JAMALPUR 2 rly ticket blackmarketeers arrested

From Our Correspondent

Jamalpur Rathway Police arrested two persons for their alleged involvement in blackmarketing of railway tickets on the eve of Etd-ul-Fitr. Police also recovered 31 tickets of two Inter-City trains.

Acting on a secret information railway police raided Jamalpur Railway Station Ticket Counters and arrested two persons who were selling railway tickets at much higher

Dacoit arrested

Jamalpur Police arrested one notorious dacoit Fazlul Haque Fuzu and recovered a pipe gun with eight rounds of bullets from village Goradap under Jamalpur Sadar upazila recently.

The arrested persons confessed to the police that he committed many dacoities in Jamalpur district.

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

TANGAIL JP meeting held From Our Correspondent

April 28 : A general meeting of Tangail district Jatiya Party was held at the Public Library recently. Shamim Al-Mamun, Sayid Khan, A. Salam Chaklader attended the meeting. Shamsul Haque Talukder presided over the meeting.

NOAKHALI 32 development projects taken up

April 28: Zila Parishad here has sanctioned Taka 1,26 lakh to implement 32 projects in six upazilas of the district during the current financial year, reports UNB.

The projects include construction of 12 bridges and culverts and renovation of seven bungalows, one office, one school, one college and 10 union parishad buildings.

The work on the projects is progressing fast.

Meanwhile, Water Development Board has already spent Taka 94.76 lakh for the reconstruction of sluice gates. maintenance of embankments and construction of spars at Sadar, Companiganj and Hatiya

CHANDPUR Stipends distributed

From A Correspondent April 28 : A function was

held recently at the Tarpurchandi G M Fazlul Huq High School premises of Chandpur Sadar upazila on the occasion of the distribution of G M Fazlul Hug stipend for the year 1990-91. G M Fazlul Hug, a noted so-

cial worker and educationist distributed the stipend among the poor but meritorious students of one High School and ten Primary Schools of the

Prof. Abdullah, MP elected from Chandpur-4 constituency, was the chief guest at the function which was attended by teachers, guardians, students and the elite of the

Speakers highly praised G M Faziul Hug for his untiring efforts towards the spread of education among the poor rural people. The speakers called upon the well-to-do people to come forward like Mr Hug for spreading education in society. Besides introducing the G M Faziul Huq stipend in 1985. Mr Huq founded the Tarpurchandi G M Fazlul Huq High School for the dissemi nation of education.

SATKHIRA Chicken pox breaks out

From A Correspondent April 28: Chicken pox has broken out in an epidemic form in several upazilas of the district.

The affected areas are Sadar, Kalaroa, Tala, Debhata. Kaliganj, Assaruni and Shyamnagar upazilas.

A large number of patients is coming to hospitals and private clinics seeking treatment every day. Hospital sources, however, said none have so far died due to the disease.

Adulterated food and want of pure drinking water have been attributed to the outbreak of the disease.

Sufferers urged the authorities to take effective measures to eradicate the disease taking a serious turn.

JAIPURHAT Diarrhoea claims 8 lives

April 28: Diarrhoea which has spread in an epidemic form in different unions of Akkelpur upazila of the district, claimed one more life yesterday raising the death toll to eight so far, reports UNB.

Afsar (60), of Akkelpur upazila, died at Jaipurhat Sadar hospital of the disease which claimed five people in Raikali Union, two in Gopinathpur Union since March.

However, Civil Surgeon of Jaipurhat Sadar hospital told UNB yesterday that spread of the waterborne disease has been effectively checked and is now under control. He said so far 28 patients have been treated.

Only two cases were found during a visit to the affected Unions.

Meanwhile, a team of health officers were working round the clock at Raikali Union.

DINAJPUR

Mother, son burnt to death

April 28: Mother and son were roasted alive in a fire that broke out at their house at Nichpara village of Birgani upazila here Wednesday, reports UNB.

Family sources said the victim Khodeza (50) went to bring her hidden money from the room of the burning house and raised alarm when she was caught fire. Her son Aziz (25) rushed to rescue his mother. But both of them were roasted alive in the room.

Another report says that police recovered 61 rounds of SLR ammunition from a field at Pungtigram union of Chirirbandar upazila on the

NANDAIL

Two cowlifters beaten to death

From Our Correspondent April 28: Two alleged cowlifters were beaten to

death at Trishal Upazila by agitated mob recently. It is learnt that Kaslom Ali (38) and Kashem (40) who allegedly created panic in the locality by stealing cattlehead of the peasants were attacked by the angry villagers of Dhani Khola and adjoining areas They were given a good beat ing. Consequently both the

MAULVI BAZAR Academic feat

victims died on the spot.

