#### Upazila roundup

#### RANGPUR

#### Huge gas deposit found

From Our Correspondent March 5 : A huge deposit of gas was discovered at Milonpur Union in Mithapukur Upazila 30 kilometres off Rangpur town. One villager Shahiruddin when sinking a shallow tubewell on February 26 found gas was coming out and it caught fire when a blazing bidi was thrown on it. People blocked the mouth of the pipe but gas is still gushed out.

Some enthusiastic people using it in tea stall by indigenous method. Mithapurkur Upazila authority when contacted admitted it.

## CHANDPUR

#### Prize-giving ceremony From Our Correspondent

March 5: The annual Prize giving ceremony of Chandpur Udayan Shishu Biddalaya was held recently with Mr. Jahangir Akhand Salim in the Chair. Mrs. Afla Kashem, wife of Deputy Commissioner. Chandpur attended as Chief guest. In this connection a meeting was held at school premises. The meeting was addressed by Prof. Md. Hossain Khan and Mrs. Fouzia Begum.

#### CHUADANGA

#### Arms recovered

From Our Correspondent March 5: Unauthorised arms holders deposited five pipe guns, three rounds of ammunitions of S.L.R. one round of rifle and four rounds of cartridges of gun to the po-

Besides, police recovered three pipe guns, one countrymade gun, one ram dao, three rounds of rifle, bullets, 27 rounds of S.L.R. bullets and five rounds of cartridges recently.

The Deputy Commissioner. Chuadanga requested the S.P. to launch vigorous raids to recover unauthorised arms. KURIGRAM

#### R.C Das Smriti cricket tourney

From Our Correspondent March 5: the final competition of R.C. Das Smritt Cricket tournament-91 was held at the local Stadium Maidan between Kurigram Mohamedan Sporting Club and Rangpur Oikya Sonmelony team with much enthusiasm recently.

Kurigram Mohamedan Sporting Club bated first and bagged 161 runs in 35 overs. In reply Rangpur Oikya Sonmelony team scored 136 runs losing all the wickets in 34 overs and 3 balls. The Kurigram team defeated the Rangpur team by 25 runs.

. The umpires were Mr. Narendra Lai Banik and Mr. Biswanath Rudra. Emil of Kurigram

Mohamedan Sporting Club be came the man of the match who bagged four wickets of the rival team.

After the competition Mr Khairul Alam, ADC Kurigram gave away Trophies as chief

#### BCL body

A 25-member committee of Kurigram Zila unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (H-A) was formed recently at a meeting held with Rokunuzzaman Ratan in the chair. Advocate Amanullah, AL Leader was present as chief guest. Mr Zillur Rahman Tito was elected President of the committee.

#### NETRAKONA

#### Bridegroom crushed under wheels

March 5 : A bridegroom slipped off the seat and went under the wheels of the bus carrying the brida! party near Challishabazar on Netrakona-Mymensingh highway on Sunday, reports BSS.

As the bridegroom Mujibur Rahman (24). from Netrakona town was moving to a front seat he suddenly slipped off and fell under the wheel. He died on the spot, police and eye-witness said.

The body was sent to Netrakona Sadar Hospital for postmortem. A case has been recorded with Netrakona police station in this connection.

#### C'NAWABGANJ

#### Sonali Bank using rented house instead of own building

March 5: The Sonalt Bank of the district has been allegedly functioning in a rented house despite completion of its own office, reports UNB.

According to sources, the new office of the bank was constructed eight months ago at a cost of Taka 40 lakh. But the space was found inadcquate for the staff of the bank. Defective construction has

also been alleged. Structural plan was designed by the central engineering bureau of the

The band is paying Taka 14,000 as monthly rent for the existing office, it is learnt.

#### **BORGUNA**

#### Indiscriminate use of firewood in brickfields

March 5: Firewood is being indiscriminately used in brick fields here despite government ban, reports UNB.

About 100 brick fields in the district are using firewood for burning bricks, it is alleged.

