Upazila roundup

C'NAWABGANJ

Draft cattle shortage hampers farming

June 18: Acute shortage of bullocks has been prevailing throughout the district for quite some time hampering cultivation, reports UNB.

According to sources, 40 to 45 per cent farmers of the district have no bullocks to till their lands. As a result, about 25 per cent land remains uncultivated every year. The poor farmers carry on agricultural work on share basis as they can not afford to buy bullocks.

Moreover, prices of bullocks have gone beyond the purchasing capacity of the marginal farmers in the aftermath of the April 29 devastating cyclone and tidal bore. At present a pair of bullocks is being sold between Taka 8,000 and Taka 12,000 in the markets. The farmers often hire bullocks to cultivate their lánds.

Many of the farmers even use milch cows to till their lands resulting in gradual reduction of milk output.

Besides, various diseases ltke Khura, Golafula and Enthrax claim a heavy toll of cattleheads every year. No effective measures have yet been taken to curb diseases by the veterinary department.

The veterinary hospital in the district also lacks necessary medicines and vaccination causing inconveniences to the farmers.

On the other hand, slaughtering of bullocks has increased to a great extent following scarcity of fish in the market. Poor farmers have been compelled to sell their bullocks and cows due to prevailing acute scarcity of fodder.

FARIDPUR

Teacher killed

June 18: Headmaster of Char Pukuria Government Primary School under Modhukhali upazila was found hanging from a banyan tree near the school, police here said, reports UNB.

Family sources said the victim Nabir Hossain Nabin (45) was killed by some miscreants on June 7 over a land dispute and hanged him to hush up the murder.

A case has been filed with the local police.

Meanwhile, a six-year old girl was run over by a speeding motor car at Komorpur on Faridpur-Rajbari highway on June 9.

The victim Beauty was hit while crossing the road. She was rushed to the hospital where the doctors declared

her dead. Kotowali police said the car belongs to a foreign firm, en-

gaged in expansion work of Daulatdia-Hushtia highway. Three passengers of the car were also injured in the

mishap. Police, however, seized the car and a case has been regis-

tered in this connection.

GAZIPUR

Wife beaten to death

From Our Correspondent June 18: Nazma Akter (22) fifth wife of Kafiluddin (65) of village Chapair was beaten to death by her husband recently. According to police, Kafiluddin an elderly businessman at Kaliakair Bazar married Nazma, a destitute young woman of village Boalchala in the same upazila about two years ago. On the fateful night a quarrel took place between the couple and

Nazma was beaten to death. Kaliakair police recovered the body and sent it to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

KISHOREGANJ

Beggars on rise

From Our Correspondent June 18: Beggars are on the rise in the town creating much inconveniences to the dwellers.

The beggars mostly floating control. people affected by the natural calamities are pouring into the town in large number from rural areas with the hope of bet-

ter earnings. Town-dwellers complained that with their influx various infectious diseases have broken out in the town. These destitute people regularly respond to nature's call in open drains and road sides polluting

the environment. It is alleged that same female beggars have allegedly resorted to prostitution for their sustenance giving rise to antisocial activities in the town.

Elders of the town have urged the district administration to take up a scheme for their rehabilitation at the outskirts of the town and help save the dwellers from inconveniences.

JHENIDAH

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent June 18: Being failed to

bear pregnancy pain a young housewife committed suicide at village Khoshalpur under Kaligang upazila of Jhenidah district recently.

Family sources said the housewife Mrittika (18), wife of Nonigopal committed suicide under the wheels of a running train near the residence of her husband at early morning. She left behind minor son.

An unnatural death case was recorded with Kaligong police station.

BARISAL

12,000 bundles CI sheet allocated

June 18: About 12,000 bundles of corrugated iron sheet have been allocated for reconstruction of houses damaged by the late April cyclone and tidal surge in six southern districts. reports UNB.

The sheets will be dis tributed among the affected people of Barisal, Patuakhali, Jhalakati, Bhola, Borguna and Pirojpur under the post-cyclone rehabilitation programme.

