#### Upazila roundup

#### NANDAIL

#### Property worth Tk 60 lakh gutted

#### From Our Correspondent

April 13: Properties worth about Taka 60 lakh were gutted in Zinari village under

Hossainpur upazila recently. It is learnt that the fire originated from the cowshed of Muntapagla at midnight and rendered 29 families homeless. At least 90 houses including valuables were burnt to ashes as the villagers could not control the fire.

It is gathered that 150 persons lost their belongings in the havoc.

In another incident three families rendered homeless at village Kanarampur under Nandail upazila which took place at the house of Jamir Uddin and engulfed neighbouring two houses of Hafiz Uddin and Safar Uddin. Losses in the incident were about Taka two lakh , it is learnt.

#### Stolen cattlehead recovered

Sixteen stolen cattlehead were recovered by iswarganj police and four persons were arrested from Nauri Kuria Kanda village in this connec-

It is learnt that, acting on a secret information Iswargani police headed by the O.C. raided the village and detected an underground den where the cattlehead were kept hidden by the thieves.

Police found 16 cattleheads there and caught Hobi, Hazrat Ali, Nurul Amin and Abu Siddiqui from the spot.

A case has been registered with Iswarganj police in this regard.

#### **JHENIDAH**

#### Lightning kills 2

From Our Correspondent April 13: Two farm labourers Waltur Rahman and Anwar Hossain of Mobarakganj Sugar Mills were killed by lightning on Tuesday morning and another person Ali Hossain was seriously injured. It is learnt that the ill-fated labourers were working in the agriculture farm of the mills during nor'wester on Tuesday morning. When the victims took shelter under the thatched house of a shallow tube well in the farm then the lightning struck them. The injured labourer was admitted to Kaliganj upazila hospital where his condition was stated to be se-

#### MYMENSINGH

#### Tk 94.47 cr agri-loan yet to be realised

April 13: Over Taka 94.47 crore agriculture loan disbursed earlier by different banks among the farmers of the district is yet to be realised, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank. Rupali, Sonali , Agrani, Janata Uttara and Pubali banks disbursed the loans to boost agri production in the district.

Bank authorities said after repeated reminder the default ing farmers failed to repay the loans adding that they are going to take action against the

The farmers, on the other hand, said due to crop loss by natural calamities they failed to repay the loans in time. They also urged the authorities to extend time for the repayment and issuance of new loans to them to boost agri production.

#### 25 injured in road mishap From Our Correspondent

April 13: Twenty-five people were injured, ten of them seriously in a bus accident on

It is reported that a minibus when reached the place of occurrence suddenly lost control, dashed against a roadside tree and turned turtle on the road injuring the passen-

to Bhanga Hospital and Faridpur Hospital.

#### DINAJPUR

#### House set on addict

April 13: One heroin addict Rubel(28), son of Abdul Kader of village Bangla Hilt in Hakimpur upazila angrily set ablaze a in horrible devastation on Saturday last.

According to the report. Rubel asked his mother for giving him some money because he wanted to purchase heroin. But his mother denied to give him any money for this purpose. Rubel became excited and set fire on a kutcha house in the village. Properties worth about Taka 20,000 were damaged in the fire. However, the local people and the fire brigade rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire within a short time.

Besides, Rubel managed to flee away. A case has been reg istered with Hakimpur PS in this regard.

#### Rajshahi

#### World Health Day observed

#### From Our Correspondent

April 13: The World Health Day was observed here in a befitting manner.

On the occasion, a seminar was held on "should disaster strike - be prepared" at the Shishu Academy auditorium under the auspices of Health Education Center.

Rajshahi Divisional Commis sioner Saidpur Rahman attended the function as chief guest while Abdul Jabbar Talukdar was in the chair. The function was addressed by Dr. Aminul Islam, Dr. Anwarul Islam and Dr. S.A.A. Bari.

The other programmes of the day included distribution of posters, leaflets ,essay competition and children exhibi-

#### Office-bearers

An eleven-member executive committee of Rajshahi Photographic Association was formed in a general meeting held at it's office recently.