Dishonest farmers in collusion with brickfield owners are allegedly felling tress including fruit-bearing ones causing environmental degradation.

According to an estimate, at least 10 erore bricks will be burnt in the district during this season. About 3000 maunds of firewood will be needed to burn one lakh bricks.

#### GAIBANDHA

#### Property worth Tk 3 lakh gutted

March 5: A fire broke out at the house of one Tabarak Ali of village Chapadaha under Sadar Upazila on February 25 and gutted dwelling houses and other property of eight fami-

Origin of fire could not be known. The loss of property was estimated at about Taka three lakh.

#### MANIKGANJ

#### Charash worth Tk 30,000 recovered March 5: A huge quantity of

"charash" worth over Taka 50.000 was recovered Friday from a bus at Aricha, ghat here. police said, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off police raided a Dhaka bound bus "Khalid Paribahan" and setzed the intoxicant.

Ishaquddin (50) . of Akalpur village in Shibalaya upazial was arrested from the bus in this connection.

# with relief rice

RAJBARI, March 5: Police arrested Saturday a fishermen's Co-operative Society General Secretary and seized eight trucks of rice on charge of blackmarketing the food for

Shibendra Nath Biswas arrested for allegedly selling out some of the rice allocated for free distribution among 3.700 members of the co-operative.

The district administration ordered investigation following a complaint that the rice was being blackmarketed after delivery from the government food godown here on March 1.

Rafbart Sadar thana police sent him to court and later brought to five days' remand for interrogation.

Police said so far 42 bags of rice was recovered from two shops in the town, and the odown of rice trader Babul Akhter was sealed.

They said Shibendra Nath was also an accused in the arms loot case in Sripur thana in Magura district.

Another report adds: A boy was killed in a road accident ncar Kallyanpur Madrasha on Rajbari-Faridpur road Friday.

Sultan (6) was hit by a babytaxi while walking along the road side at 12 noon. He was rushed to the sadar hospital where the doctors declared him dead. The driver along with the baby-taxi managed to

A case has been lodged with

## Fishing in Bay

#### From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Mar 4: About 50.000 fisherman of Cox's Bazar district have been rendered unemployed due to scarcity of fish in the fishing belts of the Bay.

#### Notes from Madaripur

From Our Correspondent MADARIPUR, March 5: Mosquito menace has made the life of the people of the district town and its adjoining areas miserable.

The public in general and the students in particular are the easy prey to mosquitoes and no body can sit after dusk with out mosquito curtain.

It has been found that the people cannot get rid of the mosquito bite even after using

The derelict ponds in almost all the areas have been covered with water-hyacinths where the mosquitoes breed in large numbers.

#### Pure drinking water scarce

Residents of the Shariatpur Pourashava have been facing scarcity to pure drinking water for a long time.

According to sources, most residents are compelled to collect water from the rivers and ponds for drinking and cooking purposes.

#### Beggars on rise

The number of beggars is increasing in the district town causing problems to the dwellers.

According to sources, the influx of beggars from rural areas has been causing health hazards as many of them affeeted carry germs of infections diseases.

Movement of pedestrians are hampered when the beggars step into office premises and markets and run behind them for alms.

The influx of these distressed people is due to the loss property during the foods and other natural disasters and lack of job opportunities in the rural areas, it is learnt.

A female beggar said that she left her village home as she had been starving for several days. She has come here in search of food and job.

Local elite have urged the concerned authorities to create job opportunities in the rural areas to check the influx of the distressed people in the

#### Lailatul Barat observed

CHITTAGONG, Mar 5 : Latlatul Barat was observed Saturday night with solemnity and religious fervour, reports

Special prayer, milad mehill. zikr. offering of fatcha at the Mazars of Pirs and Aulias. feeding of orphans were among the programmes.

Hundreds of devout Muslims passed the night in Mosques and Mazars, seeking blessings of the Almighty Allah for peace and happiness.

