## JAMALPUR Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal meet held

From Our Correspondent July 30: An extended meeting of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal of Melandah Upazila unit was held at the local office with Monwar Hawladar in the chair recently.

Khandkar Ilias Mortaza convener of Jamalpur district unit of Juba Dal attended it as the chief guest

The meeting was addressed among others by Mahbubul Alam, Anwarul Haque, Abdus Salam, Fazlul Qader Helal, Rukunuzzaman Abu, Gias Uddin Jamali, Abdul Hai Talukdar, Jamali, Kajal Meherullah, Abu Baker, Habibur Rahman and Sarwar Hossain.

## SIRAJGANJ

## Prices of essentials up From Our Correspondent

The sudden introduction of VAT has caused adverse effect on the market of Sirajganj.

The prices of all essentials have shot up resulting in the sufferings of the commonman. One kg. soyabean oil sells at Taka 40 which sold at Taka 28 only two days before. Price of

sugar went up to Taka 30 per kg from Taka 27 earlier. The prices of other essential commodities also registered a steep rise over the period of two days after the introduction of VAT (Value Added Tax).

### NANDAIL

## 12 dacoities committed

From Our Correspondent

Twelve dacoities were committed at four villages during the last few days under Halua Chat upazila. The dacoits looted valuables worth about Tk two lakh from the houses.

In one incident a villager was killed on the spot while a clash took place between the miscreants and villagers at village Kangsherkul.

It is learnt that the dacoits were intercepted by the vilout with the looted valuables. At one stage the dacoits attacked Kanchanmian (32) with sharp weapons and he died on the spot.

Separate cases were lodged with Haluaghat police.

## KISHOREGANJ

## Adulterated foodstuff Sold in restaurants

From Our Correspondent

July 30: Adulteration of foodstuff is rampant in almost all hotels and restaurants of the town with the law-enforcing agencies remaining indifferent, consumers alleged. Due to consumption of

adulterated foodstuffs, towndwellers have been suffering from various gas trointestinal ailments. Skin diseases have broken out in an alarming proportion in the area, doctors

They said patients with skin diseases have been pouring into their chambers in large number everyday. Pure edibles like milk, ghee, mustard and soyabean etc are hardly available in the market.

The local pourashava and upazila authorities have sanitary inspectors, but they seldom perform their duties. Some vendors are found selling adulterated foodstuff in front of schools causing stomach aliments to the school children.

## KURIGRAM

## Flood victims in distress

July 30: The flood victims of the district have been passing their days in great distress due to scarcity of food, clothes and medicines, reports UNB.

According to district administration, at least four lakh people in 44 unions of nine upazilas of the district were adversely affected.

At least 11,182 dwellings completely and 11,901 partially were damaged by the flood. Standing crops on 36,667 acres of land totally and 181 acres partially were also damaged, the sources added.

About 1031 kms road with bridges and culverts were destroyed and at least 34 educational institutions totally and

135 partially were damaged. District administration, so far, distributed cash Taka 50,000 and 65 metric tons of foodgrains, 2000 pieces lungies, 100 pieces saries and

100 tons of biscuits among the

flood affected people.

## PABNA

## Rapist kills minor girl

From Our Correspondent July 30: A teenaged girl was killed by a rapist at Chatmohor upazila under the district recently.

The victim Beauty Parvin (11), daughter of Jamsed Ali of the village Sthal under Chatmohor Upazila was allured by Ismail, son of Ibrahim of the same village when she had gone to the market to purchase some potato. lbrahim took her to a nearby room and raped frequently. After that he killed her and put her body in hole at nearby chili-field, with the help of his father Ibrahim.

Police being informed rushed to the spot and recovered the body next day with the help of villagers and it sent to the morgue for au

#### SHARIATPUR

## Power station needed

From A Correspondent July 30: People of

Shariatpur are experiencing much inconveniences in absence of a power station in the district. Mostafapur station of Madaripur controls electricity of the six upazilas of this district thus causing much sufferings to the consumers.

