Upazila roundup

PABNA

Kidnapped man rescued

From Our Correspondent

March 19: Police recovered a motorcycle (Dhaka-Metro-03-5189) along with its owner Moktar Hossain and arrested Matiur Rahman (Mati-Kasai) reently.

'It is learnt that the victim Moktar Hossain, son of Chandullah Khondakar of the village Kamrgaon under Maligacha union, Pabna was kidnapped along with the motor eyele from the area of Upazila Parishad on March 14. A case has been registered

with Pabna thana. A conflagration took place at the house of a widow Hawoa Khatun (35) wife of late Khandaj of the village Ruppur in Pabna district recently.

It is learnt that some unknown miscreants set on fire the house of Hawoa Khatun which was burnt to ashes.

A case has been filed and the investigation is going on. Nobody has been arrested in this connection. Dainik

will come out on March 26, the country's Independence Day, reports UNB.

The daily will be published from Thanapara of the town while Shaffur Rahman Khan will act as Editor.

Akhteruzzaman Akhtar, vice president of the Pabna Press Club has been appointed News Editor of the daily.

The newspaper will be the first daily of the district.

JHENIDAH

Student electrocuted

March 19 : A meritorious student of Moheshpur College, Kazi Hasan Ahmed, was electrocuted at his residence on March 16, reports BSS.

As he was fixing a switch Kazi Hasan Ahmed came in contact with the electricity. He was rushed to Moheshpur Hospital where he was declared dead.

Hasan passed the SSC examination with five letters. An old widow was killed by her nephew at Kakurdanga village under

Sailkupa upazila of the district,

police said today, reports UNB. The victim Abironnessa (80) died on the spot when her nephew Fazlu struck her with a lance recently.

Villagers said widow Abtronnessa, owner of seven bighas of land had no child. She was living with her brother Siddique Biswas. The widow in compliance with the request gave away her property through register deeds to

Siddique. At this other relatives of the widow filed a case with Sailkupa upazila court challenging the legality of the deeds. On the fateful day Siddique's son Fazlu, apprehending that she might give evidence in favour of her other relatives, requested her not to go to the court. But the widow refused to comply with the re-

At this Fazlu got infuriated and killed her.

Police arrested Fazlu and his accomplice Nazrul in this connection but Siddique Biswas remained absconding The body was sent to Sadar

Hospital for autopsy.

KISHOREGANJ 2 murdered

From Our Correspondent

March 19: Two persons were killed in two separate incidents in Kishoreganj district. One Abdul Hamid aged about 55 of village Gaglail in Kishoreganj Sadar upazila was killed by his neighbours on Sunday last. The victim while returning home from the bazar was attacked by the assallants. He died instantaneously.

In another incident one MIA Hossain (50) of village Singpur in Nikly upazila was murdered by the miscreants on Friday last. The miscreants armed with ramdao, dagger and kirich attacked the house of MIA Hossain and killed him on the spot. Previous enmity over landed property were the causes behind both the murders, police said.

Cases were registered with the respective police stations in this connection. None was arrested so far.

SATKHIRA

38th wedlock at 102 years

March 19 : Believe it or not an octogenarian of the district had his 38th wedlock with a young girl generating an interesting gossip among the peo-ple of the area, reports UNB.

bridegroom Tamizuddin, aged 102 has solemonised his marriage recently with Farida Parveen

(22) of the town area.

Besides Farida, two other wives have been living with him. He has got a number of sons, daughters, grand sons and grand daughters.

Girl kidnapped

Hoodlums kidnapped a young girl assaulting her mother at village Labongola under Sadar upazila, police said here today.

Family sources said a gang of miscreants allegedly led by co-villager Gazi entered the house of Sazeda Khatun (17) and abducted her forcibly last

Mother of Sazeda received serious injuries while she tried to resist miscreants.

A case has been filed in this

SHERPUR

connection.

Freshers reception From Our Correspondent

March 19: Sherpur Government Women's College Student Union accorded a reception to freshers recently.

Presided over by Principal Bongochitro, a daily newspaper Ashrafuddin, the function was attended by Mr. A K M Kamaluddin, Deputy Commissioner as chief guest.

