Window-1, R-3, CP-3305, Room No. 439, Dr. M. A. Wazed Bhaban (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), Department of Statistics, HSTU, Dinajpur-5200.		
21	Eligibility and qualification of tenderer	1. The tenderer shall have a minimum 5 (five) years overall experience in the supply of goods & related services. 2. Tenderers from all countries except Israel be offered. 3. Tenderer should have up-to-date & valid trade license, VAT certificate, TIN certificate. 4. Tenderer must have past supply experience of similar nature of goods in an amount of min BDT Tk. 06.50 (six lakh fifty thousand) for Lot-1 and Tk. 07.00 (seven lakh) for Lot-2 in a single contract during last 5 (five) years of time. 5. Shall have minimum amount of liquid asset in BDT Tk. 07.50 (seven lakh fifty thousand) for Lot-1 and Tk. 08.00 (eight lakh) for Lot-2.		
22	Brief description of goods or works	Supply and Installation of Laboratory & Scientific Equipment, Air-conditioner and others.		
23	Brief description of related services	Installation and testing of goods and related services.		
24	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Cash Tk. 1000.00 (Taka one thousand) only.		
25	Identification	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time
Lot-1	Supply and Installation of Laboratory & Scientific Equipment	Room No. 439, Dr. M. A. Wazed Bhaban (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), Dept. of Statistics, HSTU	20,000.00 (twenty thousand)	Thirty (30) days
Lot-2	Supply and Installation of Air-conditioner and others	"	20,000.00 (twenty thousand)	"
26	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Md. Earfan Ali Khondaker.		
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Sub-Project Manager (SPM), HEQEP, CP-3305.		
28	Address of official inviting tender	Room No. 439, Dr. M. A. Wazed Bhaban (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), Dept. of Statistics, HSTU, Dinajpur-5200.		
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	+8801712569844	khondaker_dgvc@yahoo.com	
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

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