

Upazila roundup

NETRAKONA

100 eye patients operated upon

From Our Correspondent
One hundred cataract patients were operated upon and 600 patients treated in a seven-day eye camp which concluded recently at the Dhakohin Bishura High School premises 5 km off from here. The eye camp was organised under the joint auspices of Rotary Club and the BNSB. Patients operated upon, were given spectacles and medicines free of cost.

MADARIPUR

Number of TB patients rising

From Our Correspondent
February 5: Tuberculosis has been causing concern among people of Madaripur, Shariatpur and Gopalganj districts. According to sources, tuberculosis patients are pouring in daily into the hospitals and health complexes where medical facilities are meagre. Doctors said 45 per cent of the children upto 14 years of age are suffering from the disease while about 20,000 adults have been affected by TB in the districts.

Milk output falls

Milk production has fallen greatly due to the rapid decrease of milch cows in the district. According to informed sources, the number of milch cows have rapidly declined due to cattle epidemic for the last few years in the district.

MAULVI BAZAR

House rents up

From A Correspondent
February 5: The low-paid employees and the people of the fixed income group have been victimised by rent like of houses and flats. They are to pay a big amount of their income by curtailing expenditure of daily necessities. It may be mentioned here that there is no housing estate in the town. Housing problems of the town may be solved by making new housing estate initiated by the government, constructing residential buildings by PWD and private organisations.

BHOLA

New bus terminal inaugurated

From Our Correspondent
February 5: The newly constructed inter-district bus terminal at Bhola was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner Mr Jamal Uddin Ahmed recently. An amount of Taka one crore 30 lakh was spent for construction of the modern bus terminal at Bhola. Having parking capacity 100 vehicles at a time, the bus terminal is equipped with ticket counter, toilet facilities and waiting rooms for both male and female passengers.

Recreational facilities

Mental and physical growth of a large number of children will suffer because of the absence of recreational facilities in Charfession upazila town, social worker fear. There is hardly a playground of a park where the children can spend their pastime. There is neither a gymnasium nor a community centre to promote recreational activities, worried guardians say. Many of these children are allegedly involved in anti-social activities in the absence of leisure time facilities. The guardians feel that if the situation continues it might affect the entire society as well.

B'BARIA

Ctg divisional poets' conference

From Our Correspondent
February 5: The Chittagong Divisional Poet Conference '91 'Anuprass' was held on January 25 at Mawla Bhawan in Brahmanbaria district. Mr. Golam Kibria, Additional District Magistrate, Brahmanbaria inaugurated the function, while it was presided over by poetess Jamila Begum, the Editor of the weekly 'Maa'. Khoshnub Alamgir and Shah Shamsul Haque were the chief guest and special guest respectively. Among others were present poet Ali Ahmed, Makhan Sattaruddin, Khaja Khandaker, Sanjoda Muhammad Afzal and poetess Shahana. Mili Chowdhury the Chairman of the district branch of 'Anuprass' was in the chair. Khoshnub Alamgir, a distinguished musician, distributed prizes among the

winners. The conference was concluded with a cultural programme.

KUSHTIA

Installation ceremony

From Our Correspondent
February 5: Installation ceremony of Kushtia Jaycess was held at Kushtia Zila Parishad auditorium organised by Kushtia Jaycess recently. Mr Sayed Hafiz Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia spoke on the occasion, as chief guest. Mr A.B. Siddique, S.P. Kushtia also spoke on the occasion. Mr Kazi Enamul Haque Asad presided over the function.

In his address the chief guest expressed that the Jaycess International is the greatest youth organization of the world and every member of it will be able to take active part in the service of humanity in the present restless world. Among others, Mr Kamrul Hassan Choudhury, President, Mr Ruhul Amin senior Vice-President and Mr Habibur Rahman Habib Executive Vice-President of National Jaycess also addressed the function.

PABNA

Heart, kidney camp

February 5: A heart and kidney camp will be held at the local Shishu Hospital on Wednesday next. Organised by Rotary Club, the three-day camp will be attended by the country's cardiologists and Nephrologists.

The camp will help treat a good number of patients suffering from the diseases which are on the rise in the district.