KUSHTIA. Mar 5: Utholy

Railway Station of Jibannagar

upazila inspite of its great im-

portance in trade and

commerce and transportation

rangements, waiting rooms.

toilets and electricity causing

immense sufferings to the pas-

sengers. Ladies and minors

have remain standing or sit on

the ground as there is no

due to absence of electric

bulbs. Platform remains always

dirty due to lack of proper

maintainence and absence of

Seminar

A seminar was held at

'Mats" temporary office of the

"measurement of effectiveness

of Islamic Bank in Bangladesh"

under the presidentship of

Professor Mustafizur Rahman,

Chairman, English Language

lamic University was the chief

guest and Dr. Mushraf Hossain,

Chairman, Management De-

Mr Aroz Ali Registrar, Is-

Islamic University

Passengers feel insecure

Absence of seating ar-

is quite neglected.

seating arrangement.

sweeper services.

and Literature.

Fishing season: Neither the hot sun nor the sticky mud prevents the exuberant fish hunting youngsters from netting a considerable catch that also includes the violent cat fish at a \_Star photo Narsingdhi haor

## Barendra development project dropped

From Our Correspondent

styled "Barendra Development CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Mar 5: The Barendra Integrated Project" has been included in Area Development Project unthe current Annual dertaken for the all-round de-Development Programme. velopment of 15 upazilas of the Despite the expiry of the northern region of the country has been dropped in the

time component of the said project only one fourth work has been completed. Out of the total allocation of Taka 397.97 crore, only Taka 110.32 crore has been spent. The following work has

been done: Against the target of 3000

tubewells only 1500 have been

installed. In afforestation programme, 36 lakhs and 82 thousand saplings have been planted against the target of 55 lakhs, 1,100 ponds and only 6.55 miles canal have been excavated against the target of 14,000 ponds and 305 miles canal 47 kilometres connecting roads have been

carpetted while the target was 145 kilometres. Electrification target of deep tubewells was 3000 but only 10 deep tubewells have been electrified till now. Against the target of 2250 only 22 pucca irrigations canals have been built. No fish market has been moderated against the target of five mar-It is apprehended that con-

spiracy going on against the project from the very begin-

About 90 per cent of managers/group leaders of the samity of deep tubewells belong to rich community overlooking the interest of the poor farmers. They have got the deep tubewells installed on their land. Besides, they collect enhanced irrigation charge from the poor cultiva-

## Dinajpur sericulture centre earns Taka 10 cr

DINAJPUR, Mar 5: Dinajpur Sericulture Centre has earned an amount of Taka 10 crore during the current year.

Development

Programme (ADP) in the cur-

rent financial year for un-

This five-year project has

been approved as the core

project by the ADP in 1985-86.

In may be mentioned here that

the money allocation for a core

Out of the three compo-

nents of the project (mainly

time component, physical

component and economic

component) the former is

done, but the other two com-

ponents are not finished yet.

Though the project has been

dropped, another project

project is never delayed.

Annual

known reason.

The scriculture centre at Mahutpara in Sadar Upazila has set a record in producing coken during the current year. Silk yarn is produced in 110 acres of land in the centre. During 1988-89 financial year. 1.12.128 kilograms of coken

murder case of Marfat Alt has

ing the withdrawal of the de-

tention order of Israil Hossain

Abu gathered beside the D.C.

office and Kushtia-Jenaidah

An unidentified old man

was crushed under the wheels

of a running truck at Santaspur

under Jibannagar upazila of

with Jibannager police in this

A case has been registered

Chuadanga district recently.

A large procession demand-

been released on bail.