From Our Correspondent April 28 : Two sisters Mahmuda Zabeen and Fahmida Zabeen of Ali Amzac Government Primary School



Mahmuda Zabeen (left) and Fahmida Zabeen (right). - Star photo

got primary scholarship in the primary scholarship examination of 1990 in Chittagong

Mahmuda and Fahmida are daughters of journalist Golam Mohit Khan.

MYMENSINGH One killed in clash

From Our Correspondent

April 28: One person was killed and 14 others were injured in a clash for the possession of a primary school at Amin Danguri village of Balipura Union Parishad under Trishal Upazila.

It is reported that on the Eid-day while a group of people tried to forcibly capture a damaged non-government primary school of that village. the villagers challenged them. At this the armed opponents attacked the villagers and Asmat Ali (40) was seriously injured and admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Later on, he died in the hospital on April 20 and the other seriously injured Alizuddin (60) is under treatment at Trishal upazila hospi-

It is alleged that some influential persons of that village had been making conspiracy against the school for a long time.

They appointed some new teachers for the school terminating the founder teachers of the school. They were making plans to construct the school under their control abolishing the old one.



Visitors at a Baishakhi Mela at a Manikganj upazila.

- Star photo

Drought hits standing crops

SHERPUR, Apr 28: The drought situation in the district has aggravated further with the alarming fall in water level in most of the rivers, reports UNB.

Vast tract of IRRI and Boro lands are drying up due to lack of irrigation facilities. Most of the deep and shallow tubewells remained inoperative due to abnormal fall in ground water

According to Agriculture Extension Department about 25 per cent of the standing crops has already been damaged due to continued drought.

SATKHIRA, Apr 28: Acute

According to knowledgeable

shortage of bullocks has been

prevailing throughout the

district for a long time causing

serious dislocation to cultiva-

sources, 40 to 50 per cent

families have no bullocks to till

their lands. Consequently,

about 30 per cent land in the

district cannot be cultivated

properly resulting in poor

production every year. Most

farmers carry on agricultural

work on share crop basis as

the cannot afford to buy bul-

locks or cows due to the sharp

veals that every year various

diseases take a heavy toll of

cattlehead while some alleged

that greedy cobblers were poi-

soning the cows to death in

different places of the district

only to have skins. Cattle lifting

is rampant in Satkhira district.

tering of bullocks has in-

creased to a great extent fol-

lowing scarcity of fish in the

markets. Hundreds of bullocks

are being slaughtered every

being taken to combat animal

diseases. The condition of vet-

erinary hospitals is miserable

and acute shortage of staff and

No effective measures are

week in the district.

On the other hand, slaugh-

A survey in this respect re-

rise in their prices.

Moreover, irrigation works are being hampered greatly due to rise in fuel prices and irregular supply of electricity. Diesel is being sold at a price much higher than the government rate, it is alleged.

The buds of seasonal fruits like mangoes, lichis, and jackfruits are also being dried up due to persisting dry spell throughout the district. At least 1,000 hand driven,

shallow and deep tubewells in the district have gone out of order due to abnormal fall in underground water level.

Public Health Engineering

Draft animal shortage

hampers farming

From Our Correspondent

medicines have been prevail-

been prevailing in the district

which compelled the poor

and middle class farmers to

fields and arrangement for

fodder at cheaper price and

necessary measures for com-

bating cattle diseases, are now

urgently needed for develop-

Kishoreganj

Our Kishoregani Corres-

Acute shortage of bullocks has

been prevailing in all the 13

upazilas of Kishoreganj district

for the last six years hamper-

sources, more than 75 per

cent families have no bullocks

of their own to till the lands.

area of lands remain unculti-

vated every year. Most of the

farmers carry on their agricul

tural works on share basis as

they are unable to purchase

bullocks and cows due to the

is sold at Taka 12,000 to Taka

At present a pair of bullocks

Sometimes the farmers till

sharp rise in their prices.

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According to the informed

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pondent adds:

ing cultivation.

Provision of proper grazing

sell their cows and bullocks.

Acute scarcity of fodder has

ing here.

Department (PHE) sources said water level in Jhenaigati and Nalitabari upazilas went down to 50 feet adding that almost all the tubewells including Sadar upazila will be rendered inoperative, if water level goes down to two feet further.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation sources said 30 per cent tubewells used for irrigation in the district have already gone out of order.

PHE has already started sinking 508 hand tubewells at Nalitabari and another 228 at

their lands with spades. Many

of them even use mileh eews

to cultivate the land resulting

in gradual reduction in the

take heavy toll of cattle head

every year and natural calami-

ties also take the lives of the

bullocks. Moreover, a large

number of cattlehead die due

to floods. Besides, it is alleged

that some cobblers are found

poisoning cattlehead in differ-

ent places of the district only

tering of bullocks has in-

creased to a great extent fol-

lowing the scarcity of fish in

hand take heavy toll of cattle.