According to district wisc breakdown, 6000 bundles of CI sheets will be distributed in Bhola, 1800 bundles in Barisal, 1100 bundles in Borguna, 600 bundles in Jhalakati, 500 bundles in Pirojpur and 1800 bundles in Patuakhali.

Besides, reconstruction of damaged embankments in the coastal areas of the districts has already started.

Illegal slaughtering

Indiscriminate growth of markets and slaughter houses, dumping of garbages and defecation in open places have been posing threat to health and sanitation in the town.

According to sources, sick animals like cows, buffaloes, sheep and goats are slaughtered in make-shift slaughter houses which are left uncleaned.

Garbages and household trash are thrown here and there causing environmental degradation. Defecation in open drains adjacent to shopping centers has been polluting the areas in and around.

Markets have sprang up like mushrooms at different places affecting the movement of pedestrians and vehicles.

Local people have been demanding suitable measures to ensure sanitation in the town

MAULVIBAZAR

Relief goods distributed

From Our Correspondent June 18: Students of Shah Helal High School, Maulvibazar distributed relief goods among the flood affected people of Akhailkura and Chadnighat unions under Sadar upazila. The relief materials include

sharees and old cloths. BOGRA

2 die of diarrhoea

From Our Correspondent June 18: Two persons A Salam and Qyumuddin died and 20 others attacked by di arrhoea in village Haludghar under Adamdighi upazila in Bogra. Of the afflicted persons Rabeya Khatun, Monzur Rahman, Helena Khatun, Zahedul Islam, Parul with her minor child and Mazeda were shifted to local health complex.

A medical team working in the village, it is learnt.

According to local physicians, there are diarrhoeal patients in several other villages in the area. The disease may spread in an epidemic form if it cannot be brought under

Two teen aged girls allegedly committed suicide un der the wheel of running train recently.

According to a report, one Zobeda Khatun (18) daughter of Oliullah of village Lafapara under Dupchanchia upazila in Bogra allegedly committed suieide under the wheel of Karatoa intercity Express train near Talora Railway Station in Santahar-Bonarpara section. The deceased was married only a week ago. The cause of her committing suicide could not known immedi-

Another report says that one unidentified woman was run over by a Santahar bound Express train recently in between Nasaratpur and Altafnagar stations and died on the



NARSINGDI: While people are confined in houses during heavy downpour, these two boys braving the inclement weather have set out for unknown destination with rickshaw tyres, the only sports equipment they have at hand. - Star Photo.

Pourasava land under illegal occupation

MADARIPUR, June 18: Seventy acres of land worth Taka 2.50 crore of Madaripur pourasava are going to be under illegal occupation because of negligence of the authority concerned.

This property of pourasava from Amirabad to Kalibari up to Tennis Club, both sides of Hamid Akhand road, front area of Eidgah Maidan, surrounding area of pourasava is being occupied by houses, buildings, shops and markets due to negligence of concerned authority. Some of the the occupants

ings or shops without any approved base. According to Bangladesh Municipal Act, none is allowed to construct on pourasava land.

CHUADANGA, June 18: One

Abdul Quddus of village Dhopa

Bila under Kotchandpur upazila

of Jhenidah district was ar-

rested by the railway police

recently while he was fleeing

away after snatching a rifle

from one Mahtab Ali, a rail po-

lice who was on duty at on 505

up local train at Ansarbaria

railway station under

Chuadanga district on Poradah-

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Bodies of 2

women recovered

bodies of women were recov-

ered from two upazilas of the

district, police said here today.

unidentified woman (25) was

recovered from a cropfield in

village Mirjapur under Mad-

hukandi upazila on June 13.

She had a black petticoat and

an orange-coloured blouse on.

women was violated before

Nirmal Khatoon (18).

housewife of village Bramman-

para under Bhanga upazila was

found in a pond near sadar

former husband of Nirmal

Khatoon, who is allegedly a

member of Sarbahara Party

72 uplift schemes

implemented

total of 72 uplift projects have

of the district under food for

works programme, reports

were implemented in Sadar,

20 in Bauphal, 16 in Galachipa,

eight in Mirzaganj and seven

each in Kalapara and Dashmina

upazilas of the district during

the current season, official

of wheat were sanctioned for

which included construction

development of playgrounds.

sources said.