Utholy rly station

in sorry state

From Our Correspondent

From Our Correspondent and 2.68,880 pounds of silken

yarn were produced in the centre. While 3,63,030 pieces of silken eggs and 1,25,02,200 kilograms of silken cuttings were also produced in the centre during the year. The centre earned an

amount of Taka 9,70.27,914 during the year while expenditure of the year was Taka 6.28,82,164. As a result, net profit of the centre stands at Taka 3,41,45,750 during the

#### Smuggled goods recovered

The BDR personnel o Dinajpur Sector recovered different kinds of smuggled goods worth about Taka 13 lakh during the last one

According to a source of Dinajpur Kuthibari BDR Headquarters, the BDR personnel arrested 12 alleged smugglers and recovered different kinds of smuggled goods worth about Taka 12.85,066. Of the total goods,

Dinajpur Sector Headquarters recovered goods worth about Taka 81,685, Rifles Battalion No-8 recovered goods worth about Taka 2,58,713 and Rifles Battalion No-16 recovered

goods worth about Taka 6.74.462 during the period Besides, 138 cases have been registered with different thanas during the month.

#### 12 injured in road mishap

At least 12 persons were injured seriously in a road accident that took place at Khochabari on Friday last when the driver of a running minibus lost its control and collided with a road-side mango tree Twelve seriously injured passengers were admitted the Thakurgaon Hospital. However, the driver and helpers of the minibus managed to escape. A case has been registered with

#### 4 dacoits arrested

arrested by the police of Chirirbandar upazila on Sunday

Acting on secret information, the police raided different houses in the upazila a late hours and arrested four al leged dacoits namely Salimuddin (32), Moslem (28 Md. Ali (45) and Sultan Ahme 140). Cases have been registered with Chirirbandar PS in this connection.

## slum-dwellers

From Our Correspondent

week-long training course under the auspices of Shum improvement Project was inaugurated at Mymensingh Poura shava conference room recently. The training course was jointly organised by Mymensingh Pourashava, Local Government Engineering Bureau and UNICEF.

Ms. Victoria Rialp, New York UNICEF representative inaugurated the course as the chief guest. Mr. Tirunch Sinnshaw, Chief, IBSS UNI-CEF. Dhaka, and Mr. Gous Mohammad, Programme Officer, UNICEF. Dhaka was pre-Chairman of the inaugural ses-

The inaugural session was addressed by Mr. H. K. Banik, UNICEF. Mymensingh, Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Poura Engineer and SIP Deputy Project Manager, Mymensingh, Mr. Mussaddak Hossain.

Before the inaugural session Ms. Victoria Rialp, Mr. Tirunch Strinshaw, Mr. J. R. Chowdhury along with other members via ited Horizonpally (Sweeper Colony) Charpara slum and discussed with slum dwellers about their problems.

## Political scene

## An association of defeated candidates

Post-election celebrations across the country by the political parties continue in full swing. In some places the defeated candidates of February 27 parliamentary polls are also holding group meetings to boost up the morale of their supporters.

election from a constituency at Mymensingh told our Correspondent last week that he wanted to form an association of defeated contestants of his district to organise development activities in their respective localities.

An independent candidate who lost the

This is a novel step and certainly encouraging. If the losers and the winners come forward and share the burden of serving public cause the society will be a much better place for all to live in.

Victory processions

BSS from Tangail adds : Supporters of BNP brought out processions on Friday at the victory of the party in the Parliament elections. The processtonists chanted slogans and sprinkled colour-water to celebrate the victory. Official sources said that law and order situation of the district after the successful completion of the poll was satisfactory.

Alhaj Abdur Rahman exminister from Tangail in a statement felicitated Begum Khaleda Zia at her victory. Ms.

Rahman hoped that the nation would attain progress under her able leadership. Besides, Jatiya Party sup-

porters brought out a procession on Thursday to mark the success of Major General (rtd) Mahmudul Hasan in the election, General Hasan contested the election from jail against 11 others including ex-ministers Mr Abdul Mannan and Mr Wazed Ali Khan Panni. The processionists also raised slogans demanding release of Mr. Mahmudul Hasan.



Candidates emerge victorious in the Parliamentary Election held on February 27. From top left: Stratul Islam (BNP) from Pabna-4 Ishurdi-Atghorta. Osman Chant Khan(BNP) from Pabria -2 Sujanagar, Saiful Azam(BNP) from Pabna -3 Chatmohar, Bhangeora and Faridpur, Motiur Rahman Nizami (Jamaat) from Pabha - L. Bera and Santhia, Maulana Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat) from Pabna-5 Sadar Pabna.