Kazi Mohammad Touhiduzzaman and Farid Akhter Porag were elected President and

General Secretary respectively Other elected office-bearers include Vice-President Razibul Alam, Treasurer Anwarul Alam and Exhibition Secretary K.M.G Faruk.

#### RANGPUR

#### Lions urged to help suffering masses

From Our Correspondent April 13 : The members of the Lions Club, Rangpur accorded a reception to its Governor of Lion District 315-A. Lion Mr. Tauhidur Rahman re-

The function was presided over by Lion Moniruzzaman and addressed by Molla An warul Haque, ADC(Rev), Lion Dipok Kumar Saha, Lion Dr Abdus Sattar, Lioness Dr Magsfera Munir, Lion Regional Chairman (Head Quarter). Lion Anwarul Hague.

Speaking on the occasion, Lion District Governor called the members of Lions Club to render relentless ser

## PABNA

Wednesday struck to death parishad member at upazila, police here said, re-

Khorshed (21).

working in a paddy field while thunderstorm struck killing them on the spot. Kashem (30), a co-villager, who was also working with them sustained grievous injury. He was admitted to the

#### SATKHIRA

April 13 : Armed dacotts raided a house and looted goods and valuables worth about Taka one lakh in a village of Ashashuni upazila of the district early hours of Tuesday.

Police said that the dacoits about 18 in number attacked the house of Abdul Hamid of village Hazrakhali of the upazila at about I am last night.

goods and gold-silver ornaments worth about Taka one lakh at gun point. When resisted by the local people, they opened fire seriously injuring Mokammel Hoque (30).

Mokammel was admitted to the Satkhira Sadar Hospital with multiple injuries.

In another incident at village Paranpur of the same upaztia, a gang of 10-12 armed dacotts broke open the door of Anwarul Islam of the village at about 12 Sunday night and decamped with valuables worth about Taka one lakh.

Two separate' cases were



Most 'khals' and 'beel- have dried up now and the income of the boatmen declined considerably. Here boatmen waiting for passengers at a village market in Comilla district. Star photo

#### Irregular power supply in N-dists

## Industries incur Taka 90cr loss in three months

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Apr 13: The total life in 16 northern districts have been paralysed by the continued power crisis. Many mills and factories have already been closed down. The irrigation to the standing Aus cultivation has been hampered. As per available information,

the situation will worsen further in the coming days. The industries and factories of 16 northern districts have sustained a loss of Taka 90

crore due to power failure for

the last three months, it is

Almost all big and small husking and flower mills at 31 towns in 16 northern districts

on the verge of closure due to failure of electricity. As a result, the price of rice and ata is on gradual increase.

The biggest industrial town of the region is Bogra which is the worst sufferer. Here the necessity of electricity is 14 megawatts, whereas the supply is only two megawatts. At Dinajpur, the supply is also two megawatt in place of 8

At Rangpur the supply is three megawatts whereas the demand is 10 megawatts. At Pabna the supply is three megawatts instead of nine megawatts. And at Rajshahi the supply of electricity is four

megawatts in place of 12 megawatts.

The total demand of the electricity in 16 districts is 53 to 55 megawatts. But the authorities concerned can supply 14 to 16 megawatts which is also irregular. The Privates Industries

Owners' Samity of the northern zone incurred a loss of Taka 90 crore due to irregular power supply.

The Power Development Board authority in an advertisement published in some national daily newspapers recently, hoped that the crisis may be overcome by July next.

Fund constraints

Till the grid come into operation the Saidpur and Thakurgaon diesel power station (DPS) are the only sources for the worst effected eight districts of Dinajpur and Rangpur zones. The three units of the Saidpur DPS are now generating hardly six megawatts of electricity and the three units of Thakurgaon DPS generate three megawatts. Though the authority of Thakurgaon DPS claimed the keeping one megawatt for local consumption the rest two megawatts are given for distribution to other areas and the grid authority at Dinajpur but grid authority denied the truth of the claim.

# Cocoon shortage hampers

From Cur Correspondent

THAKURGAON. Apr 13 Fund constraints of Sericulture Board, hinders production of saplings for mulberry cultivation in Thakurgaon.

