

Upazila roundup

KURIGRAM
Woes of Chilmari people

From Our Correspondent
March 27: Chilmari in Kurigram district is still a neglected upazila.

The road communication is unsatisfactory due to absence of bridges and culverts. Major roads reconstructed under FWP were damaged following rain and flood water last year. But the same remained uncared for causing inconveniences to the travelling people.

The road communication from Chilmari upazila to Kurigram district headquarters is also in a bad shape. Major portion of the road is in a deplorable state. As such, movement of vehicular traffic on this vital road has become very difficult.

Besides, Zorghach road, Ferry ghat road and Bazar road in this upazila sadar are also in a pitiable condition. As a result, people of the upazila have been facing untold sufferings.

Primary and secondary education in this upazila has also marked no progress due to tottering state of the school buildings, shortage of teaching staff and furniture.

On the other hand, most of the hats and bazars of the upazila are in a bad condition. No effective measures are being taken to improve the same by the authority, it is alleged.

CHANDPUR
30 fire incidents last year

From Our Correspondent
March 27: A total of about 30 fire incidents took place in different areas of Chandpur district last year.

According to Chandpur Fire Brigade sources, the fire incidents incurred a loss of properties worth about Taka 60 lakh. Chandpur Fire Brigade personnel saved properties worth about Taka 80 lakh.

Most fire incidents originated from kitchen, electric short circuits and cigarette ashes. The Fire Brigade could not attend maximum of the incidents that took place in the remote areas due to lack of communication and timely information. The fire service, however, attended in 20 fire incidents. Out of seven upazilas of Chandpur district only Chandpur Sadar and Hajiganj have fire brigade stations. So fire brigade stations should be opened in other upazilas of the district.

BARISAL
Workers clash at ferry ghat: road link disrupted

March 27: The road communications between Dhaka and the districts of Barisal, Khulna, Faridpur, Madaripur, Patuakhali, Jhalakati, Baranipara, Dhurghata and Swarupkhali has been disrupted since Thursday owing to strike called by the workers of the Road Transport Union of Barisal district, reports BSS.

A conflict occurred between the bus workers and the ferry staff at the Shikarpur ferry ghat on Monday last. Following the incident the Bus Workers Union called the indefinite strike from Thursday.

No bus has been running on these routes since Thursday. Some night coaches came from Dhaka and Khulna to Barisal but halted near Rahmatpur, about 12 kilometers from Natullah bus terminal.

PABNA
Housewife run over by bus

From Our Correspondent
March 27: A housewife Swarnabati (48), wife of Rahim Pramanik of village Ruppur, Sadar Upazila, Pabna was run over by a bus at Majidpur on Pabna-Ishardi road on March 23.

It is learnt that the bus coming from Ishardi to Pabna ran over her when she was crossing the road.

NETRAKONA
Rash driving causes road mishaps

From Our Correspondent
March 27: Due to overloading and rash driving bus journey on different routes in Netrakona district has become hazardous. Hundreds of passengers travelling everyday on these routes have been facing immense inconveniences due to lack of proper amenities. In recent days, many road accidents occurred on these routes.

Whenever a bus stops, passengers get into the vehicle and they are even allowed to sit on the roof top of the bus and to stand on the bumper or on the foot board. This entails a great risk. Besides, passenger buses carry a huge quantity of goods on the roofs.

The Motor Vehicles Associations have little control over the situation and the buses are driven at the whims of drivers resulting in the road accidents every now and then. It is also found that most of the buses and minibuses on these routes are engaged in competition to pick up passengers without considering the capacity of the vehicles.

It was also observed that the driver of the overcrowded buses indulge themselves in overtaking other buses plying on the road at a maximum speed.

KISHOREGANJ
Bidi factories evade taxes

From Our Correspondent
March 27: The sale of bids without band rolls in all 13 upazilas of the district has been causing heavy loss to the government.

According to the reports, many bidi factories in the district which employed thousands of workers are selling bids without band rolls. The consumption of bids increased during the recent time due to the rise in the price of different brands of cigarettes.