### Mosquito menace makes life miserable

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Mar 5: Mosquito menace is causing immense sufferings and making life of the town dwellers miserable. It is very hard to sit peace-

fully for a moment. The poor people who cannot afford to purchase mosquito nets pass sleepless nights. The ponds, ditches, un-

clean and chocked drains, open latrines, bushes, water lodgings and garbages stockpiled in roadside places are the main breeding points of mosquitoes. The roadside drains of Pabna town has been occupied and blocked by the temporary shop keepers and left unclean since long.

Absence of proper sanitation is the main factor of mosquito menace. Commoners of Pabna town alleged that no action has yet been taken by the local Municipal Authority to start mosquito eradication campaign.

#### Gouripur

A correspondent from Gourtpur, Mymensingh adds: Mosquito menace has made the life of the people of Gouripur town and adjacent upazilas miserable. The people in general and

the students in particular are

the easy prey of mosquitoes as nobody can sit after dusk without mosquito net. The unclean drains, stag-

pant water in road side ditches and derelict ponds are the hot beds of the mosquitoes.

#### **Executive body of Kushtia** unit FPAB suspended

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 5 .: National. Executive Committee of the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh has suspended the Kushtia District Executive Committee with immediate effect in exercise of powers cer under supervision and vested to articles 18(g) (1) of

the constitution. National Executive Committee in its observation said that ... recently it was learnt. lack of harmony among the members, unconstitutional activities of its General Secretary and failure of the members to hold election for the last seyeral months have caused court cases and impeded the normal functioning of the branch. It also said that NEC through the good offices of its senior mem-

groups but in vain due to un compromising attitude of many of the members of the Executive Committee of the branch.

bers tried to reach an agree-

ment to bring an understand-

ing between the feuding

It further said that the afbranch has certainly created disharmony among the members bringing the association into disrepute in the eyes of the public. It also said that the peration of the bank accounts by the office-bearers of the

previous district executive committee will remain sus-Normal activities of the branch however will be earried out by the District Project Offi-

control of the National Office. The decision to this effect was taken in its meeting held

#### Hartal observed, several hurt in clash

Kushtia, March 5 Several people were injured in a clash during a half-day hartal observed here Sunday protesting the killing of JSD (Rab) candidate in Kushtia-2 constituency, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash

the town between the supporters of slain Marfat Ali fairs of the Kushtia district and those seeking release of detained Mirpur Upazila Chairman Israel Hossain Apu.

occurred at West Mazompur in

One of the injured was admitted to Kushtia General Hospital and others were released after first aid.

# Coop society secy held

relief, reports UNB.

Rajbart police in this connec-

## declines

About 4000 fishing boats are lying idle at different ghats in the coastal areas of the distriet.

Police said the victim

partment read an article. Dr. Md. Mamun, Chairman Economic Department, Dr. M Raezaul Karim. Deputy Regis-

trar (education), Mr K.M Ashraf Hossain, Controller or Examination, Dr. M.A. Mannan, Chairman, Accounting Department, Mr. Noor Mohammad, Lecturer, Islamic History and Culture. Mr. Moniruzzaman. Lecturer. Management Department and Mr. Abdul Aziz Officer Islamic Bank Kushtia. discussed on the article.

**UZ** Chairman freed

Professor Mustafizur Rah-

man logically criticized the ar-

ticle and put forth his judi-

cious opinion and added that

such a seminar should be held

in every educational institu-

Mr. Israil Hossain Abu. Chairman of Mirpur upazila was arrested in the



A broken bridge lying unrepaired for a long time at village Kalma in Lohaganj upazila of Munshiganj district. - Star photo

## Birganj PS in this regard.

# Four alleged dacoits were

## Training course on

Mymensingh, Mar 5 : A

sent as special guest. Mr. J. R Chowdhury, Project Director, SIP. LGEB. Dhaka was the