NABINAGAR

Kalajar detected

From Our Correspondent
February 5: Kalajar cases were detected in Sritampur village under Nabinagar upazila. Abdul Jalil (24), Ramjan Ali (52), Aleya Begum (5), and Monowara Begum (13) have been attacked with the disease. Stibetine injections only remedy of Kalajar are not available in the local markets and are being procured from Dhaka at exorbitant rate of Taka 100 to Taka 125 per course as against its normal price of Taka 65 only.

PATUAKHALI

46 uplift projects undertaken

February 5: About 46 uplift projects have been taken up under Annual Development Programme in Bauphal upazila of the district. According to official sources, Taka 22 lakh will be utilised for the implementation of the programme. About 60 per cent of the work have so far been completed and the remaining will be finished by June next. The projects are in Agriculture, Communication, Health and social services sectors.

KISHOREGANJ

Dacoity at teacher's house

February 4: A daring dacoity was committed Friday in which valuables worth about Taka 24,000 were looted from a house of a teacher in the town, police said, reports UNB. Witnesses said some armed miscreants forcibly entered the house of Wali Newaz, a teacher of Wali Newaz College at Charaolakhia area of the town and looted the valuables at dagger's point.

KUSHTIA

Madrasha students demand more facilities

February 4: Madrasha students brought out a procession here in the town, staged demonstration and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Registrar of Islamic University recently to press home their demands, reports UNB. The demands include increasing the number of seats of madrasha students in the Islamic University, to stop conspiracy to destroy madrasha education and introduction of a number of subjects like Ulumul Hadis, Ulumul Fekah, Ulumul Din, Ulumul Sharih, Usuluddin, Ulumul Akhaid and Islamic Banking course in the university syllabus.



BARISAL: Siltation in the Meghna near Hizla Upazila threatens smooth ply of riverine transport. —Star photo

Malpractice in loan disbursement alleged

From Our Correspondent
PABNA, Feb 5: Rajshahi Agriculture Development Bank has undertaken a short-term plan to disburse Taka 65cr as loan to the farmers through its 280 branches during the current financial year. Under the programme the deserving farmers are supposed to get the loan. But farmers allege that bank authorities are giving loan to fake farmers instead of genuine farmers on illegal gratification. As a result, needy farmers are facing problems in producing crops and are quite unable to pay their previous loans. Meanwhile RADB has disbursed loan of Taka 1,20,72,000 for Rabi crops and 1,37,45,000 for other purposes from July to December '90, out of the target of Taka 6,88,00,000. The bank sources informed that out of the total Taka 43 crores only Taka 16 crores 70 lakhs has been refunded. The farmers urged the concerned authorities to take necessary investigation regarding malpractice in disbursing loan.

Annual sports

The annual winter sports of interschools and Madrasahs was held at Pabna stadium recently. Mr. Abu Soltaman Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Pabna attended the sports contest as chief guest. Forty schools and nine Madrasahs of nine upazilas took part in the sports.

Arms recovery negligible, admits Police Super

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Feb 5: The District law and order committee meeting was held here recently at the collectorate conference room with new Deputy Commissioner Syed Hafiz Ahmed in the chair. Additional Police Super A.D.M. Upazila Chairmen and other members were present and discussed threadbare the law and order situation of the district in the light of the ensuing polls. Considerable number of arms and ammunition was deposited within the period under government amnesty and police after vigorous attempts recovered more arms and ammunition and arrested nine persons in this connection and have put another five under detention. It was transpired in the meeting. Additional Police Super admitted that arms recovery was negligible compared with the information available with them. Huge arms are in possession of the miscreants who are still at large and roaming in various hideouts under the patronage of some political stalwarts. Deputy Commissioner and Additional Police Super gave a patent hearing to the members present who suggested that with-out recovery of those arms and repeated police swoop upon them election could not be held peacefully as the possessors of arms were giving constant threat to the innocent people to cast their vote in favour of their candidates and make them victorious. The Deputy Commissioner, however, said that all possible measures will be taken to hold the ensuing polls in a fair and neutral way and strict vigilance is being maintained over the activities of the miscreants and possessors of arms so that no untoward incident takes place during election. In this connection the Deputy Commissioner sought active cooperation of the peace loving people and the candidates contesting the polls in order to avoid any sort of mismanagement in holding election peacefully. Main participants in the discussion were Upazila Chairman, Kushtia Sadar, Zafarullah Khan Choudhury, Upazila Chairman of Bheramara, Prof. Shahidul Islam and President Kushtia Zilla Press Club S.M. Kausar.