There are 20 sub-centres under the Board Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Dinajpur district. Cultivators and regular rearers, number-

ing 650 under Thakurgaon zone produce 850 to 1000 kg of silk from 5000 to 6000 kahon of cocoon per annum. Mulberry farmers of the

northern districts use to sell their cocoon to Thakurgaon Silk Factory and Rajshahi Silk Factory. But this year, Thakurgaon Silk Factory, due

### Taka 70 lakh sanctioned for 32 projects

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Apr 13.: An amount of Taka 70 lakh has been allocated for 32 devel opment schemes in Bochagani upazila under Dinajpur district during the current financial It was revealed in a meeting

held on Saturday last at upazila office premises by Principal Abdur Rashid, Chairman of the Upazila Parishad.

Out of the total money, the government will provide Taka 50 lakh. On the other hand. Taka ten lakh has been allocated for CARE projects. Taka four lakh for construction of primary school buildings and Taka five lakh has been allocated for construction of Upazila Parishad building.

It may be mentioned here that an amount of Taka 84.04.300 will be earned by the Upazila Parishad during the current financial year. However, the expenditure of

the year has been fixed at Taka 85,84,700.

Development schemes of the upazila includes house building, health-care of children, cultural and sports. small and cottage industries and primary education sector.

#### Dacoit arrested

An alleged notorious dacoit leader Kachua Mohammad (42) of 18 No. Shukhanpukur Union Parishad in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila was arrested by the police on Monday last.

Acting on a secret informa tion, the police raided a house in Garea Union Parishad and arrested Kachua from the house. He was wanted for the last two years in connection with more than fifty dacoity. theft and rioting cases in Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Nilphamari and Dinajpur dis-



# output in silk factories

to shortage of fund could not

tivators, after expiry of four months, it is alleged. Reeling works in Rajshahi Silk Factory is also hindering due to inadequate supply of cocoon, it is learnt. It may be

pay the cocoon bill to the cul-

mentioned that to minimise the sufferings of the rearers and to extend mulberry cultivation, different NGOs particularly the RDRS (Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service), began to purchase the unsold cocoons from the cultivators at the rate of Taka 147 per kahon. The RDRS took intensive mulberry cultivation scheme at Pirganj, Ranisankail, Haripur. Baliadangi, Thakurgaon Sadar, Setabganj, Kaharole, Birganj, Ratnai, Barman Vita, Balia and Atwari under greater Dinajpur. Seventy-five have not peo-

ple of Ranisankail and 103 people of Pirganj under Pirganj unit of RDRS had been given training to plant mulberry. They produced 35 kgs of silk valued Taka 44 thousand, last

According to a source, Sericulture Board did not prepare to grow saplings for September plantation, due to shortage of fund.

On the other hand, various NGOs produced mulberry saplings in an area of 639 bigha. About 9128 bighas of land may be taken under mulberry cultivation through out the country.

RDRS produced saplings in 39 bighas of land to cultivate 571 bighas under Thakurgaon zone, it is learnt.

#### 17 smugglers arrested From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 13 Seventeen smugglers have been arrested and smuggled goods worth Taka 77 lakh seized by the Bangladesh Rifles men working in the border outposts within the jurisdiction of 20 Battalions last month.

The goods being smuggled into Bangladesh included Indian saree, suger, cow medicine, spices, and cosmet ics worth about Taka 72.64 lakh. The materials seized before crossing from Bangladesh into India are valued out Taka 4.56 lakh these include soyabean oil and polyester cloth.

## Political scene

## Three injured in Shibir-APSU clash

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Apr 13: A clash between Islamic University Chhatra Shibir and local Sarbo Dolio Chhatra Oikya (APSU) took place recently.

It is learnt that the clash took place when the procession of Chhatra Shibir was crossing the district B. S. D.

In chasing and counter chasing 3 persons were injured and admitted to Kushtia General Hospital.

One of the injured person is Chhatra League worker and the other two are Shibir workers.

