Upazila roundup

KISHOREGANJ Cattle lifters active

From Our Correspondent

April 25 : Rampant cattle lifting has created Panic among the poor farmers of Nandail and Iswarganj upazila of Mymensingh district.

The farmers alleged that the cattle lifters in some places brutally peel skins of the stolen cows. They suspect that the cowlifters are the members of an well organised gang. They said 30 cows were stolen and skin of four others were peeled off recently. As a result, owners have been compelled to stay in cowsheds at night to protect their cattle-

An organised gang of lifters backed by some influential quarters has been carrying on the heinous activities in the bordering villages, it is learnt.

In some cases, cattle lifters even demand ransom from the owners for the release of their cattlehead through agents. The affected farmers, panicked by the rise in cow lifting, are seeking police help.

One Totyab Ali (35) of village Chhatirchar in Nikly Upazila was killed in a clash over harvesting of paddy on April 13. According to the report, the victim alongwith his brother-in-law went to the field for harvesting paddy in the morning. Suddenly the opponent groups armed with spear, Ramdao and Lathi attacked them. Totyab Ali died on the spot

MAULVI BAZAR Chicken pox breaks out

From Our Correspondent April 25 : Chicken pox has broken out in an epidemic form in Kulaura upazila of Maulvi Bazar district.

According to sources, the worst affected areas of the upazila are Hazipur, Tilagoan, Kulaura, Prithimpasa and Baramchal unions.

Informed sources said about 60 patients were affected by the disease in these areas.

Seven shops and houses including valuables were gutted in a fire at Azmiriganj Bazar of Hobigonj recently.

KURIGRAM Smriti Sangsad executives

From Our Correspondent April 25 : A 14-member

executive committee of "Samira Smriti Sangsad" — a sports organisation of Kurigram was formed recently in a meeting held at the local stadium maidan with Mr. Shafiqul Islam Ruku in the chair.

The office-bearers of the committee are :

President - Mr. Munir Hossain, Vice-President - Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman and Mr. Shafiqui Islam Ruku, General Secretary - Mr. Moslem Ahmed, Assistant General Secretary - Mr. Reazul Karim, Organising Secretary - Mr. Utpal Kanti Roy, Publicity Secretary - Mr. Mizan Khondokar, Office- Secretary - Mr Sanjeeb Kumar.

Besides, six other members were also included in the committee.

Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bengali new year 1398, was celebrated throughout the district with traditional festivity and gaiety.

To welcome the Bangla new year, different socio-cultural organisation's chalked out elaborate programmes including musical soirce, poetry reading session. Baishakhi Mela (fair), discussion meet-

ings and cultural functions. The businessmen organised their traditional halkhata functions for opening books of accounts. On this occasion. they entertained their customers to solicit their contin-

ued support and patronisation. The traders also arranged Milad Mahfil on this occasion.

JAMALPUR 2 killed in

were killed and 20 others seriously injured in a road acciinjured were admitted to Jamalpur General Hospital and the injured were sent to Mymensingh medical college

Hospital in a critical condition. Police sources said the accident occurred when the mini bus driver lost control of the steering. As a result the bus fell into a road side ditch. this connection. Driver and helper managed to escape.

JHENAIDAH Rickshaws go off roads

From Our Correspondent

April 25: Rickshawpullers observed a twenty hour hartal at Jhenaidah demanding punishment of the passenger who beat a rickshawpuller on Sunday last. Hartal continued from 4 p.m (Monday) to 12 noon (Tuesday). According to a report on the day of incidence, passenger Pannu Joarder beat rickshaw puller Abul Kashem on the issue of fair. The rickshawpullers barricading the road protested the beating for which a clash took place between rickshawpullers and motor sramiks and one puller received injury.

Following day (Monday) at least one thousand rickshawpullers brought out a procession in the town and chanted slogans against the said pas-

They also attacked him at his residence. Police Super rushed to the spot to control the situation and assured them that he will solve the problem tomorrow (Tuesday). Police patrol was going on in the town and a tense situation is prevailing.