In accordance with the existing law Taka 12 must be paid as excise duty for 1000 bidi sticks in the form of band rolls. It is found that owners of the bidi factories supply their products to the markets without bandrolls. It is also observed that they use forged bandrolls. They collect the used bandrolls from the retail sellers for use, it is alleged.

Besides, the actual production of the factories is not shown in the paper for evading government duty. It is alleged that many customs officials are involved in such practices. As a result, the government is deprived of huge revenue in this sector.

DINAJPUR
Star Boys Club executives

From Our Correspondent
March 27: The annual election of Panchagarh Star Boys Club, a sports organisation, was held peacefully recently with Mr. S M Liakat Ali in the chair.

A 17-member executive committee of the club for the year 1989-91 elected as follows:

President-S M Liakat Ali, Vice Presidents-Amjad Ali, Abdul Matin Lion and Nesarul Islam Bulbul, General Secretary-Anilul Islam Biplab, Assistant General Secretary-Ahsanul Haque Liton, Organising Secretary-Samsuzzaman, Office Secretary-Mafizul Islam Bhutto and Publicity Secretary-Shamsul Alam Babu.

NARAYANGANJ
UP member arrested

From Our Correspondent
March 27: Gafur Mia, a Union Parishad member, was arrested by Fatullah police on March 23 while he was selling off 120 bags of wheat intended for Food for Works Programme.

The wheat allotted for Bagdumari Canal digging was not utilized and kept in the Moktar Textile Mills with a view to selling, police said.

A case has been registered with Fatullah thana in this connection.

Two girls rescued

Two girls have been rescued by police from Tanbazar red light area on March 15.

Acting on a secret information, the police raided the brothel and recovered Sania (14) and Achia (13) unharmed. The police also arrested four pimps namely Shahnaz, Chumki, Anowara and Hazera.

It is reported that Sania came to Dhaka from Bogura with her elder brother but was abducted when her brother left her alone to buy food.

Enticed by the offer of better employment, Achia came to Narayanganj with an unidentified man. Afterwards the girls were sold to the brothel.

A case has been filed with the Narayanganj thana in this connection.



With the fall of water level during the dry season easy movement of water transports is hampered. As a result carrying costs of goods go high resulting in the price rise of many essentials. Here country boats are lying idle for want of customers at a village market in Kanchpur in Narayanganj district.

Problems grip Jamalpur town

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, March 27: Jamalpur district town with 1,50,000 inhabitants has long been neglected by the Pourasava authorities.

The middle class and poor section of the people are yet to enjoy urban facilities though Pourasava was established here long ago. No government in the past bothered to minimise the problems of the town dwellers. Protests were raised several times against the Pourasava authorities but to no effect.

The roads are so narrow that two rickshaws cannot ply

side by side at a time. Besides the roads, once damaged are not repaired again. During rainy season the traffic on the roads meet with total collapse. The vital road linking the launch station has long been left in a precarious state.

Roadside drains with heavy silt overflow after a slight rainfall disrupting road communication and civic life. Continuous flow of service latrines emit bad odor causing serious air pollution. Most ponds are filled with waterhyacinth and stagnant water, creates massive breeding centres for the mosquitoes. As a result, mosquito menace is so serious that it goes beyond endurance. Even at day time the babies are kept under mosquito nets.

Most tubewells are lying out of order due to which about 50 per cent of inhabitants are compelled to collect water from the nearby ponds and canals. As a result most people are suffering from intestinal diseases. Markets on the other hand are always loaded with filth garbage and are rarely cleaned causing serious inconvenience to both customers

and sellers.

Besides, the education sector also lacks minimum facilities as most high and primary schools are running without adequate number of teachers. Shortage of accommodation and educational appliances also hampering education. Students are forced to sit down on benches huddling each other or have to remain standing.

Moreover, the beggars shatter peace of the dwellers. Hundreds of slums have been created causing sheer environmental pollution.

Basic amenities absent at Bhairab rly station

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, March 27: The Bhairab Railway Junction of the district lacks basic amenities due to which people undergo numerous sufferings.