> Professors and leaders of the Student Union spoke in the function. The reception meeting was ended with a cultural function second items

KHULNA

KUJ election April 11

From Our Staff Correspondent

March 19: Khulna Union of Journalists (KUJ) has an nounced the schedule of its elections to be held on April 11 in a meeting of the (KUJ) held at Khulna Press CLub on Thursday with its President Abu Sadeque in the chair. The members were requested to pay their dues and regular membership subscription.

According to the election schedule last date of the pay ment of subscription was 18 March, draft list of the members will be published the following day. Final list of the voters to be published on March 21. Nomination papers distribution among the candidates will start from March 22. The date of submission of nomination papers has been fixed on March 27. The annual general meeting of the KUJ will be held on April 10.

Annual sports contest held

March 19 : The annual sports competition of the district concluded at the local stadium Saturday, reports

Mamtazuddin, Deputy Commissioner of the district, formally inaugurated the programme and distributed prizes among the winners as chief

Abdul Wazed Chowdhury, MP-elect from Rajbari-1 constituency also attended the

A large number of people from different walks of life witnessed the competition amid much enthusiasm.

NETRAKONA

Bar Assoc executives

March 19: The biennial election for 1991-92 of the District's Bar Association was held at the Bar library Friday, reports UNB.

Advocate Sadaruddin Ahmed and Advocate Jinnatul Islam were elected President and Secretary respectively. Subash Banik Ajoy and

Maulana Kitab Ali were also elected Joint Sceretary and Auditor respectively of the as

A 10-member executive committee was also elected while Advocate Samsul Islam conducted the election

THAKURGAON

cently

Drama staged

From Our Correspondent

March 19: Shamokal, a cul tural organisation of Pirganj Pourashava under Thakurgaon district, staged a drama written and directed by Mr Goutam Das Bablu at Pirganj High School premises re-

The drama 'Bhashoman' (floating) staged in observance of it's founding anniversary. depicts the role played by the Tokates (destitute) during the long movement against the autocratic rules, at the call of democratic leaders.



Braving scorching heat and rain this old man has spent the whole of his life carrying goods or passengers in his boat at Narayanganj. Country boats are still largely used in riverine Bangladesh. This is the cheapest means of transport. Construction of bridges over the rivers and siltation in many parts of the country have thrown hundreds of boatmen out of employment. - Star photo by Mohsin.

Tk 163 cr. rural uplift scheme progressing at a snail's pace

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, March 19: A rural uplift scheme, known as the West Development Project taken up six years ago is progressing at a snail's pace. The cost of the project has been estimated at Taka 163 crore covering greater Pabna and Rajshahi districts and Kushtia.

Work on the project began in 1983-1984 financial year and it was due to be completed in 1988-1989. Later the pcriod was extended up to 1990-1991 fiscal year. But till now

CHUADANGA, March 19

Long seven years have been

The office of the Deputy Com-

missioner, Chuadanga was in-

elapsed office building of the

Deputy Commissioner has not

yet been constructed to ac-

officials.

commodate a large number of

The office is being managed

somehow in the old office

building of the defunct sub-di-

visional office. One big room is

occupied by the Upazila Magis-

trate, Chuadanga Sadar as his

court. The Deputy Commis-

sioner holds office in a cham-

ber where monthly conference

and meetings are held without

conference hall to accommo-

date large number of members.

BARISAL Mar 19: The lone

Thousands of patients from

T.B. Hospital with 20 beds in

Barisal has been beset with

four southern districts come

for treatment to this T.B. hos-

pital where only 20 beds are

not at all sufficient. Besides,

out of four doctors only two are

working at present, and only

two nurses are on duty. They

are quite unable to treat 20 to

25 patients everyday who

come for treatment.

various problems since long.

augurated February, 24 last.

only 30 per cent of the work 111.15 erore, International has been done.

The main objective of the project was to strengthen and accelerate cooperative system, increase agricultural production by adopting modern methods of irrigation, adoption of preventive measures against diseases, create job opportunities for landless and the poor rural people and engage them in development activities.

According to reliable sourees, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) offered Taka

No Collectorate building

at Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

Two ADC's have small rooms

for office work without seating

accommodation of their

stenographers. Five Assistant

Commissioners sit in a small

room in utter congestion. The

RDC, ADLG and DRRO have

been suffering much for their

sections sit in a small room in

congested and disorderly

manner. Four type writer ma-

chines also rattle all day long

causing noisy sound and much

inconvenience to paper work,

sections are housed in two

separate old buildings where

rain water leaks down during

General employee runs

pathological tests

From Our Correspondent

Due to absence of techni-

cians, the laboratory work is

done by a general employee.