Of the total, 14 projects

PATUAKHALI, June 18: A

It was alleged that the

hospital on June 12.

might have killed her.

Police suspected that the

The body of another woman

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reports UNB.

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FARIDPUR, June 18: Two

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Khulna rail route.

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them have constructed build-

Even the pourasava has no legal authority to lease out its land more than one year to other party.

According to the Chairman of Madaripur Pourasava, the pourasava is deprived of revenue amounting to Taka nine lakh per year as most of them do not pay tax regularly but few of them pay nominal tax from which only Taka 40,000 per year is realised as revenue.

Meanwhile, the pourasava has taken steps to recover its property at CharMugria, Millgate, Puran Bazar and poura market from unauthorised possessors. Unlicensed medicine

shops

Bid to snatch away

rifle foiled

From Our Correspondent

Mushroom growth of unlicensed medicine shops have

about a gang of dacoits num-

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tacked the rail police Mahtab

Ali and snatched away his rifle

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tion and a child youth painting

competition concluded here at

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painting competition were ar

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Chuadanga Shahitto Parishad.

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try on June 3.

From Our Correspondent been creating hazards in

health sector of the district. It is learnt that there are about 300 unlicensed medi- ficers serving in different cine shops in Madaripur district which are multiplying every year.

They are increasing like grocery shops in remote areas. In some villages of Madaripur Sadar, Kalkini, Rajoir and Shibchar upazilas it was observed that life saving drugs including antibiotics are sold rampantly without any prescription of registered medical practitioner. These shopkeepers are popularly known as doctors "shahibs" who hold no experience nor any practical training in the field of treatment.

BCL wins

Netrokona

college

union polls

NETROKONA, June 18

Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-

A) won all the 19 seats of the

Netrokona Government

College students union elec-

tions, held yesterday, college

authorities said here today.

Navan Dutta and Mokhlesur

reports UNB.

Drug addictions are on increase in the village areas as

tranquillisers are sold to anybody without any restriction. Moreover, some medical of-

upazila hospitals use these medicine shops as their private chambers. Polythene hazards Polythene bags dumped indiscriminately in drains are

posing threat to health and

sanitation of the town

dwellers. According to the sources, these bags block easy flow of rain water and the accumulated filth and dirt are causing environmental pollution.

Local elite have called for creating awareness among the people about the hazardous effects of polythene bags. Transplanted Aman farming
A total 6,06,788 acres have

been brought under intensive transplanted Aman cultivation in eight southern districts under Faridpur, Barisal agricul tural zone during the current

According to an official source, production target has been fixed at 2,85,190 metric tons in terms of rice this year. Of the total acerage 1,17,572 acres in Faridpur, 1,25,804 acres in Madaripur 12,788 acres in Gopalganj, 54,093 acres in Rajbari, 1,05,397 acres in Shariatpur, 40,028 acres in Barisal 33,510 acres in Pirojpur and 2,500 acres brought under the programme in Jhalkati district.

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suicide

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(17), son of Ful Mia killed himself recently after being frustrated by what his relatives said, dissention in the family.

Another report says: Magura police recovered 19 Indian cows from the ferry ghat of Binodpur under Sadar upazila. The cows were being

Acting on a tip, local police raided the ghat area and seized the cows worth about

25,375 put under jute farming

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Substandard life saving drugs have flooded the markets. It is alleged that fungus.

flies etc are often found in many drug containers including saline and injection. The intake of these contam-inated drugs have endangered the lives of patients.

KISHOREGANJ, June 18

The mushroom growth of many drug companies are manufacturing the substandard drugs. These companies do not bother to obtain certificates from the concerned authorities and market their products

A section of physicians is also patronising these substandard medicines. Patients complain that the agents of drug companies allure the physicians to prescribe their products by presents. The quacks in the villages freely prescribe be inscribed on the bottle or these medicines as they are ampules of medicines. available at a cheaper rate.