Railway W Zone earns Tk 120 cr

From Our Correspondent
DINAJPUR, Feb 5: The Bangladesh Railway, Western Zone has earned over Taka 120 crore during 1988-89 financial year despite various problems created by floods, drought and other calamities, a railway sources disclosed here recently. The sector-wise income of the Zone were Taka 19,38,00,000 from fare the passengers, Taka 5,42,94,000 from parcels and Taka 33,05,00,000 earned from transshipment. Out of the total amount, Taka 45,07,80,000 earned from Rajshahi Division, Taka 14,39,61,000 from Lal-monirhat Division and Taka 4,48,75,000 has been earned from landed property.

20 injured

Twenty persons were injured seriously in a clash between two rival groups of the village Sada Mahal in Ranagan Union Parishad no 6 under Bochaganj upazila recently. According to the report, some children were playing football in the field of a local primary school. Suddenly, the ball hit one Azam Mahmood of the same village. As a result, a quarrel picked up and the villagers were divided into two groups and attacked each other with lethal weapons. Twenty villagers of both group were injured seriously in the clash. Six of them were admitted to the local hospital. Cases have been registered with Bochaganj police.



COMILLA: A scene from the drama 'Lash Gari' staged by Satarupa, a cultural organisation at Comilla Town Hall recently. —Star photo

Notes from Comilla

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, February 5: Speakers at the annual convention of apex Bangladesh held at zila bar auditorium on Friday called upon the people to be imbued with the spirit of service to the cause of suffering humanity. President of Apex Bangladesh, Shah Kamaluddin was the chief guest while Kamal Chowdhury, Mr. Kutuballah and Taibur Rahman were special guest. The function was presided over by Advocate M. Farooque, Apex District Governor.

The convention was addressed, among others by Md. Ershad Ali, Principal Delawar Jahid, Shah Alam Nipu, Mr. Shafur Rahman, Mr. Nazrul Islam Babul.

Workshop on election reporting

A two day long workshop on election reporting and observation process will begin at Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) under the auspices of Bangladesh Foundation of Human Rights (BFHR), Comilla. The workshop will include election rules, its functions, practical aspect, and craft of writing and observation procedures. Experts and senior journalists will conduct different sessions of the workshop.

Law, order situation discussed

Law and Order situation of the district was reviewed in a meeting of the Union Parishad held recently at conference room of Deputy Commissioner, Comilla with Mr. Hidayatul Islam Choudhury in the chair. The meeting discussed the pre-election law and order situation and possible remedies. The Deputy Commissioner urged the UP Chairmen to maintain law and order situation which is a precondition to free and a fair election. He also urged the law enforcing agencies to check the crimes in the society. He visited different upazilas of the district.

National Population Day '91

was observed in Comilla on Saturday by the department of Family Planning. A discussion meeting was held at Comilla town Hall. The meeting stressed the need for social campaign for family planning movement to remove the poverty and moral degradation. It was presided over by Mr. Ali Ahmed, Additional District Magistrate, Comilla while Mr. Baduzzaman Bara Lasker was the special guest. The meeting was addressed by Zobaida Hannan, Mrs. Shamsi Jahan, Chief Executive of Allah Nebiduta Mahila Sangstha, Director BARD and Mr. A K M Abetur Rashid.

BAU interhall annual sports

The 21st interhall annual sports competitions of Bangladesh Agricultural University will be held at the Cinder Track ground on February 6 and 7 under the auspices of BAUCSU (1988-89). The Vice-Chancellor of BAU and President of BAUCSU, Prof. M. Asadur Rahman will inaugurate the colourful ceremony on February 6. Athletes from nine halls of residence of the University will take part in the competition. It is learnt that an attractive souvenir will be published and distributed on this occasion.

3 commit suicide

PIROJPUR, Feb 5: Three people committed suicide in separate incidents in Swarupkathi upazila, police said here today, reports UNB. According to sources, Shahana Begum of Rajbari village committed suicide recently by taking poison after hearing the news that her former husband gave away her child to another person. Mohsenuddin of Shohagdal village killed himself by taking insecticides to get relief from the chronic gastric pain. Khaleda Khanam, wife of Ayub Ali of Borotbari village committed suicide by taking poison. The reason behind the suicide could not be known. Three separate cases were filed in this connection.