No rickshaw plied on the road during hartal hours.

SATKHIRA 4 commit suicide

April 25: Four people including three women allegedly committed suicide, all by taking poison, in two upazilas of the district in the last week, police here said, reports UNB.

According to sources, Lovely (22) of Kasempur village and Fatema Khatun (15) of Chupria village in Sadar upazila killed themselves by taking poison.

But causes of their suicide could not be known.

In another incident, Sandha Rant of Kushlia village of Kaliganj upazila and Ananta Kumar Gain of Goalpota village in Sadar upazila gave away their lives by taking insecticides.

Family feud was attributed to the unnatural deaths.

Separate cases were filed with Kaliganj and Satkhira po-

Minor boy crushed under wheels

A minor boy was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus at Kalaroa point on Jessore-Satkhira road Sunday. police here said.

Witnesses said, Ekramul Haq (5), son of Atlar Rahman of Gopinatpur village of Kalaroa upazila died on the spot while a bus coming from Jessore ran

The driver fled with the ve hicle after the accident and a case was filed in this connec-

KUSHTIA

Schools face problems

April 25 : All non-govern ment secondary and junior high schools in all the six upazilas of the district are facing serious financial constraints affecting education reports UNB.

According to sources, lack of furniture, classrooms, drinking water facilities has aggravated the smooth functioning of the schools.

Besides, 90 per cent of these schools have neither science building nor necessary educational equipment.

In absence of playground in 60 per cent of the schools, students are being denied of recreation.

Shortage of fund also resulted in the irregular payment of salary to teachers and staff. Only 25 per cent schools have buildings while others are housed in thatched sheds.

C' NAWABGANJ

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

25 : A housewife Maseda Khatun (18) of Pirgachcha village under Shibgani upazilla committed suicide by burning after pouring kerosene on her body re-

It is learnt that Maseda was married to Abdul Haque about 18 months back. Abdul Haque after his marriage continued to torture his wife physically and mentally for dowry.

Maseda's widowed mother who is very poor was compelled to give her son-in-law her hard-earned one thousand Taka and a cow for the happiness of her daughter. Even then Abdul Haque repeatedly demanded dowry and tortured

Being helpless she then returned to her mother's house and killed herself.



Farmers returning home with the rich harvest of IRRI paddy at a village in Comilla. There is a prospect of bumper - Star photo production this year.

Baghabari milk processing plant faces closure

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Apr. 25: Due to non-availability of milk, irregular supply of electricity and utter negligence of the authority the only milk processing factory in the district is facing closure.

The factory was established in Baghabari on the bank of the river Karatoa near Shahzadpur at a cost of Taka 16 crore and it went into production of November 22, 1976. But still now, the mill could not reach the capacity production.

SHERPUR, Apr 25: Soaring

prices of diesel in various

upazilas amid drought situation

has been seriously threatening

the paddy production and irri-

gation facilities in the district,

According to sources, de-

Diesel is now being sold at

pots here were empty as the

traders could not lift oil during

Taka 80 per gallon in Sadar

and Taka 90 at different upazi-

las as against Taka 66, a couple

Police arrested one Abdul

Mannan Friday following a

clash between two rival peas-

ant groups which left 10 peo-

The clash ensued over ir-

regularities in supplying water

under deep tubewells scheme

at Malijhakanda village of

Taher (30), Nabab Ali (55),

Hashem (25); and Jamsed

(35), were admitted to Sadar

Kishoreganj

Our Kishoreganj Corres-

pondent adds: IRRI-Boro

production in Kishoregani

district will fall this year due

to widespread pest attack in

According to farmers and

upazila Chairman, Boro crops

on about 85,000 acres of land

have been attacked by pests

PABNA, Apr 25: About 100

government and private build-

ings in Pabna town have be-

come to old and may collapse

at any time, causing serious

source, many of these build-

ings ar century old and have

Library, the Gopal Chandra

Institution, and the revenue

office house in these century-

old dilapidated buildings, have

developed many cracks in

ceilings, on walls and on floors.