The disease cannot be eradi-

cated due to the miserable

condition of the veterinary

hospitals where acute scarcity

of medicine is a common fea-

Taking advantage of the sit-

uation, a section of cow traders

is purchasing hundreds of

cows and bullocks from the

farmers at the nominal prices

and supplied the some to dif-

ferent places for slaughtering.

If this trend continues for in-

definite period cultivation

would be hampered badly, it is

Epidemics on the other

On the other hand, slaugh

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production of milk.

to collect skins.

the markets.

apprehended.

Jhenaigati upazilas. Meanwhile, drought situa-

tion in five upazilas of the district deteriorated further with large scale damage to paddy due to lack of rainfall during the last one month. The affected upazials are:

Sherpur sadar, Nalitabari Jhenaigati, Nokhla and Srbordi.

District Agriculture Extension Department sources said IRRI-Boro target in 1,50,000 acres of land may not be achieved due to the persisting drought situation.

Primary Education Week ends MYMENSINGH, Apr 28:

National Primary Education Week-91 concluded here Wednesday under the auspices of National Academy for Primary Education (NAPE). Mymensingh, reports BSS.

week included selection of the best teachers on national basis. literary and cultural competition for children of primary schools and exhibition of educational equipment.

Assistant Teacher, Tangirpar under Chandpur district was selected the best teacher of primary schools of the country. He was awarded a cash prize of Taka 10,000.

teacher No. 7 Madhya Charol Government Primary School under Thakurgaon district and Md Shafiqul Alam, head teacher. Salim Jailpara Government Primary School under Nababgani district were adjudged as the second and the third best teachers in the country and were awarded Taka 8,000 and Taka 7,000 respectively.

The Academy also gave away cash prizes to 18 children for their best performance on recitation, dance, extempore speech, drawing, song and drama.

Presided over by Professor Muhammad Abul Hussain. MP and Mukarram Hussain. Director (acting) NAPE.

Education Minister AQM

Badruddoza Chowdhury was present as chief guest on the concluding day and distributed medals, certificates and cash prizes among the best teach-The programme of the

AKM Abdus Shakur.

Government Primary School Md Majibor Rahman, head

Director General, Primary Education the function was addressed by AKM Fazlul Haq

2 killed in Barisal road accident BARISAL, Apr 28: Two per-

sons were killed in two separate road accident in Barisal district recently, a police source said, reports BSS.

with unemployment.

One Md Yusuf Ali (25), a village doctor, was knocked down by a truck near Natullabad bridge on April 18. He was sent to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his iniuries. Another person Md Mamun

(12) was ran over by a bus near Sanuhar village under Wazirpur upazila of the district on the

10, 029 acres khas land distributed

From Our Correspondent

BHOLA, Apr 28: A total of 10,029 acres of khas land were distributed among 6887 landless families in seven upazilas of the district. A revenue department

source said that the land was distributed for rehabilitation of the members of there distressed families. Of the total land, 1305

acres were distributed among the members of 928 families of Bhola Sadar upazila, 3590 acres among the members of 2398, families in Daulat Khan upazila, 144 acres among the members of 120 families in Borhanuddin, 1795 acres among the members of 1197 families, in Tazumuddin, 793 acres among the members of 543 families in Lalmohan upazila, 1206 acres of land among the members of 909 families in Charfession upazilas. 1194 acres among the members of 796 families in Monpura upazilas.

Production in Calico Cotton Mills suspended

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Apr 28: Production of pushing the mills towards to in Calico Cotton Mills has been closure. Conspiracy is going on shift the mills to Dhaka, it is suspended and about 600 emalleged. ployees and workers of the

mills have been threatened The workers and employees are facing severe hardships as It is learnt that internal they are not getting their squabbles among the directors

salary for seven months. Board of Directors is reportedly trying to secretly sell out yarn worth nearly five crore Taka. Raw cotton is being stacked in mill godown where all Directors were staying while few security guards are protecting the mill proper-

Management also took atleast four crore Taka loan from various banks following denationalisation several years back but did not invest even one fourth of it towards the uplift of the mill but allegedly utilised the said money in other business.

The management even created disunity and armed grouping among the workers and employees although major section of the workers is trying to protect the mill properties and demanding immediate reopening of the mills and payment of arrear dues.

'Neem' trees on the wane

From Our Correspondent MADARIPUR, Apr 28: The

'Neem' trees in Madaripur, Shariatpur. Gopalganj. Faridpur and Rajbari districts of the greater Faridpur zone are on the wane due chiefly to lack of proper orientation. plantation programme and maintenance. The region was once rich in

Neem trees. There were countless Neem trees in the vast fallow land of the region but most of these trees are de-

In the villages the use of twigs of the Neem tree as effective tooth brushes is in vogue and the leaves are used as remover of blemishes on the skin. Neem tree may be effective in combating malaria. It may also be used as pesticide.