One killed by nephew

A middle-aged man was killed by his nephew at village Goaldanga in Asasuni upazila Wednesday following a brawl over family feud, police here said. According to witnesses, the victim Nesar AM (45) died of severe haemorrhage after his nephew Khokon punched a blow on his nose. He died on way to hospital. The incident occurred when Nesar Ali picked up a quarrel with his brother, the father of Khokon.

Political scene

Night campaigns now more attractive

Star report

Night campaigns by political parties and independent candidates in rural areas seem to be more vigorous than daytime exercise. This is an interesting development in the field of electioneering which did not occur in the past. The local leaders in countryside are found busy in carrying out house to house approach almost quietly during the day. Some other remain engaged with the people coming to hats and bazars. By nightfall the political scenario in villages suddenly changes. Carrying torches and chanting slogans, supporters of the candidates pass through roads and fields. Villagers wake up from their sleep and rush to courtyards to see the processionists. At times children accompany the torch carrying processionists despite the urgings by their guardians not to do so.

A correspondent from Narayanganj adds: Election Campaign is getting momentum here with 23 days still left for the polling day. Meetings, processions, miking, posterings, distribution of handbills, banners and election symbols at vintage points, wall writings and house to house contacts are on the increase with every passing day. Candidates are engaged in party propoganda to win the election. From early morning till midnight many candidates are seen approaching the residents of the area soliciting votes. These are common scenes now.

Street urchings are also active in electioneering in exchange of small money, chocolate or biscuit. They bring out processions and chant slogans, keeping the neighbourhood pulsating. Narayanganj city can now be called a city of posters and

Following are the main party candidates in Narayanganj: N'ganj-1 (Rugganj)—Abdul Matin Chowdhury (BNP), Akhtaruzzaman, ex V.P. DUCSU (AL), Advocate Abdul Kadar (Jamaat), Sultanuddin Bhuiyan former M.P (JP), Sudhir Chandra Sarkar (Zaker Party), Shajahan Bhuiyan (8 and 5 party).

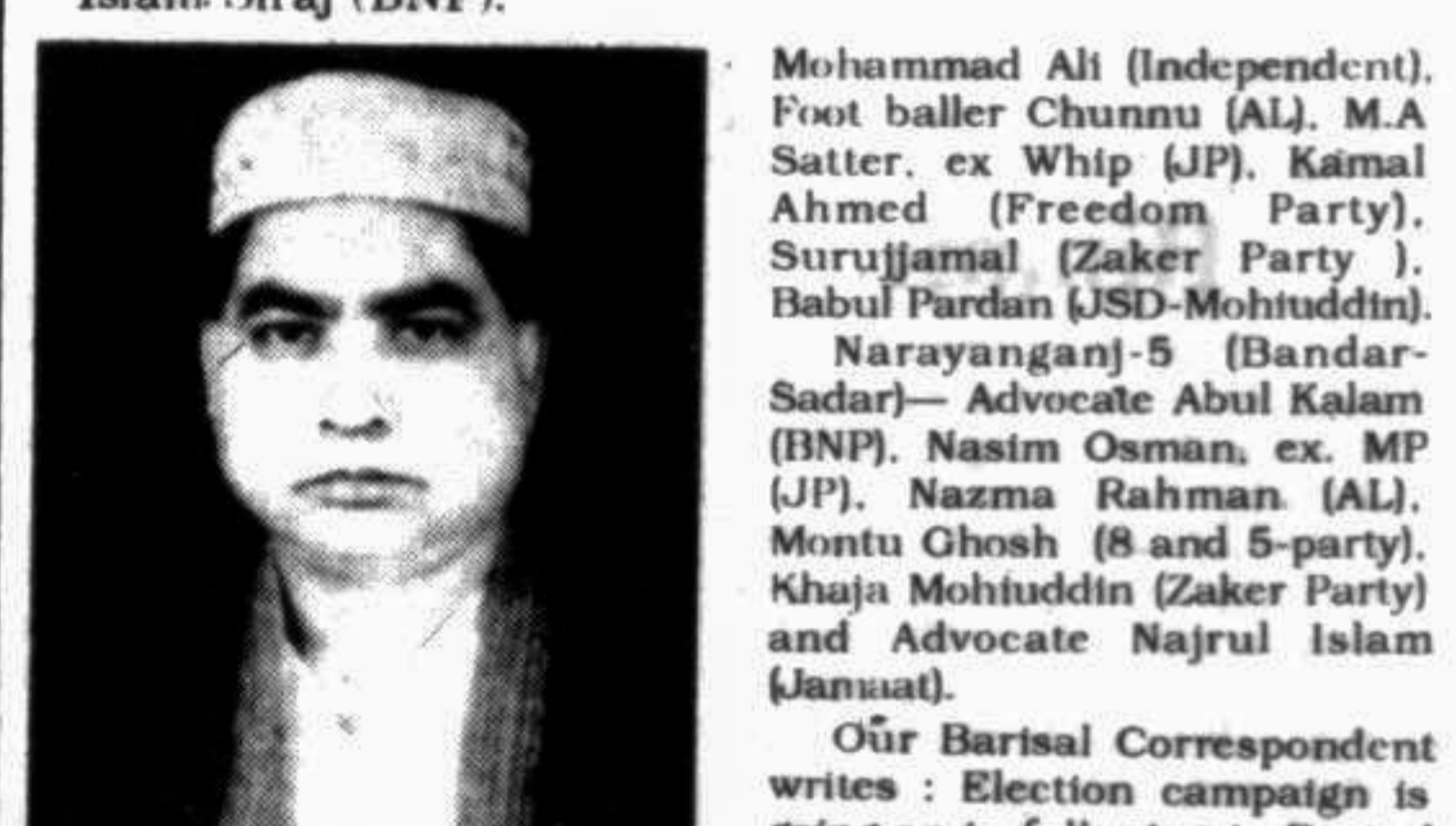
Narayanganj-2 (Aradhazar)—Ataur Rahman Khan (BNP), Momtaz Hossain (AL), M.A. Awal former MP (JP), Zaker Hossain (Zaker Party), Ilyas Mollah (Jamaat), Hafzul Islam (8 and 5 -party) Emdadul Haq Bhuiyan (Independent).