Anti-corruption Office, the or-

phanage building, the District

Information Office, part of

Vocational Training Institute

building, and the main building

of Edward University College

are also dilapidated and may

collapse at any time. Except

New Market, all of these build-

The Pabna New Market, the

According to a reliable

The Annada Govinda Public

loss to life and properties.

developed many cracks.

different parts of the district

A case was filed in this con

The seriously injured Abu

ple injured on Thursday.

Jhinaigati upazila.

hospital.

nection.

Another message adds:

week-long Eid vacation.

reports UNB.

of days back.

Although a plan was chalked out to produce quality cattle by introducing artificial insemination, establishment of a dairy-farm, preservation of pasture land for cultivating quality grass like "Napier", but none of them is implemented till now.

It may be mentioned here that 'Baghabari' is well located for running and expanding the mill because it is surrounded by the areas like Faridpur, Shahzadpur, Ullapara, Santhia, and Bera upazilas of the

irrigation in Sherpur

known as Pamri and Mazra

poka in all 13 upazilas of the

are Pakundia . Bajitpur.

Kuliarchar, Nikly, Bhairab,

Katiadi, Itna, Mitamoin and

Kishoregani Sadar. The af-

fected farmers are not in a

position to purchase insecti-

cides which are available in the

local markets at exorbitant

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 25 : Six

persons were killed in five

days in different incidents in

Narayanganj, according to the

Among them two were

stabbed to death, one electro-

river and one took acid.

Netaygani, on April 19.

ing beside the river.

cuted, one drowned in the

The body of an unidentified

youngman aged about 28 years

was recovered by Narayangani

thana police from Khal Ghat,

Sitalakhya river near Tanbazar

on Eid day while he was play-

was electrocuted at Dhamghar.

under Bandar police station on

Dilapidated buildings pose

threat to public safety

From Our Correspondent

Besides, a huge number of

private houses specially at

Shalgaria, Gopalpur, Kalaehand

ings are century old.

Raju (8) was drawned in the

Mr. Jashim (30) a labourer

The worst-affected upazilas

district .

police.

greater Pabna district where abundant milk supply is available and cream component of milk is also high. Besides, thousands of acres of pasture land are available for rearing a large number of cattle and facility of river communication.

The mill decided to produce ghee, butter, and powdered milk and initially it was found that the quality of the product was good.

About 106 co-operative societies were established by the mill authorities with the own-

On the other hand, farmers

alleged that insecticides now

available in the local markets

are ineffective and adulterated.

Subsequent to the attack of

pests the green paddy plants

turned yellow and reduced to

positive measures are not

taken to curb the pest menace

the situation may go out of

Habibur Rahman (28) died

by taking acid mistakenly in

lieu of wine at Murapara under

death by some miscreants at

village Loharchar, Fatullah un-

der Narayanganj Sadar upazila

on April 16. He was taken to

the Dhaka Medical College

Hospital where he was de-

Kajam Hailader (50) was also

stabbed to death at Bank

Colony, Narayangani by some

miscreants on April 18

Fatullah thana police arrested

Danash Sarker (35) in this

Cases have been registered

Kachari Para.

-Star photo

Radhanagar, Arifpur and other

adjacent areas are in a de-

plorable condition.

PABNA: A century-old private building at Gopalpur area.

with concerned thanas in

clared dead

connection.

these regards.

Abdul Matin was stabbed to

Rupganj upazila on April 16.

control.

Six killed in 5 days

in Narayanganj

From Our Correspondent

It is strongly felt that if

ers of cattle. But at present only 65 to 70 cooperative societies are working and on an average 30/35 liters of milk are being supplied by them daily. Many cattlehead have died due to lack of proper treatment facilities and for want of sufficient quantity of

The spare-parts required for keeping the mill running are not made available also. Thus the only milk processing mill is facing closure.