The experienced cricle opined that people should be given advice to grow Neem tree methodically.

2 killed, 20 hurt in Rangpur clash

RANGPUR, Apr 28: Two people were killed and 20 others injured, three of them seriously, in a clash Thursday between two rival groups at Gopalpur village of Badargani upazila of the district, police said, reports UNB.

The deceased were identified as Hafizul Islam (30) and Lutfar Rahman (40). Seriously injured Motiur (50). Mokbul (40) and Abul Kalam (30) were rushed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. The condition of Mokbul was stated to be critical.

The clash was backlash of an incident on April 22 when one Sultana Begum (15). daughter of a rickshawpuller Solaiman of Ramjebon village under Sadar upazila was kidnapped from Shyampur-Palichara road of the village. Sultana was allegedly ab-

ducted by Amzad and Abu Ali while she was returning home with her parent at 11 pm from Rangpur railway station. Amzad allegedly took her to his home village Gopalpur of Badargani upazila. Sultana is yet to be rescued.

The clash spread among the villagers of Khatabari, Fajilkhan, Ramjebon, Nayabpakur of Sadar upazila and Gopalpur village under Badargangi

Police arrested six people in this connection and temporary police camps were set up at Gopalpur and Katabari vil lage to avoid further clashes.

Tense situation is prevailing in the areas and separate cases were lodged in this connection with Badarganj and Kotwali po-

Mysterious disease claims 10 lives

With the death of one more child the death toll of a mysterious disease rises to 10. hospital sources said here to-

According to sources, nine children died of the disease at Kismotpur and Talpoti of Gongachara upazila and Nagirdha and Horinchara village of Kaunia upazila during the last week.

The unidentified victim (8) of Horinchara village in Kaunia upazila died on Friday creating panie among the villagers.

Villagers said the children at first were attacked by fever and cough and became blind and then died.

Civil Surgeon along with the Deputy Commissioner visited the affected areas. A number of medical teams are working to combat the disease, the sources added.

Police Superintendent Md.

Azizur Rahman, ADMM Md.

Mosharaf Hossain Bhuiyan,

A.S.P Sadar circle, Upazila

Chairman and the UNO's of all

upazilas and officials and other

The overall law and order

members of the committee.

Loadshedding hampers industrial production

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 28: Frequent power failure and loadshedding have become a regular feature in Bajitpur town and its adjoining areas causing much inconvenience to the residents and heavy loss to the businessmen and industrialists.

Town dwellers complained

that the areas plunge into darkness almost every day giving rise to anti-social activities. Many electric and electronic household gadgets have become inoperative due to erratic power supply. Production in the local mills and workshops including irrigation in the IRRI-Boro blocks have also been affected. The price hike of food stuffs in the markets is largely attributed to the fre-

quent power failure as people cannot crush their paddy and wheat due to power disruption. Owners of the factories and mills alleged that frequent power failure has decreased the production causing huge economic loss. Local people said despite

repeated appeals Power Development Board has paid a deaf ear in the matter.

Law, order discussed

The monthly law and order meeting o committee Kishoreganj district was held at the DC's Conference Hall with Deputy Commissioner Kazi Nazrul Islam in the chair recently.

Among others it was attended by Mr. Lutfor Rahman.

situation prevailing in the town and other places of the district were reviewed in the meeting and the members of the law enforcing agencies were directed to gear up their activities for further improvement of law and order situation. Decisions were also taken in the meeting to check the activities of the anti-social ele ments and vested interests for maintaining peace in the society and to ensure security of life and property of the people

Notes from Narayanganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 28 Police recovered at least 25 bundles of aluminium wire worth about Taka two lakh from a deserted boat Baiddar Bazar Ghat under Sonargaon upazila recently.

None has been arrested in this connection. A case has been filed with the local police.

Fatema (20) a young girl was rescued by Narayanganj thana police from Tanbazar red light area on April 20. Marzina, a member of a gang in women trafficking took Fatema from Kamalapur Railway Station to Tanbazar brothel to offer her a better employment. Listening the hue and cry of Fatema patrol police rushed to the spot and rescued her.

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

A dead body of an unknown young girl was recovered by Sonargaon thana police from Kaikartak Bazar area on April Police suspected that the

girl was throttled to death after rape. The body was sent to Narayangani General Hospital morgue for post



Due to a sharp fall in underground water level most tubewells in northern districts have choked up resulting in water crisis. Photo shows in Sirajganj town, a boy being bathed by his elder sister in a way that the drenched water does not go waste.