

## Upazila roundup

## KUSHTIA

## 69 examinees expelled

Aug 23: A total of 69 examinees were expelled from different centres of the district on the first day of the HSC examination on Thursday, reports UNB.

Board sources said, a total of 5135 candidates are appearing at the examination from the district.

## PABNA

## Teacher assaulted by expelled students

Aug 23: A teacher of Bulbul Government College was allegedly assaulted by some expelled students at college premises Thursday, reports UNB.

Abdul Aziz, teacher of Islamic History department was rushed to the Sadar hospital in a critical condition.

Nani Sarkar (19), of the college was expelled from the college centre for adopting unfair means in the HSC examinations held on the same day.

He along with his accomplices allegedly attacked the teacher in revenge of his expulsion.

## JAMALPUR

## Taka 88 lakh sanctioned for rly station

Aug 23: The government has sanctioned Taka 88 lakh to establish a railway station at Tarakandi near Jamuna Fertilizer Factory under Sari-shabari upazila, reports BSS.

Official sources said that meanwhile primary works on the project have been started and step for acquisition of 1.08 acres of land for the proposed rail station will be taken soon.

Fertilizer factory sources said that the factory will go into production this year.

The new railway station is being established for easy and rapid transportation of fertilizer.

## PATUAKHALI

## 11 union family welfare centres complete

Aug 23: Constructions of eleven union family welfare centres in four upazilas of Patuakhali district have been completed recently, reports BSS.

According to an official source, Tk 1.59 crore were spent for the constructions of these centres. The project was financed by the World Bank.

Of the total, three welfare centres have been constructed in Patuakhali Sadar Upazila, five in Galachipa, two in Dushmina and one in Bauphal upazilas.

About 16 lakh people of the district will get health facilities from these centres every year, the source said.

## SAVAR

## Students asked to resist terrorists on campus

Aug 23: Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas Thursday asked the students to untidely resist 'outsiders' terrorising the campus of educational institutions, reports UNB.

"Those who unleash violence on the campus are not students, they are outsiders in disguise of students," Biswas said addressing as chief guest the installation ceremony of Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU).

The speaker told the students to build themselves as ideal citizens through their all-time efforts, as they will be the future heismen of the country.

JUCSU President and Vice-Chancellor of the varsity Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed presided over the function.

Among others, JUCSU Vice-President Moniruzzaman Monir, General Secretary KM Rashidul Hasan Masum, Treasurer Prof Enamul Haq Khan and Neamatullah Sabu, MP also spoke on the occasion.

## BARISAL

## Swami Saraswati's Nirth anniversary observed

Aug 23: The 107 birth anniversary of Swami Prajnandana Saraswati, the founder of the Barisal Sree Sankar Math was observed at a function held at the college road here recently with Mr Amrita Lal Dey in the chair, reports BSS.

The function was started with the recitation of holy Sreemadbhagabai Gita.

Mr Mihirial Dutta, Dipip Kumar Roy, Dr S C Roy, Professor Nilkanta Bepari,

Swami Akhileswaran Maharaj, Mr Sadhan Kumar Dey and Mr Basudev Karmakar took part in the discussion meeting on the life and teachings of late Prajnandana Saraswati.

The function was followed by a cultural function.

## KHULNA

## Two jailed for robbery

Aug 23: The Additional District Sessions Judge (Second Court) Md Abdur Razzak has sentenced two people to seven years rigorous imprisonment for committing a robbery in the city, court sources said her today, reports UNB.

The court also fined them Tk 5,000 each, in default, to suffer RI for five months more.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that an organised gang of four armed men stopped two persons at gun point on Mirzapur Road on August 4, last year. They snatched away a gold chain weighing about one tola and a Seiko-5 wrist watch from Amiral and a sum of Taka 750 and a Reiko wrist watch from Munna.

They then attacked two other passengers of a rickshaw who were passing the spot and snatched two more wrist watches from their possession.

While escaping with the looted money and goods the miscreants hurled hand bombs at them, but the local people quickly rushed to the spot and caught one of the miscreants named Fazlu.

A case has been lodged with Kotwali police in this connection. The police in pursuance of the confessional statement of Fazlu arrested the other snatcher, named Bablu.

Police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against Fazlu and Bablu.

The learned Judge after examining the evidences and records awarded the punishment on August 18.

## JHENIDAH

## 6000 acres left fallow

Aug 23: About 6,000 acres of land had to be kept fallow this season as sugarcane grown on these land could not be lifted by the mills, reports UNB.

The mills over-ran the crushing season cutting the time for Aus paddy.

A local cane grower said that they could not prepare lands for the cultivation of Aus paddy and other crops because sugarcane stood on the fields.

Cane crushing generally runs for four of five months — November to March. This year, it took three months more to crush the cane as the cane production exceeded all its past records in the area.