Soaring diesel price hits Notes from Madaripur From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Apr 25 : Cultivable lands in all four upazilas of the district have been decreasing owing to large scale construction of dwelling houses to keep pace with the rising population.

According to informed sources, the population of the district have almost been doubled during the last couple of years. Besides, setting up of brickfields by a section of greedy businessmen on farmlands without least consideration has compounded the loss of cultivable lands.

Aus seed

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) has taken up a programme to sell 9940 kgs of Aus seeds to the farmers for the three districts in the fi-

nancial year. districts are Madaripur, Shariatpur and Copalgani.

Official sources said, of the total 3590 kgs in Madaripur. 3150 kgs in Shariatpur and 3200 kgs in Gopalgani will be

Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other commercial banks will disburse necessary loans among the farmers to make the Aus cultivation programme a success, it is learnt.

NWD system demanded

Sprawling Rajior Upazila headquarters here has been lagging behind in the development stride for lack of quick and easy tele-link with Dhaka, businessmen and journalists complain. The local traders say that absence of NWD system with the capital made it difficult to contact and conclude deals which has hampered economic activities in the upazila. Newsmen say they can not send emergency despatches to national dailies and media in the absence of NWD system.

Obituary

Advocate Alhaj Md. Nurul Hoq died here of old age ailments recently. He was 83.

Alhaj Hoq was President of District Awami League from 1949 to 1960 and later again from 1970 to 1986.

Marma festival

BANDARBAN, Apr 25: A three-day traditional festival of the Marma community to welcome the new year was held recently at Bomag Rajbari premises here, reports BSS.

Pollow-fight, water games and bamboo-climbing were events in the festival. A large number of Marma

men, women, and children clad in traditional tribal dress participated in the festival.

tally beaten to death recently. According to a police source, a bad relation had been prevailing between the deceased and one Hossain

Crimes galore

in Bagerhat

From Our Correspondent

BAGERHAT, Apr 25 : One

Siraj of Kadirtala under Rampal

upazila of the district was bru-

Member of the locality for a

long time over a disputed plot

of land. On April 13 Hossain

Member and some of his asso-

ciates began to beat the de-

ceased mercilessly in the plea

of stealing fish. At one stage

they beat him with iron-ham-

mers. As a result, he sustained

by the local physicians. But

when his condition was pre-

carious, he was rushed to

Khulna hospital where he suc-

cumbed to his injuries on April

ceased Alamgir and the killer Murad were son and nephew of one Akbor Hossain, former Chairman of Rampal Sadar Union Parishad. On the day of occurrence Alamgir rebuked and slashed his younger cousin Murad as the later was engaged in gambling. But younger cousin took it seriously and decided to take revenge of it. On the same day in the evening when Alamgir came out of his residence after breaking his fast Murad suddenly attacked him, stabbed him repeatedly and fled away. As a result, Alamgir was seriously injured. He was immediately sent to Khulna hospital where he succumbed to his injuries after three days.

upazila headquarters of the

It is learnt that the de-

district recently.

was registered with the local P.S. But killer Murad has been In this connection a case was registered with Rampal P.S. against seven persons. Vigorous police investigation is going on to arrest the culprits.

Fratricide One Kasem Ali (25) of village Santoshpur under Rampal upazila in the district of Bagerhat was killed by his

younger brother only for Taka 10 recently. It is stated that on the day of occurrence a brawl took place between the deceased and his younger brother over the payment of Taka 10 only and when the brawl reached its climax the younger brother struck a severe blow on the chest of the elder brother with hands. Consequently, the elder brother Kasem Ali sustained severe internal injuries and died on the spot.

In this connection a case was registered with Rampal

The killer brother has been absconding.

Stabbed to death

One Alamgir (20) was brutally killed by his younger coustn Murad (15) in Rampal

grievious injuries on his person. Then he was taken to the house of Hossain Member. At first the deceased was treated

> absconding. Terrorist held

One Farid Molla (26) who is known as a terror of Bagerhat district town was arrested by the police from Bagerhat Municipal area recently.