Faulty clinical reports are

likely to be prepared for the

The concerned authority is

Adulteration of different

Since two to three years it

asked to look after the prob-

lems immediately to save thou-

foodstuffs is rampant in all the

markets of 10 upazilas of the

patients anytime.

district.

sands of T.B. patients.

The revenue and Nezarath

calculation and bill matters.

Assistants of four to three

The office assistants have

small rooms to scat.

desk work.

Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Taka 35 crore 81 lakh 50.000 and the share of Bangladesh government is Taka 16 crore five lakh 50,000.

Progress in some sectors are not at all encouraging. Loans are yet to be advanced to the rural cooperators to undertake projects for making them self-reliant and strengthen the cooperative movement.

Meanwhile, a sum of Taka 114,37,32,000 has been spent

monsoon. The Deputy Com-

missioner has to preside

dozens of monthly meetings in

his small office chamber with

The District and Sessions

Judge Court buildings, S.P. Of-

and Zila Parishad building have

been constructed but the of-

fices of Deputy Commissioner,

Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Di-

strict Registrars office, mor-

gue, district jail have not yet

sioner, plays a pivotal role in

the district, the office building

should be constructed imme-

diately to create a congenial

atmosphere for administrative

As the deputy commis-

fice and Civil Surgeon's office

scat problems.

been constructed.

business.

the district.

tricts.

to develop irrigation, purchase of machines, improve sociocconomic condition of villagers, expand training facilities, grant loans to construct central co-operative association and godowns at upazila level, develop pisciculture, payment of salaries to the staff and transport.

Work on installation of tubewells, construction of hatchery, train fishermen, develop socio-economic structure of two-tier co-operators is in progress.

Notes from

BAGERHAT, Mar 19: One

others were injured at midnight by dacoits at village Bhandarkhola under Kachua upazila in the district recently. According to the sources, a

inmates of the house.

Meanwhile, on hearing the hue and cry of the inmates, neighbours rushed to the spot and surrounded the dacoits. The dacoits in turn opened fire on the villagers and fled away. As a result, Fazlur Rahman (60) received bullet injuries and died on the spot and two others sustained serious bullet wounds.

The body was sent for

Three dacoits

tar Tafalbaria under Sharankhola upažila of the district exchanged gun fire recently. According to the police, at

dead of night a gang of dacoits has become usual practice for unscrupulous businessmen causing anxiety to people of Due to consumption of adulterated foodstuffs specially edible oil various types of stomach ailments and skin diseases are alarmingly increasing. Adulterated food stuffs and goods are being sold by the wholesale dealers freely in different markets of the disthe police.

Bagerhat

From Our Correspondent

person was shot dead and two

gang of dacoits with deadly weapons broke open the doors and raided the house of Azahar Ali and looted the cash and valuables after assaulting the

postmortem and the injured were admitted to Bagerhat

arrested Dacoits and villagers at Ut-

were preparing to commit a dacoity in the village. Being informed of the matter, the villagers rushed to the spot and surrounded the dacoits. For self-defence the dacoits opened fire. The villagers also opened fire on the dacoits. As a result, a gun battle took place. In the midst of the battle, the dacoits managed to flee but one of them, Chan Mia of Geanpara of Patherghata upazila, was caught by the villagers and was handed over to

Political scene

Contribution of Jadu Mia recalled

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, March 19: A discussion meeting was organiscd by Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (JASAS) at its Shantinagar office in observance of the 12th anniversary of death of Mashiur Rahman (Jadu Mia).

Presided over by Md Shahabuddin Ahmed, the meeting was addressed by JASAS leaders Abul Hossain, FM Ibrahim and Babul Ahmed.

The speakers discussed different aspects of the late leader and recalled the contribution of Mashiur Rahman in the country's democratic transition.

Mujib's anniversary of birth observed

Our Pabna Correspondent adds: The 71st birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh -Mujibur Rahman was observed here on Sunday.

Pabna district committee of Bangabandhu Parishad arranged a discussion meeting and Milad Mahfil at Pabna Paura Milanayatan in the evening on the occasion. Advocate Abdul Gani, President of the Parishad presided over the discussion meeting while local AL and Chhatra League leaders addressed it.