According to a well-informed source, the district will incur a loss of Tk 3.5 crore in terms of crops of about 1.25 lakh mounds this season.

## Indian cows seized

Bangladesh Rifles personnel seized 12 Indian cows worth about Tk 1 lakh Wednesday from a truck on Jhenidah-Magura road near Alamkhali village of Magura Sadar upazila.

On a secret information, BDR jawans stopped to truck loaded with the cattleheads at dead of night. The smugglers in collaboration with other people tried to resist the BDR but failed.

A case has been filed in this connection.

## COMILLA

## Smuggled Indian goods recovered

Aug 23: A BDR patrol party seized Indian goods worth about Tk 78,000 from near Burichang upazila headquarters, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, BDR jawans on August 15 rushed to the spot and recovered the contraband.

The goods include drinking glasses, Phenistyle syrup and sarees which were later handed over to the local customs department.

A case has been filed with the police but none was so far arrested in this connection.

## MAGURA

## 2 upazila phone exchange bldgs complete

Aug 23: Construction work on two upazila telephone exchange buildings in the district have been completed at a cost of Tk 18 lakh during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said that one telephone exchange building was constructed at Sreepur upazila and another one at Salikha upazila of the district.

On the completion of these upazila telephone exchange buildings rural telecom facilities have been improved to a great extent, the sources added.



STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL: A day's hard labour at a road construction site under the Food for Works Programme at a village in Comilla gets this young man just enough wheat for a family of four that he maintains. Tomorrow, for him, is uncertain. — Star photo

## Padma erosion threatens Godagari

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 23: The devastating Padma is continuously devouring important buildings and crops in Godagari upazila of Rajshahi district.

At least 200 families of Gogram union of the upazila have been rendered homeless and hundreds others were affected by the erosion of the Padma. Alipara, Nimala and Khabhasathi areas of the upazila are the worst hit areas where standing Aman crops are being submerged.

The Alipur Primary School and a temple has already been washed away. Navigation has

also become difficult due to the high currents of the Padma. If the erosion continues at present pace the food godown and Nimala Government Primary School will be devoured, it is feared.

The affected people repeatedly appealed to the authority concerned but no steps have been yet taken to check the erosion.

Meanwhile, hundreds of erosion-hit people of the area have been passing their days in great misery on flood control embankment. Flood and erosion victims of the upazila urged the authorities for providing relief materials includ-

ing food, clothing, medicine and shelter to ease their sufferings.

## 204000 saplings distributed

A total of 2,04,000 saplings of different trees have been distributed among the people of four districts of greater Rajshahi from eight different nurseries under Rajshahi Forest Department in the current season.

The districts are Rajshahi, Naogaon, Natore and Chapainawabganj. According to the official sources, the saplings are being sold at nominal price of 0.75 taka to

two taka each.

The plants include Mehagani, Raintree, Shishu, Epil-Epil, Kadam, Shikari, Shegun, Lemon, Papaya, Coconut, Jackfruit and Eucleptus. Total 300 acres of land in Naogaon district have brought under community forest development programme. Besides, 60 acres in Padmachar of Natore district have also been brought under this scheme, the sources added.

The Forest Department also arranged a training session for 31 agriculture officers and 25 plantation assistants during the season.

## Ten guns, ammunition looted in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 23: The guns and huge ammunition have been looted from different places in Satkhira during the last seven months.

According to the police sources, two guns have been stolen from a bank in Sadar upazila, three from Grand arms store in Satkhira town, one from Janata Bank Naita branch under Kaliganj upazila, one from Sonali Bank Khalishkhali branch in Tala upazila and one from Sonali Bank Islamkati branch of the same upazila.

Apart from this another two guns were looted from Assasuni and Sadar upazilas.

The gun looted from Assasuni upazila was later recovered by the police of Shymnagar police station.

A woman allegedly snatched two gold necklace from two

kids of Kaliganj M. Khatoun Girls Primary School recently.

It is learnt that an unknown woman came to the school and called out Hena (8) and Runa (7) both students of Class Three to a nearby bush and showed them many colourful attractive dolls and later took away the chains. She told them that she would return the chains when they come back from the school and left the place. On return home the children informed their parents of the incident and at once they rushed to the spot but in vain.

A case was lodged with Kaliganj police station.

## Absconder held

An absconder accused has been arrested after four years in hiding. Ajit Mondal of village Binerpota under Sadar upazila of Satkhira district was charged with a dacoity committed in 1988. Since then police were in search of him.

Eventually he was caught from at Satkhira police station recently.

## 'Peer' Matur acquitted of kidnapping charge

JHENIDAH, Aug 23: Major (Retd) Matur Rahman, Peer Shaheb of Stimulia, Kishoreganj, was acquitted Wednesday of the charge of kidnapping a Hindu boy named Debnath and converting him to Muslim, reports UNB.