In this connection a case

It is reported that acting on a secret information, a police squad led by Mr. Strajul Haq. Officer-in-Charge of Bagerhat P.S raided Krishnanagar village under Bagerhat Pourahsava and arrested him from a place where he and two of his associates were making pipeguns at that time. His associates earlier managed to escape. In order to flee away he struck on the neck of a policeman all on a sudden but in vain. Police recovered some materials used for making pipe guns and explosives from his possession.

It is learnt from the police that Farid Molla has been wanted by the police for a long time in connection with explosion of bombs, hijacking, possession of illegal arms and some other criminal offences.

In this connection a case was registered with Bagerhat P.S. against him under Arms

Smuggled goods worth Tk 2.10 cr seized

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 25: Commissioner Khabir Uddin The BDR jawans of Kalichacha 32 battallion under Brahmanbaria district seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 2 crore 10 lakh 5 thousand and 869 in anti-smuggling drives at various points of the district border during the last one year.

According to Commanding Officer Major Faridul Akbar, 233 smugglers were arrested and 152 cases were filed in these connections.

The seizure list included sugar, cosmetics, electronic goods, medicine, sarees, old cloth, shirts, spices, VCP, VCR, tubelight, electric switch, phensidyle syrup, eggs. fish, apple, orange etc.

3000 houses damaged

At least 3000 kutcha and tin-shed houses were damaged and two persons were killed and 300 received serious injuries when a cyclonic storm swept over Nasirnagar and Kasba upazilas of the district recently.

Witnesses said, the Autopura Union of Nasirnagar upazila and Kharera Union of Kasba upazila are the worst affected areas where the people are living in miseries. Deputy

Ahmed and SP Nurul Anwar visited the affected areas and sanctioned relief for the vic-

Meanwhile, Kazi Nazrul Islam Khadem the district Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, also visited the affected areas and demanded rehabilitation of the affected people.

Mizan's arrest protested

From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, Apr 25 : Jatiya

Party, Chandpur branch held a rally at Mohsin Road recently in protest against the transfer of Ershad to central jail and the arrest of party leader Mr. Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury The rally was presided over by Abdul Kader Master and addressed by Mahbubul Haq Advocate, lqbal-Bin-Basher Advocate and Ajoy Kumar Bhowmik.

After the meeting a procession was brought out and paraded the streets of the town. The processionists demanded immediate release of Ershad and Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury.

Woes of potters at Chapainawabganj

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Apr 25: Hundreds of potter families of Chapainawabganj district have been facing various problems, such as lack of requisite fund and scarcity of raw materials.

On the other hand growing

Shibir leader killed in road accident

RANGPUR, Apr 25 : A leader of the district Islami Chhatra Shibir succumbed Monday at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, party sources said. reports UNB.

Anwarul Islam (32), district President of Shibir and former executive member of the central committee was seriously injured Sunday in a road mishap on Rangpur-Bogra highway

He was on a motor-bike when a speeding truck hit him at a point near Pirganj upazila.

tendency to use the aluminium utensils instead of earthen ones has rendered many potters unemployed.

According to the sources, the potterfamilies reside in groups in different ares of the district, who are now despaired of their profession as they have no working capital. They cannot ensure any loan from banks. They even cannot afford to buy raw materials because of price hike which is beyond their reach. According to the potters,

there are industrial concerns and some commercial banks to look after the industry but no major step or initiative has been taken by any of these bodies. As a result the potters have been disenchanted with their profession and some of them have been striving to find out alternative means of their ltvelthood

It is felt that pottery as one of the cottage industries needs protection of government in all possible ways.

From Our Correspondent April 25 : Two persons dent near interdistrict bus terminal Jamalpur recently of Jamalpur-Tangail highway. The

Two unidentified persons were killed on the spot. Jamalpur police has started a case in

road mishap