

Upazila roundup

BARISAL

River erosion takes serious turn

July 11: River erosion in Barisal and Bhola districts, which already washed away many villages, is feared to take a serious turn as rainfall intensified, reports UNB.

Thousands of families have been rendered homeless due to continuous erosion of the river Kirtonkhola in Charkana and Charmonat unions of the district. Hundreds of acres of cultivable land have also been devoured by the river.

In Bhola, at least 600 families were made homeless in Ilisha, Gazipur, Gangarampur, Kachia, Shibpur, Dhunia and Nazirpur areas along the Meghna and Tetulia rivers. Erosion engulfed at least 200 acres of land in these areas.

Hundreds of displaced families have taken shelter on the embankment and are living without any relief materials, according to sources.

upazila, 44 ducks and 22 hens among 22 families of Achanpur and Baliadi cluster villages of Bajitpur upazila and 96 ducks among 24 families of Chyasuti (Santana) and Manuharpur cluster villages of Kulliarchar upazila.

AED also has set up 290 demonstration plots in nine cluster villages of the district to acquaint the farmers with modern methods of vegetable cultivation during the current season.

ARICHA

Move to repost traffic officer protested

July 11: Bangladesh Inter-District Truck Drivers' Union yesterday protested a move for reposting of traffic officer Mosharrif Hossain Hawlader at Aricha ferry ghat, reports UNB.

In a statement, the drivers union said Mosharrif Hossain was earlier posted twice at Arichaghat but failed to prove his worth in ferrying transport.

The union also said the present traffic officer Rafiqul Huq was posted at Aricha a month back and has been conducting the ferry service smoothly and efficiently.

They threatened to stop the ferry service if the present traffic officer is transferred from Aricha ghat.

The union leaders will hold the BIWTC authority responsible for any unrest among transport workers at the ghat, the statement said.

PABNA

50,000 children suffer from malnutrition

July 11: About 50,000 children have been suffering from malnutrition in nine upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

According to a survey report of the District Administration, due to price hikes of vegetables, fish, beef, mutton and other essentials, poverty stricken people of the district cannot afford to supply nutritious food to their children.

As a result, children are being prey to malnutrition leading to their suffering from various diseases.

Moreover, lack of proper treatment facilities and requisite medicines in hospital and health centres has aggravated the situation.

Social workers urged the authorities to undertake motivation campaign to make the people aware of the preventive measures of the diseases and ensure smooth supply of necessary medicines to hospital and health centres.

JHENIDAH

2 witnesses in 'Pir' Matiur's case examined

July 11: The Additional District Magistrate court Jhenidah examined two witnesses in the case against Pir Matiur Rahman (retired Major) on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The witnesses were watcher constable Joadali and doctor Habibur Rahman. Five other witnesses were examined on Sunday and Monday. They were Shushil Ghosh, Subrata Ghosh, Prof. Asadur Rahman, Gharani Ghosh and Debrata Ghosh (DEBU).

Pir Matiur Rahman, Mofazzel Hossain and Abdul Mannan were charge sheeted for kidnapping and concealing a minor boy under section 365 and 368.

Senior Advocate Badtuzzaman, M A Majid and Rajab Ali appeared for the accused while APP Khan Zahurul Islam appeared for the govt side.

TANGAIL

Seminar on responsibilities of mankind

July 11: Tangail Dhulcher Madrasa held a seminar recently on the duties and responsibilities of mankind to his creator and other creations, reports BSS.

Maulana Abdul Mazid Banarjee, a converted Muslim of Noakhali was the main speaker. Principal Md Abdul Aziz presided over the meeting.

Maulana Banarjee explained the subject in the light of Quran and Hadith and stressed the need for acquiring Islamic knowledge through devotion and research to achieve peace.

SATKHIRA

Heroin recovered

July 11: The law enforcing personnel Tuesday recovered 400 grams of heroin worth about Taka four lakh from the possession of a young man at Jhaudanga check post under Sadar upazila, reports BSS.

A Bangladesh Rifles source said the accused Isaril Islam of village Kaundanga has been arrested. A case has been filed in this connection with Satkhira police station.