If something happens in one upazila in respect of electricity, all other upazilas plunge into darkness. Low voltage, frequent power failures are the common feature. The study of students and the treatment of patients are hampered due to irregular power

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WAT-induced price hike of industries of six upazilas incur a huge loss.

## PABNA

## Jute production target may fall short

July 30: This year's fute production target is likely to fall short in all the nine upazilas of the district as growers are reluctant to cultivate the natural fibre, reports UNB.

According to sources, farmers are preferring other crops to jute, which has not been fetching good price in the last few years. Market price of jute has

always been much less than the production cost, they said. Officials of the district Agriculture Extension Department feared that land earmarked for jute farming this year may not be covered.

## BORGUNA

## Sub-registrar's office in shambles

July 30: Important documents of landed property of the rural people are getting lost or destroyed due to lack of maintenance in the sub-regis-

trar's office here, reports UNB. According to sources, the office lacks accommodation facilities hampering its normal functioning. In absence of waiting rooms, people from far flung areas are to wait for

hours together in the corridor. The situation becomes precarious in the rainy season. Files and documents kept on the floor of the office get wet by rain water leaking through ceiling and walls.

Both employees and local people have called for shifting of the office to some other building ensuring their safety and better working atmosphere.

## MAGURA

## for family planning clinics

has sanctioned an amount of over Tk. 4.72 lakh for the construction and development of four union family planning clinics in Sadar upazila here during the current fiscal year. reports UNB.

Taken up under annual development programme, local administration sources said the clinics are in Kachundi, Moghi, Hajrapur and Jagdol

Work on the project will start from next month and is expected to be completed by November this year.

planning facilities will be greatly improved after the implementation of the scheme. They said after the attack,

gradually dry up. The worst-affected upazilas



salesman waiting for buyers with the item at a wholesale market in Munshiganj district.

# Pineapple - a juicy fruit is now available in abundance in the markets. Photo shows a

## Theft at Sundarbans rampant

# More rivercraft needed to protect forest resources

SATKHIRA, July 30 : In absence of speedy has rivercrafts out of order.

and necessary staff the Forest Department failed to contain the criminal activities in the Sundarbans. A total of 3,721 thefts of

wood and 'Gol pata' have so far been committed in the Sundarbans during the last few

According to sources, the year-wise thest cases are 1157 in 1987-88, 1667 in 1988-89, 507 in 1989-90 and 390 cases in 1990-91.

Of the total cases filed by the Forest Department 1129 cases were without the names of the thieves 1468 people were arrested with stolen wood and gol leaves. The cases were subsequently settled through the Divisional Forest Officer while 1124 cases have been filed with the respective

According to the Forest Department sources, in last four years Sundarbans incurred loss of several crores Taka.

When contacted, an official of the Sundarbans told that for want of speedy rivercrafts and of shortage of manpower are the causes for the problem.

The source further added that at present there are only two big launches and 12 small launches of which six are out of order. There are also only 12 trawlers, 37 residential boats 22 country boats of which only 14 are in operation. There are 69 dingis and five

On the other hand meat and

fish are beyond the reach of

common man. Mutton and beaf

at Taka 100 and Taka 60 per kg

respectively while Hilsha fish.

Ruhi, Mrigal, Glass Carp, Silver

Carp, Magur, Shingri Koi,

Telapia, Nailotika, at Taka 70

100, 60, 80, 60, 120, 100, 90

60 respectively. Low income

groups of people have been suf-

fering from various diseases due

abean and palm oil are being

smuggled out of the country. It

is alleged that large quantity of

VCR, VCP, copper and brass

soyabean, palm, desel oil, Cl

Traders alleged that soy-

to malnutrition.