Matur's two associates Mofazzal Hossain and Abdul Mannan were also acquitted.

A case was registered by Shushil Ghosh, father of the kidnapped boy of Jhenidah in this connection. Police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against them.

Additional District Magistrate Khalilur Rahman after examining the witnesses and records acquitted them from the case.

## Call to plant more trees for ecological balance

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Aug 23: A seminar was held at Dingedha High School premises three miles from here under the auspices of Kushtia Forest Department recently.

The theme of the seminar was "The contribution of tree in maintaining ecological balance is unlimited."

The seminar was presided over by Mr. Someshwar Das, Forest Protector Jessore circle while, Mr. Tajul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga was present as chief guest on the occasion. Mr. Sahiful Islam Pinu, Chairman, Chuadanga Sadar Upazila was present as special guest. Among others

Mr Fazuil Haq, Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department Chuadanga, Mr. Ehsanul Haq Malek, Chairman Dingedha High School Managing Committee, Mr. Nurul Haq, District Livestock Officer, Chuadanga, Captain Mohiuddin, BDR 13 Battalion, Chuadanga, Toriqul Islam, Assistant Forest Protector Kushtia, Mr. Shahabuddin, Forest Ranger, Kushtia and Abdul Gafur, Headmaster, Dingedha High School and local UP Chairman Paran Biswas spoke on the occasion.

Divisional Forest Officer, Kushtia Forest Division Mr. M A Hamid read out the written

script on the occasion.

The speakers in the meeting stressed the need for plantation of maximum trees with a view to maintaining ecological balance in the country. They opined that the trees are the essential part of our life. They added that the necessary ingredients for life like food, cloth, residence, education, medicine, industry, trade and employment could not be achieved without trees. After the seminar tree plantation campaign was opened in the school premises by planting many trees. The Deputy Commissioner opened the tree plantation by planting a sapling.

## 5 get life-term for murder

GAIBANDHA, Aug 23: Five people were awarded life term and fined Tk 3,000 each, in default, to suffer one month imprisonment more on charges of a murder, court sources said here today, reports UNB.

According to prosecution story, Mozammel Haq (30), was kidnapped by the co-villager accused Mohiuddin and his three sons Talib Ali, Amrul Islam, Taher Ali and another villager Dhalu of Gagramara village of Gobindaganj upazila on October 29, 1989.

Later his body was recovered from Satbeel of Gobindaganj upazila on November 1, in the same year.

The victim created pressure to the accused Mahiruddin to return his stolen machine. Earlier in an arbitration, the village elders found Mahiruddin guilty and asked him to return the machine immediately. But Mahir in return threatened to kill Mozammel.

Police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against the five accused.

## Two women traffickers held

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Aug 23: Two women traffickers were arrested from the border village Joynagar under Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district by the special BDR patrol party last week.

It is learnt that Nikunjo Das (35), son of Nital Das and Shibu Chandra Das (23), son of Radha Ballav Das both of village Tongbari — Paikpara under Munshiganj district while trafficking on Jobeda (18), daughter of Ali Mia of village Dariapara under Keraniganj upazila were caught red-handed by the special BDR patrol party. They confessed that they were members of an international women trafficking gang and they maintain constant touch with their Indian agents and they are involved in this ill profession for a long time.

A case has been started in this connection with Damurhuda police station. Investigation is in progress.

The 16th death anniversary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed through out Chuadanga district in a befitting manner. To observe the day a big programme was chalked out by the district branch of Awami League and its front organisations like Sramik League, Krishak League and Chhatra League.

The day's programme included hoisting of national and party flag at half mast at the local party office, wearing of black badges, hosting of black flags, milad mahfil and kangah bhoj, public meetings and seminars.

## Illegal arms recovered

Damurhuda thana police under Chuadanga district recovered one illegal pivegun, two rounds of gun ammunition, 21 pieces of VCP and 1500 packets of birth control tablets. They also arrested two persons in this connection from a house of on Belal of village Joynagar under Damurhuda thana last week.

## 17000 certificate cases filed in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 23: A total of 17,000 certificate cases have been filed claiming about Taka 74.60 crore by different banks in the district against defaulters for unrealised loans.

It is learnt that different banks distributed loans to different persons and organisations for agriculture, salt, handloom and development projects but since the loans remained unrealised cases have been filed by different banks in seven upazila courts and in general certificates officers court.

A total of 3918 cases have been filed in Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila claiming about Taka 2,67,77,000 only.

A total of 2372 cases have been registered in Ramu upazila for realising outstanding loans of Taka 1,34,12,725 only. In all 803 cases have been pending in upazila court of Ukhiya for Taka 73,68,366.