The platform of the station is not adequately covered with sheds to protect the passengers from the scorching heat and rain. Sheds with leakages in the roofs cover only one third area of the platform. Consequently the passengers can hardly take shelter under the existing sheds. Apart from this, absence of the sitting arrangement in the platform adds a lot of troubles to the passengers.

Besides, lack of tubewells in the platform and paucity of pure drinking water pose another problem to the waiting people especially during the hot spell.

Moreover, railway tracks remain dirty with garbages and night soils, which emit a bad

odour all along causing health hazard to the passengers.

The rush of the hawkers in the platform make it impossible for the passengers to move easily especially when the train arrives.

Besides, the platform has become an abode of the floating population who freely use the platform and pollute the atmosphere.

The concerned authorities have been urged to ensure appropriate steps to improve the condition of the Bhairab Railway Junction to provide basic amenities to the passengers.

Farm output drops in Jibannagar upazila

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 27: Lack of agricultural inputs and infrastructural facilities have hit the farmers of Jibannagar Upazila badly. Farm production in the area has recorded steady decrease over the last few years. This has resulted in the creation of more landless peasants.

Agricultural experts say that the upazila has all the potential to become self-sufficient in food if proper facilities are available. Instead, farmers are being forced to sell their draft animals and mortgage land to local mohajans (money lenders) to meet the expenditure for their bare survival.

Irrigation network in the upazila is virtually non-existent. Though there are deep tubewells and shallow pumps provided to the farmers most of the time many of these remain out of order. Due to non-availability of spares and skilled manpower, these cannot be repaired quickly and put into service. Moreover, absence of power supply is another cause of slow sinking of deep tube-wells. High rate of

diesel discourages use of shallow pumps by the farmers.

Even in areas where electricity is available on deep tubewell was sunk in the last three years. It is a pity when the farmers keenly feel the absence of tubewells for irrigation. An organised gang of criminals frequently take away shallow machines. It is high time that emergency steps be taken to provide irrigation and other facilities to the local farmers for boosting farm production.

Notes from Dinajpur

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Mar 27: Thirteen dwelling houses and property worth about Taka two lakh were damaged in a devastating fire in Dinajpur town recently.

According to report, the fire originated from the kitchen of one Mr. Suruj Miah of Baluadanga Mahalla. The fire engulfed the adjoining houses within a short time.

On the same day in another fire incident at Satnala under Chirribandar upazila, Seven kutcha houses and property worth about Taka five lakh were gutted.

Boy crushed under wheels

One Bulbul (10) of village Chuntapara in Sadar upazila was killed under the wheels of a running tractor near Chuntapara Bazar. Bulbul fell down from the roof of a running truck and was crushed under the wheels of a running tractor which was coming from opposite direction. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. A case has been registered with Kotwali PS in this regard.

Prisoner escapes from jail

An accused hajati Abdul Hannan (50) managed to escape from Dinajpur Jailkhana on Saturday last. According to the report, Abdul Hannan was awarded six months RI in connection with a cheating case only a month back. Hannan was engaged for work in a garden outside the jail. Later, he managed to escape from the garden. Two police personnel were suspended in this regard. Further police investigation is going on.

Shortage of rly wagons
25000 tons rice may rot in godown

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Mar 27: More than 25,000 tons of rice worth about Taka 27 crore are going to be rotten in Dinajpur CSD godown for negligence of the railway authorities, it is reliably learnt here.

According to the report, more than 60,000 tons of IRRI-Boro rice were procured under internal foodgrain procurement programme in the district during 1989 season. More than 35,000 tons of rice were sent to different districts of the country during the last two years. The rest 25,000 tons of rice are going to be rotten because these varieties of rice are not suitable for long term storage. It is feared that the entire stored rice may turn into rubbish within a few months.

The ill-fated situation was informed to the former Adviser of Food Ministry of present Caretaker Government was apprised of his situation during his visit to Dinajpur in February. The Adviser, ordered the authorities concerned to distribute these rice in different districts of the country within a shortest possible time. The railway authorities were also informed of the decision. But the railway authority failed to supply any goods wagon. As a result, sending of rice is still uncertain.