Ershad's release demand

Meanwhile, a procession of district Jatiya Party was paraded the town streets chanting slogans demanding immediate release of former President Ershad, headed by former State Minster Major (Rtd) Manjoor Kader recently.

The procession over Manjoor Kader said in a Town Hall meeting that the total number of vote of BNP and JP implies the majority people of Bangladesh are in favour of Presidential form of govern-

Kishoreganj

A Correspondent From Kishoreganj adds: Kishoreganj District Jatiya Party held a public meeting recently in Islamia Hostel premises. The meeting demanded immediate release of former President and MP elect from 5 seats Hussain Muhammed Ershad.

The meeting was presided over by former MP and district Jatiya Party Senior Vice-President Nuruzzaman Advocate. The meeting was also addressed by Mr Nurul Islam Advocate, former MP Mr M A Latif, Jf' leader Mr Tareque Ahmed Advocate, Mr M.A Hannan Mollah Polash

After the meeting a procession was brought and which paraded the main roads of the town chanting various slogans.

Khaleda greeted

A Correspondent From Pabna adds: Local leaders of BNP and on behalf of Lawyers' Association of Pabna Al-Haj Gaziur Rahman, Chairman, Advocate Azizur Rahman, General Secretary felicitated the chairperson of BNP Begum Khaleda Zia for her victory in five seats in the just concluded Parliamentary Election.

Moreover, Siraj Sadar (BNP) MP from Pabna-4, Osman Gani Khan (BNP) MP from Pabna-2, Saiful Azam (BNP) MP from Pabna-3, BNP leader Abul Ahsan Gora on behalf of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal and Jahangir Hossain Salim also conveyed greetings to the chairperson of BNP.

Islami Chhatra Shibir recently held a rally protesting terrorism in Chittagong University. Speakers at the rally called upon the authorities to arrest those involved in terrorism and killing of Shibir activists Sheik Feroz Mahmood immediately.



MYMENSINGH: Ms. Victoria Realp, UNICEF Programme Officer of New York, USA visiting recently a slum project area after the inauguration of a training course on Slum Implementation Project (SIP) at Municipality conference room organised by UNICEF and Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB)

- Star photo

Number of divorce cases rise alarmingly

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, March 19: Number of divorce and maintenance cases are being filed in the upazila courts at an alarming rate. A mother with her crying baby in the lap answering questions of lawyers is a common scene in the courts cveryday.

The ex-husbands take ruling of the courts gently and then they deceive their divorced wives secretly. No effective mechanism appears to exist to enforce law. The ageold system of 'sardari' is usually applied to deal with the problems arising out of divorces.

In most cases the ex-husbands cheat their former wives. The poor women find no alternative but to return to their father's house which is no place of welcome for them. Invariable the divorced women come back to her father's house with at lest one child. How she would maintain the baby and herself?

A large number of divorced women in bordering areas are actively engaged in smuggling from across the border. They mostly bring Indian sarces and spices and sell those in local markets.

Property worth Tk 3 lakh gutted

From Our Correspondent

Property worth about Taka three lakh was gutted in two separate fire accidents in Kurigram and Ulipur upazilas recently.

Fire originated from a cowshed at night which gutted 25 houses with all household belongings at village Dakurapara in Kurigram Sadar upazila. Twelve cattle heads were

also roasted alive. Total loss was estimated at Taka 2,00.000.

Another fire accident took place in village Kismat in Ulipara upazila. It originated from the kitchen of Nurul Mia and gutted eight houses of the village. Total loss was estimated at about Taka 1,00,000.

The district level Education Weak-91 was observed at Kurigram with much enthusiasm. District Education Department has taken up a A.B.

Mar 19: programme which included literary, cultural and religious competitions, seminars, discussion and prize distribution ceremony

On the concluding day the chief guest Mr. Khairul Alam, ADC distributed prizes among the winners at Kurigram Town Hall under the President ship of Mr. Abdul Mannan.

Freshers' reception

Freshers reception of

Kurigram government college was held with much enthusiasm recently. In this connection a discussion meeting was held at the

hall room of the college with Professor Nural Alam, Convenor of the Freshers Reception Committee in the Among others, Professor,