KISHOREGANJ

540 ducks will be distributed free of cost

From Our Correspondent

July 11: A scheme has been taken up to distribute 540 ducks and 106 hens worth about Taka 35,040 free of cost among the distressed families of nine cluster villages in six upazilas of the district.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED), 32 ducks and 32 hens will be distributed under 'swastivrar programme' among 16 families of Para Bhangra cluster village of the district.

About 250 ducks will also be distributed among 50 families of Palakanda cluster village of Karimganj upazila. 40 ducks among eight families of Kamalpur cluster village in Mitamain upazila, 78 ducks and 52 hens among 26 families of Hossaindi and Charkhana cluster villages in Pakundia

NETRAKONA

Red Crescent executives

July 11: The election of Netrakona unit of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society was held at the public hall here recently, reports BSS.

Hafizur Rahman Khan Wares and Fazlur Rahman Khan were elected Vice-Chairman and General Secretary respectively of the unit.

RANGPUR

SPGRC chief patron observes hunger strike

July 11 Chief patron of Stranded Pakistani General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) M Nasim Khan observed a 12-hour token hunger strike in front of Deputy Commissioner's office here Saturday to press home their demand for early repatriation, reports UNB.

Addressing a news conference the SPGRC leader denounced the holding of tripartite dialogue among Rabita, Pakistan and SPGRC for early repatriation of about three lakh stranded ethnic minority either in Dhaka or Islamabad.



PABNA: Most city and district town footpaths are occupied by vendors causing traffic jam and troubles to the passers-by. Photo shows a vendor selling pineapple occupying a traffic island on Abdul Hamid Road at Indira Pally.

Drivers violate traffic rules

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 11: Over loaded buses and trucks with reckless driving on different roads connected with Satkhira are posing danger to the lives of the passengers and pedestrians.

Local people complained that bus and truck drivers on Satkhira-Khulna, Satkhira-Jessore, Satkhira-Kaliganj, Satkhira-Paikgachha, and Satkhira-Chapra routes are violating the traffic rules. Besides, they stuff the passengers and even accommodate them on the roofs. Moreover, passenger buses are loaded with different goods. On the other hand undue delay in unloading goods from trucks and buses at the

busy district towns causes much sufferings to the passengers. The shopkeepers on both the sides raise objection often but no action has yet been taken in this regard.

Local people urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take necessary steps to mitigate the sufferings of the general public.

Sanitation

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

According to the sources, sick animals like are slaughtered in make shift slaughter

houses which are left uncleaned. Garbage and household trash are thrown in to open places causing environmental degradation, defecation in open drains adjacent to shopping centres are polluting the areas in and around the markets have been sprang up like mushrooms at different places affecting the movement of pedestrians and vehicles.

Local people demanded appropriate measures to ensure sanitation in the town area.

Notes books

Note books are being sold with impunity in almost all the book stalls in the town despite government ban. Government has banned

notebooks upto class VIII to discourage the dependence of the students of prepared answers. But measures are nil regarding execution of the order by the concerned authorities of the district.

Moreover, book traders are publishing substandard notebooks with fictitious names of authors and publishers which is full of errors and distortion of facts. These books are being sold at exorbitant prices in different markets of the district.

Guardians complained that books stall owners do not sell text books without notes.

Local elite urged the authorities to take immediate steps in this regard.

Code of conduct for student politics underscored

Agri-Varsity (Mymensingh), July 11: The Academic Council of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in a meeting held on July 8 expressed deep concern over the alarmingly deteriorating academic atmosphere due to rampant violence and atrocities in the name of student-politics prevailing in various educational institutions and universities, including BAU, says a press release. Terming this undesirable situation as the most serious impediment on our national as well as educational advancement, the meeting laid special emphasis on the mea-

sures to be taken up at national level for permanent solution of this problem of national importance.

Held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium, the meeting was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof. M Asadur Rahman.