The poor villagers use these medicines and do not get any benefit. Many medicine shops are found both in rural and urban areas without drug licences which are compulsory for all drug business.

The knowledgeable circles suggested that no drug should be marketed without the test certificate of the concerned authorities. The monogram of the testing authorities should

Exemplary punishment should be awarded to the man ufacturers of substandard medicines, it is widely felt.



and repair of roads, embank-Water Development Board pipes and other instruments used for dredging lying uncared for, ments and institutions, cleanover a long period which ultimately will cause heavy financial loss to the Board in ing of bushes and canals, and Narayanganj. -Star Photo.

the local government college Rahman Khan have been Abdus Sattar entered the elected as Vice-President and house of one Osman Mia of General Secretary respectively Ujan Bariatia village by breakdal bore and flood of the counof the college union. ing open the door at dead of Immediately after the announcement of the results tonight and took his 16 years The art exhibition and the old daughter named Fatema day, a group of agitated sturanged by the Khulna Art Coldents ransacked 14 rooms o

One Hazrat Ali (35), son of Janabali of village Ujanbariatia in Karimganj upazila was stabbed to death by miscre-

ants while he tried to rescue his niece from them on May

According to reports, a gang of miscreants led by one Khatun forcibly to a boat. Hearing the hue and cry of the

at Kishoreganj From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, June 18 lagers including the maternal uncle Hazrat Ali gheraoed the

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parents of the girl the vil-

miscreants. Hazrat Ali sustained severe stab injuries in the scuffle and died on the spot. The miscreants then fled away leaving the girl. It deserves mention here

that Abdus Sattar of the same village proposed to marry Fatema Khatun a few days ago but her parents refused the proposal. A case has been registered with Karimganj police station in this connection. None was arrested so far.

Additional Police Super S.M Golam Mostafa visited the spot. The body was sent to the Kishoregani Sadar Hospital for postmortem .

Dacoit escapes hajat An alleged dacoit named

Dulal of village Charkawna in Pakundia upazila escaped from Hossainpur upazila court hajat on Thursday night. Dulal, son of Mia Hossain was arrested by Hossainpur police in connection with a dacoity case on June 12 and he was produced before the upazila magistrate court the following day. Police kept the accused in the court hajat at night. At one stage Dulal managed to escape from the court hajat.

Four police constables Abdul Gani, Habibur Rahman, Azimuddin and Abu Zafar were put under suspension for negligence of duty.

When contacted SP of Kishoregoni confirmed the matter. Additional Police Super S.M. Golam Mostafa visited the spot to enquire into the matter.

Jamalpur Coop Assoc meet held

JAMALPUR, June 18: The seventh annual general meeting of Jamalpur Sadar Upazila Central Cooperative Associa tion and Bank was held at Upazila Training Centre on Sunday, reports BSS.

Mohammad Gajiur Rahman the meeting was addressed among others, by Mohammad Abdul Gafur, Joint Director, **Bangladesh Rural Development** Board as chief guest and Professor Abdul Hamid, Upazila Chairman and Burhanuddin, Deputy Director, Rural Development Board. Mr Asanullah, unit Secretary Upazila Rural Development Board read out annual report and placed budget for the year 1991-92.

Chaired by unit Chairman

Ticketless train passengers fined Tk 3900

BRAHMANBARIA, June 18: An amount of Taka 3900 has been realised as fine from the rail passengers of Bhairab bound Balla local train, reports

A mobile court headed by Dr. Golam Rabbani, sadar upazila Magistrate recently conducted an operation in the train and realised the amount as fine from passengers travelling without tickets. The magistrate was accompanied with local thana staff and GRP men. According to informed sou-

rces, three passengers were sent to jail hajat for 7 days as punishment when they failed to pay their fines. The station master said sale

proceeds increased after the mobile court drive. Medicare absent

Medicare services have

been affected adversely by lack of accommodation, shortage of medicines and doctors in Kasba health complex. According to hospital sou-

rces, patients pour in large numbers every day but 31 beds can not cope with the rising

Notes from Magura MAGURA, June 18: Indis-

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