On the other hand, it is alleged that a good number of railway goods-wagons is being sent regularly to Thakurgaon, Pirganj, Shibganj, Setabganj, Ruhia and Panchagarh by the Traffic Inspector for personal interest of some businessmen. As a result, the Dinajpur CSD is not getting any goods-wagon.

Mr. Anisur Rahman, Acting Manager of Dinajpur CSD told this Correspondent that all godowns of the CSD have been packed-up after conclusion of Aman procurement drive this year. Most godowns have been loaded beyond their storage capacity. IRRI-Boro and wheat procurement season will be inaugurated next month. So if the godowns are not vacated, the coming procurement drive will be hampered seriously. It is feared.

Hashish worth Tk 50 lakh recovered in Mymensingh

From A Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, March 27: Mymensingh Narcotic and Liquor Department recovered Hashish plant worth about Taka 50 lakh from village Jolmullah in Gouripur upazila of the district recently.

Thirteen separate cases have been registered in this connection, Department sources said.

Acting on a secret information, departmental forces surrounded the Jolmullah village and recovered Hashish plant from two acres of field. None has been arrested so far.

CARE projects
Six hundred and ninety three metric tons of wheat

have been allotted for nine CARE projects under Food for Works Programme in Sadar upazila of the district, sources said.

Of the total wheat 146.51 metric tons have been sanctioned for Gagra Union Parishad, 92.41 metric tons for Char Nilowkhia Union, 38.49 metric tons for Bayra Union, 56 metric tons for Borochar Union, Khaghdhor Union, 145.80 metric tons for Borochar Union, 58.22 metric tons for Akua Union, 38.21 metric tons for Austadhar Union, 41.72 metric tons for Kushitia Union and 76.10 metric tons for Char Isardi

64 uplift schemes under taken

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Mar 27: Sixty four schemes have been taken up against an allocation of about 4,425 metric tons of wheat in Madaripur district under Food Works Programme.

The upazila wise break up on schemes and allocations of wheat are as follows: Madaripur Sadar 17 schemes and 934 tons of wheat, Kalkini 17 schemes and 1084 tons of wheat, Rajoir 10 schemes and 863 tons of wheat and Shibchar 20 schemes and 1,543 tons of wheat.

Work on the schemes included construction and reconstruction of Kutcha road and excavation or canals.

Education Week ends
The education week '91 concluded here recently amidst a colourful faction at Government Nazimuddin College auditorium.

It was presided over by Mr. Amzad Ali Khan. Principal of Nazimuddin College and Mr. Ashikul Hoq Chowdhury, D. C. Madaripur was the chief guest. Prizes were given away among the winners of various competitions on literary and cultural aspects.

Woman killed in road mishap
An unidentified woman (50) died in hospital following a bus accident on Faridpur-Barisal highway recently, hospital sources said.

The victim while crossing the road was dashed by a speeding bus, it is learnt. She was rushed to Kalkini hospital in a critical condition.

The driver, however, managed to escape with the vehicle.

Chehlum
COMILLA, Mar-27: The Chehlum of Alhaj Mujibur Rahman Advocate, Ex-President Comilla Bar Association and renowned social worker of Comilla will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at his residence at Court Road, Comilla after Asr prayer, family source said. All relatives, friends and well wishers have been requested to attend the chehlum and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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AMENDMENT NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the Tender Notice (No-07-/E:/F./D/Dinajpur Zone/90-91 dated 11-03-91) which was published in newspapers for the construction work of a double storied building including installation of Water Supply System, Sewerage and Electrification on the premises of selected Government Primary School under the General Education Project of Dinajpur and Panchagarh Municipal Areas are hereby amended in the following manner for unavoidable circumstances:

- Last date of selling tender documents: 25-4-91
- Date and timing for receiving tenders: upto 12 noon on 27-4-91
- Date and timing of opening tender: at 12.30 p.m. on 27-4-91

Other terms and conditions as mentioned in the Tender Schedule will remain unchanged and this amendment notice will be considered as a part of the said tender notice.

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During summer rural children can't remain idle at home. Here children are playing with mud at a just pumped out pond at village Nazirpur in Noakhali district.