#### Gift for Hasina

One Abul Kashem Mirdha, a renowned Awami League worker, of Teghoria under Mirpur upazila gifted Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina 15 decimal of land by registered deed on March 23 last.

Receiving the land Sheikh liasina said that the land world be used for the local Awami League unit. It is remarkable that at that time Sheikh Hasina visited Teghoria for the election campaign of Kushtia-2 constituency.

#### Jamaat leader killed

UNB from Pabna adds : A local Jamaat-e-Islami leader was run over by a speeding truck killing him on the spot at Ataikula bazar on Pabna-Nagarbari highway Thursday.

According to witnesses, the incident occurred while the victim Md. Abdul Gafur (32), Secretary of Santia upazila Jamaat-e-Islami and teacher of Sarogrami Dakhel Madrasha was returning home from the local market.

The killer truck fled from the scene. A case was filed with

Santhia police station in this connection.

**Ershad Mukti** Parishad' To intensify the movement

demanding immediate uncon-

Jannate Romma Tithi (left)

and Jannatul Ferdaus Mithi

2 sisters win

National Child

Award

From Our Correspondent

Jannatul Ferdaus Mithi stood

first in Hamd-Nath competi-

tion and won gold medal while

Jannate Romman Tithi stood

2nd in patriotic song and third

in Hamd-Nath competitions

and won silver medals at

National Child Award competi-

tion held in February last at

Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

It may be noted that

Jannate Romman Tithi last

year won gold medal in Hamd-

Nath and silver medal in

Nazrul song in 1989 at

National Child Award competi-

tions held at Bangladesh

Both prize winners are sis-

They are daughters of Shah

ters and students of Rangpur

Anisuzzaman Advocate, Editor

of local weekly "Ranga Provat"

Storm renders

,000 homeless

SHATKHIRA, Apr 13 : A se-

in Satkhira

vere storm that lashed the dis-

trict on Thursday afternoon

rendered over one thousand

people homeless and uprooted

The nor'wester with a

speed of 70-90 km per hour

damaged many kutcha and tin-

shed houses and mosques in

About 60 per cent standing

crops of IRRI and boro and 50

per cent of Betel leaf fields

were damaged in the 20-

A good number of cattle-

head were reportedly killed

many trees, reports UNB.

the affected areas.

minute storm.

were also damaged.

Salema Girls High School.

and Mrs Roksna Begum.

Shishu Academy.

RANGPUR, Apr 12: Miss

ditional release of deposed President Ershad and other detained Jatiya Party leaders "Ershad Mukti Parishad" has been formed at Phulpur upazila recently. The parishad consisting of

101 members is headed by Mr. Hafiz Uddin, Abdul Baqi Khan Saleh and Shah Shahid Sarwar as Chairman and Advisors respectively.

Later, the members of the committee led by its convenor Mr Noor Mohammad brought out a procession chanting various slogans demanding immediate release of deposed President Ershad and other detained Jatiya Party leaders.

#### Pabna

Our Pabna Correspondent adds: Nazrul Hossain Shahin and Khondaker Golam Mustafa were elected Vice-President and General-Secretary of Aminuddin Amin (law) College Students Union for the year 1990-91.

A fair and peacefull election organised was held on April 4 and 15 student leaders including 3-members, were elected. The other members of the committee are Mr. Belal Hossain . Pro-Vice President. Khondaker Mustafizur Rahman-Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Prakash Joytee Kundu-Organising Secretary. Mr. Ochimuddin-Game Secretary, Khondaker Oliur Rahman-Common-room

Secretary, Mirza Md. Kamal-Record Room Secretary, Mr. Abdul Haque Khan-Treasurer, Mr. Idris Ali-Cultural Secretary, Abdul Jabber Shaikh-Religious Secretary. and Mrs. Hasina Banu-Female-Secretary.

The elected members were Mr. Ainul Islam, Mrs. Sukla Rani Sanyal, and Mr. Saiful Islam.

Besides, a 5-member advisory board was also selected.

#### Notes from Kurigram From Our Correspondent KURIGRAM, Apr 13 : A young and pretty girl became a victim of sexual lust and fighting for life in the hospital bed Maleka Begum (12), daugh-

ter of Esahaqu Ali of village Majhpara under Rajarhat upazila of Kurigram district was raped by Zaherul (22), son of Bokter Ali of village Gharialdanga of the same upazila recently.