Narayanganj-3 (Sonargaon)—Prof. Razaul Karim (BNP), Abul Hasnat (AL), Ahmad Hossain Bulbul (JP), A.S.M. Solaiman (Zaker Party), Sadiqur Rahman (Independent).

Narayanganj-4 (Fatulla-Siddhirganj)—Sirajul Islam Siraj (BNP), Industrialist



Candidates contesting from Narayanganj district. From top left Advocate Abul Kalam (BNP), footballer Chunnun (AL), Nazma Rahman (AL), Mohammad Ali (Independent), Montu Ghosh (8 and 5-party), and Sirajul Islam Siraj (BNP).



Surujjamaal (Jaker party) from N'ganj 4 seat

Candidates contesting from Bakerganj district. From left Abdur Rahman Biswas (BNP), Abul Hasnat Abdullah (AL), Majibur Rahman Talukder (8-Party Alliance) and Mohiuddin Ahmed (AL).

Two hundreds of election camps have been erected all over the city. Town footpaths and vintage locations in the rural areas are under the control of party activists. Since early morning this clubs and camps, packed and pasted with pictures of candidates, carry on non-stop songs and music to the detriment of the local residents disturbing their sleep and peace. Tea, cigarette are available free of cost at these election camps. Election symbols like paddy sheap (BNP), boat (AL), scales (Jamaat) made of cloth, bamboo and wood can be seen everywhere. Candidates with limited financial capabilities cannot compete with the affluent ones in election campaign. Comprising 55 Union parishad and one Municipality Narayanganj District has got 5 seats for 10,25,105 voters. About 48 candidates belonging to different political parties including Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Bangladesh Awami League, Jamaat and some independents are contesting the 5 seats.



Candidates contesting from Bakerganj district. From left Abdur Rahman Biswas (BNP), Abul Hasnat Abdullah (AL), Majibur Rahman Talukder (8-Party Alliance) and Mohiuddin Ahmed (AL).

In all the six constituencies there are candidates of Awami League (AL), BNP, JP and Jamaat-e-Islami. Except AL, BNP, JP and Jamaat there are 2 candidates of Workers Party, 2 candidates of JSD (Inu), 1 candidate of JSD (Rab), 3 candidates of Islami Oikya Jote, 4 candidates of Bangladesh Zaker Party (BZP) and one each candidate of Jatiya Jukta Front and Freedom Party.