A total of 5388 cases have been registered in Moheshkhali upazila for Taka

66,85,65,294.

A total of 3574 cases have been registered claiming about Taka 1,53,00,000 only under Chakaria upazila.

About 1262 cases have been lodged with Kutubdia upazila court for Taka 96,08,372. Only five cases were settled under seven upazilas in the district.

## Smuggled goods worth Tk 5 lakh recovered

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Aug 23: The members of task force recovered smuggled goods worth Taka five lakh in two days and arrested one person. It is learnt that a joint operation by customs, District Administration, and Bangladesh Rifles was conducted at Tulatala den of the smugglers recently. The campaign was participated by NDC Mr Harun-ur-Rashid, Magistrate Jahangir Alam, Major Monjur of BDR and Assistant Collector of customs Mr. Peroz Shah Alam.

The task force members seized smuggled goods including Indian cotton and synthetic sarees, lungies, cosmetics, and other materials valued at Taka 2,40,480. One person with smuggled goods worth Taka 3000 was arrested during the raid.

It is further learnt that acting on a secret information the jawans of Bangladesh Rifles in collaboration with the local police raided the houses of Alim, Akkas, Ilias and Babu of Purantankasha Kathaltala area and recovered Indian goods worth Taka 2,50,300. None was arrested.

## Drinking water scarce

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Aug 23: People of Sadullapur upazila have been suffering from acute scarcity of pure drinking water.

Limited number of hand operated tubewells, lack of repairing and shortage of spare parts are the main reasons of water scarcity. According to local Public Health Engineering Department, about 2 lakh 5 thousand 62 people live in Sadullapur upazila where the department sank only 1,202 tubewells for supplying pure drinking water.

Of the total, 500 tubewells are lying inoperative in different areas for a long time. The number of disordered tubewells is being increased day by day due to alleged carelessness of concerned authority. Moreover many of the tubewells went out of order due to frequent flood. Besides, theft of tubewell equipment like head, handle and nut bolts aggravated the situation. Most of the tubewells in Kamarpara, Naldanga, Rasoolpur, Jamalpur, Bhadgram, Khordakamarpur and Bangoon under

the upazila are out of order. The people of these areas are compelled to use dirty and contaminated water from ponds and canals.

Diarrhoea has claimed four lives in Shaghata upazila and fifty others have been attacked with the disease. According to a report Amena (12) of Bonarpara, Jahanara (10) of Padumshaher, Mahir (5) and Rabeya (50) of Shampur died of the disease. Scarcity of oral saline and water purifying tablets is prevailing in the affected areas.

## Mujib's death anniversary observed

From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Aug 23: The sixteenth death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed throughout the district in a befitting manner.

Bangladesh Awami League and its front organisations Bangladesh Chhatra League and various socio-cultural organisations sought out elaborate programmes in observance of the day. The national and party flags were hoisted at half mast at the first gate of Pourashava new market and black flags were hoisted at the district and all upazila offices.

The day-long comprehensive programmes taken up by the socio-cultural organisations included discussion, seminar, special prayer, Milad Mahfil doa and fatha and feeding of destitutes.

## Kishoreganj

Our Kishoreganj correspondent adds: The sixteenth death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed in Kishoreganj with due solemnity.

On the occasion district Awami League, Sramik League, Jubo League, and Chhatra League jointly chalked out elaborate programmes which included hoisting of party flag at half mast at party office, garlanding of the portrait of Bangabandhu, wearing of black badges, playing of cassette on the historic Seventh March speech of Bangabandhu, mourning procession, distribution of food among the destitutes, milad mahfil and discussion meeting.

Chaired by AKM Shamsul Haq Golap Miah the meeting was addressed among others by Ajoykar Khokon, Anwarul Islam, Nazim Kabir, Anwar Kamal, Nareesh Roy and Mrs Asma Ahmed.

Speakers voiced the demand for repeal of Indemnity Act of 1975 and immediate trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

## C'nawabganj

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent adds: The 16th death anniversary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed here in a befitting manner.

On the occasion Awami League and Chhatra League chalked out a three-day programme which includes discussion meeting, blood donation, Milad Mahfil, special prayer, feeding of destitutes and cultural function.

A discussion meeting was held at local town club where Abdul Khaleque, Prof of Bengali Department of Rajshahi University was the chief guest. On August 14 some members of BCL donated blood at Sadar Hospital as part of the three-day programme. On August 15 Awami League, Chapainawabganj unit arranged a discussion meeting at Saheed Satu Hall.

## Property worth Tk 50,000 gutted in Magura

MAGURA, Aug 23: Property worth about Tk 50,000 were gutted in a fire at a residence of Bunagati village under Salikha upazila of the district recently, reports UNB.

Local people said, a fire broke out in the house of Isharrat Hossain at midnight. It was burnt to ashes.