It is learnt that the ill-fated girl was abducted from her house by Zaherul in cooperation with some others and she was taken to the house of Zaherul and raped repeatedly. She was kept confined in the

house. Rajarhat police later recovered Maleka from the house and sent her to Kurigram hos-

#### pital for treatment.

Protest rally A big protest tally was held at Rajarhat High School campus in protest against the killing of Ramseh Chandra Sarker (35), teacher of the high school in broad daylight by one Khaleque of village Chakirpasha under Rajarhat

The raily was addressed, by Emdad Ali, Abul Kalam Azad, Arif, Alam and Humayun. The speakers at the rally demanded exemplary punishment to the culprit.

upazila recently.

After the rally a procession was brought out and the processionists paraded the main streets of Rajarhat and chanted slogans against the killing of school teacher.

It is learnt that Khaleque, the killer surrendered to the police after the incident and told that he killed Ramesh as there was an illicit connection with his wife with Ramesh.

#### 7 houses gutted

Seven houses including all household articles were burnt to ashes following a devastating fire that broke out recently at village Hinjuligope in Hatia union of Ulipur upazila of the district

It is learnt that, the fire originating from the kitchen of one Ajauddin of the village and soon engulfed the surrounding areas which gutted seven houses belonging to Patjar Ali. Gabber Ali, Akbar Ali, Kasimuddin, Taslimuddin, Fazlul Haque and Azghar Alt. Total loss was estimated at about Taka 2,00,000.

Eight families including the family of Ajauddin were rendered shelterless due to this fire incident. They are passing hard days, it is learnt. Ulipur fire fighters went to

and a number of boats used for the spot and extinguished the collecting honey in Sundarbans fire after a hard struggle for hours together.

# defaulters.

MADARIPUR

Faridpur-Barisal highway a Mahiza Mour recently.

The injured were admitted

# fire by heroin

#### From Our Correspondent

kutcha house which resulted

## vices to the helpless masses.

Lightning kills 3 April 13 : Lightning three people including a union Hamichapur village of Sadar

ports UNB. The victims were identified as Taleb (38), Zahiruddin (29)

Witnesses said they were

#### Pubna General Hospital.

#### Dacoits loot valuables

recovered From Our Correspondent reports UNB.

The dacotts decamped with

the matter and the U.N.O. Tarail took immediate steps to filed with the police. enquire into the matter.

#### No morgue in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent CHUADANGA, Apr 13 : Morgue facilities are absent in the Chuadanga district since last one and a half year due to which the post mortem works are being carried out at

Meherpur and Jhenidah dis-

trict morgues under govern-

ment order. According to the sources. the very old morgue which was located at Kerdarganipara was in so a deplorable condition that repair work was impossible and it became unfit for use A section of local people strongly opposed to using it further and it was closed. Then the post mortem works were used to be carried in the conspicuous places of the town which was also strongly protested by the people. As a result the government in an order asked the concerned authorities to perform post

Jhenidah district morgues. Meherpur is 20 miles from Chuadanga while Jhenidah is 22 miles. The construction of new morgue at Chuadanga is urgently required now. The people demanded constructions of a new morgue at Chuandanga district headquar-

mortem works of Chuadanga

district at Meherpur and

#### ters immediately. 40 packets govt jute seeds

NANDAIL, Apr. 13: Forty-two packets of jute seeds were recovered from a private godown at Tarail upazila town which were allegedly learnt to be sold in the block market by the concerned seed inspector.

It is learnt that the seed inspector Abdul Wahab told the peasants of Taratl upaztla who gathered the office of purchase fute seeds that there was no seed at the government godown. But the peasants challenged his denial and approached the police with the allegation. Tarail police according to the allegation. raided a public godown where pilfered seeds were kept and recovered 42 packets of seeds from the godown. While contacted the upazila

agriculture officer admitted

## THAKURGAON: Smuggled sugar seized by Pirganj police.