The meeting further opined that the lack of mutual tolerance and the absence of mutual respects on political ideologies were the reasons leading to frequent campus unrest and it was absolutely impossible on the part of any University to face or solve the problems alone for the limitations as laid down in the statutes, ordinances and rules of the Universities. The members further stated that the prevailing deteriorating academic

atmosphere had thrown the Universities into the abyss of dismal helplessness, from which they were required to be rescued on priority basis.

In order to uphold the favourable academic atmosphere on the campus, the meeting opined that a code of conduct relating to participation of students in national politics should immediately be formulated and promulgated by the National Parliament.

The meeting further urged up on all concerned including students, teachers, guardians and intelligentsia and leaders of all political parties to extend their all-out supports and co-operations to restore normal academic atmosphere in various educational institutions including BAU.

JCD-BCL clash leaves 20 injured in Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, July 11: At least 20 students were injured, three of them seriously, in a clash between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Chhatra League (BCL) activist of Chandpur Government College Wednesday morning.

The injured are Younus Sharif, president of Chandpur district JCD, Shah Jalal and Majibur Rahman, workers of JCD.

Younus was shifted to PG Hospital in Dhaka in a critical condition.

The college authorities closed the institution for three days following the incident.

The clash occurred when the supporters of the two groups brought out processions in connection with the college student union election.

Police arrested four persons. A case has been filed with Sadar Thana.

TK 17.16 cr for reconstruction of damaged edn. institutions sought

BARISAL, July 11: The zonal relief co-ordination committee here submitted a proposal to the government to sanction an estimated amount of Taka 17.16 crore for repair and reconstruction of damaged educational institutions in six southern districts, reports UNB.

District-wise proposal of the committee is follows: Taka 3.11 crore for 471 schools in Barisal, Taka 1.22 crore for 350 schools in Jhalakati, Taka 45.50 lakh for 930 schools in Pirojpur, Taka 1.6 crore for 336 schools in Bogura, Taka 2.51 crore for 731 schools in Bhola and Taka 8.80 crore for 250 primary schools, 150 secondary madrasahs and 14 colleges in Patuakhali districts.

Students clash in Barguna: One killed

BARGUNA, July 11: A young man was killed and three students were injured during a clash between rival student groups at Amtal College, police said, reports UNB.

Passer-by Jalal Mollah (22) fell on a live wire at a local automobile workshop while fleeing the trouble-spot and was electrocuted.

The clash between Chhatra Oikya Parishad, demanding election to the college union and the local unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) erupted in the afternoon at the college premises and soon spread over the whole area.

The Oikya Parishad started an indefinite hunger strike at the college premises Tuesday demanding immediate student union election.

Three gunned down in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, July 11: Three members of Communist Party were gunned down Sunday evening at Bazar Gopalpu in the Sadar upazila, police said, reports UNB.

Khalil (27), Kalu (28) and Mujbar (30) of the village were chatting in the field in front of UP office when a group of gunmen came up and shot at them, villagers said.

The victims were said to be members of the Haq group of Communist Party, and a rival faction was blamed for the shooting. Ten shots were heard during the operation.

Villagers said the killers, numbering about 10, chanted slogans in name of Purba Bangla, Communist Party during the killings.

At night, they came back to

Nine hurt as JCD factions clash in Comilla

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, July 11: At least nine persons including the General Secretary of district Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) was injured in a clash between two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) workers of Comilla Victoria Government College on Wednesday evening.

The clash occurred on the issue submitting nominations of the college students union election scheduled on July 22. The groups also ransacked the BNP office at Jhautola and damaged a motorcycle in front of the office.

BNP district General Secretary Kamaluddin Chowdhury, Organising Secretary Kazi Momonul Huq and General Secretary of JCD Mostaq Mia were injured in the mele.

The lone goal was scored in the 20th minute of the first half by the forwarder of the winning team.

Six upazila teams are taking part in the tournament.

Mango traders incur loss for wagon shortage

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, July 11: The Mango Traders Association, Dinajpur had a long dialogue with the high level railway officials of Pakshey Division, Western Zone about the problems in transporting mango to different parts of Bangladesh. The discussion was held at Dinajpur Railway Station recently.

Though the railway department earns a huge amount of money by transporting mango from Dinajpur Railway Station, it does not look into the problems and harassments the mango traders face. The high level railway officials give them assurance to mitigate the problems every year, but in reality they have not taken any measure in this regard.

The mango traders of the district alleged that they had to sustain a big loss every year owing to various problems including the lack of adequate number of railway wagons, to unnecessary delay of the mango loaded wagons at different station, including Thakurgaon, Pirganj, Setabgaganj, Dinajpur, Parbatpur, Kaunia, Bonarpura

and Nagarbari ghat in the name of shunting.

It is further alleged that a group of ill-principled railway employees create these artificial problems in order to earn ill money from the mango traders. The officials participated in this talk assured them to alleviate their problems. Mention may be made here that with bumper production of mango this year in Dinajpur the income of the will rise considerably this time.

The Mango Traders Association in a statement urged the Railway Authority to remove the problem for the benefits of the mango traders as well as the consumers. The statement also says that the transport of mango from Dinajpur railway station has almost come to a stop due to the corrupt activities of some employees posted here. They demanded punishment to the employees involved in this unabated corruption.

Notes from Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, July 11: The biennial conference of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Madarganj upazila unit was held at a local girls high school on July 4.

SM Khairul Basher Chisty, Convenor of Jamalpur district unit BNP was the chief guest and it was presided over by Jhangir Alam Jennah, President of Madarganj unit BNP. It was addressed by Sona Miah, Altafur Ahman, Abu Chowdhury and Ilias Murtaza.

A 51-member executive committee was formed with Jahangir Alam-Jennah and Abu Chowdhury as President and General Secretary respectively.

Eid reunion

A general meeting and Eid-reunion of Bangladesh Journalists Association (BJA) of the Jamalpur district unit was held at Jamalpur Press Club on July 5. It was presided over by AKM Mosharrif Hossain. Among others Meherullah, Lublu Ansar, Md Adil, Shaheen Al Amin, MA Jaleel, Gulam Hafiz Bakul and Shafiqzaman addressed it.

Jubo Dal meet

A workers meeting of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, Mahmudpur Union unit under Melandah Upazila was held at Mahmudpur High School ground with Fakrul Alam in the chair.

Among others, it was addressed by Fazlul Qader Helal, Abdus Salam, Abdul Hal Jamali and others.

A 31-member Executive Committee was formed with Fakrul Alam Islam and Abu Baker as President and General Secretary respectively.

BCL meeting

An extended meeting of Bangladesh Chhatra League (pro-AL) Jamalpur district unit was held at its office premises recently. The meeting was presided over by Zahurul Islam and it was addressed by Mafuzul Islam, Narayan Chandra Lal, Reza, Mojibul Islam Dilip and Lunju.

Gulam Azam, MP, from Jamalpur-3 Constituency attended as the chief guest.

One killed by neighbour

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 11: Abdul Gani (45) of village Balaishumul in Kendua upazila was killed by his neighbour recently following an altercation. The victim was hit on the head with a stiff stick and he died on the spot.

A case was registered with Kendua police station in this connection. None has been arrested so far.

The body was sent to the hospital for autopsy.

One gets RI

Akhlaur Rahman Chowdhury, Second Special Tribunal and Additional Sessions Judge, Kishoreganj in a judgement sentenced one Hanibur Rahman alias Habu to suffer rigorous imprisonment for five years and to pay a fine of Taka 1000 in default to suffer RI for another six months for raping a minor girl Nazma.

Nazma (12), daughter of Moti Mia used to live in her maternal uncle's house at Kishoreganj Bazar. The accused on July 28, 1988 night forcibly took Nazma from the house to a solitary place where she was violated.

Police registered a case with Kishoreganj thana and submitted a charge sheet to the court against the accused person.

The judge after examining the evidences and witnesses found Habibur Rahman alias Habu guilty and sentenced him to the aforesaid punishment.



MYMENSINGH: Principal M Matiur Rahman, Chairman, Mymensingh Pourashava speaking as chief guest at the review and planning workshop on Dhaka Divisional Slum Improvement Project at Mymensingh Pourashava conference room recently.