## From Our Correspondent

speed boats of which two are

It is further learnt from the source, that with the inadequate number of rivercrafts and insufficient number of employees the Forest Department has been facing innumerable troubles to protect the Sundarbans and combat the crimes and thefts.

A dacoity was committed at the house of Mizanur Rahman of village Nebakhali under Sadar upazila recently . The

dacoits looted valuables worth Taka one lakh.

It is reported that the armed dacoits numbering 10 to 15 raided the house and looted five tolas of gold, 20 tolas of silver and other valuables worth Taka one lakh at gun point. They beat the inmates and the house owner sustained injuries.

A case has been lodged with Satkhira police station. None has been arrested in this con-

and all other available means of

have been paralysing the local

textile industry is the worst

group have been carrying out

the heinous business and a

An organised influential

industries for a long time. The

The incoming contraband

## Smuggling rampant along border areas

transport.

JHENIDAH, July 30: Smuggling has been going on with impunity along the bordering districts of Jhendiah, Jessore, Chuadanga and Meherpur, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Rifles of Jessore and Chuadanga border outposts seized smuggled goods worth about Tk 9.63 crore during the period from January to June this year and arrested 142 smugglers.

Local people alleged that various goods worth lakhs of Taka are being smuggled into the country every night. Similarly, huge amount of goods are also being smuggled out to India through different points from Chougacha to Jibannagar border areas.

Chougacha, Barnishahpur, Goyaspur. Dhopakhali, Shubalpur and Jibannagar are the vital points of smuggling.

The contraband including saree, lungi, sugar, cattleheads, bi-cycles, imitation ornaments, cosmetics, spices, sugar, match box, VCP, VCR electronic goods, brass copper, watch, spares, edible oil and hilsha fish are being smuggled through the borders by trucks, vans, carts, bi-cycles

## after 17 days of burial

BRAHMANBARIA, July 30 The body of Shahara Begum (23) of village Rantkhar in Akhaura upazila here has been exhumed, after 17 days of her

The police exhumed the body recently in presence of Magistrate Md Baharul Islam following a complaint by the mother of the deceased.

complaint said her daughter was murdered by the victim's husband for dowry.

The body was later sent to

# Body exhumed

burial, reports UNB.

Shahana's mother in her

Sadar hospital for autopsy after it was exhumed.

# of the country everyday

RANGPUR: Miss Jannate Romman Tithi, a local artist rendering song at a function held at Rangpur Gono Granthagar on the occasion of 4th founding anniversary of weekly Ranga Probhat recently. - Star photo

## 70,000 deprived of pry education in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, July 30: About 70,000 children of the district are deprived of primary education. At least 225 new primary schools are needed to bring them under the government's compulsory primary education programme.

It is reported that there are

841 government and non-government primary schools in the district at present. About 3,45,016 children between age group of 5 to 8 years are capable to go to school but only 2,77,895 children go to school and the remaining 67,800 of whom 34,909 are male and 32,099 female are deprived of educational facilities. Absence of adequate number of educational institutions is the main cause for keeping them apart from primary education programme. It is further reported that 181 schools out of the 841 primary schools in eight upazilas are deprived of monetary facilities from every corner. As a result, the existence of many schools is at

sult, students are compelled to attend classes under the trees.

In the meantime, the government has declared primary education compulsory from the coming session, with the view to bringing 70,000 illiterate children under the government's programme.

## Bullock shortage hampers farming in Borguna

BORGUNA, July 30: cultivation has been adversely affected by the acute shortage of bullocks in the district, reports UNB.

The shortage has been caused by recurrent natural calamities, fodder scarcity, cattle diseases and indiscriminate slaughter.

Farmers alleged that local veterinary hospital is not doing enough to prevent the outbreak of "khura", "golafula" and "enthrax' diseases which are stake. Some government taking heavy toll of bullocks schools have no sheds. As a reevery year in the district.

large number of people including female are working over day and night as their agents. The women are engaged in ferrying the contraband door

Local elite have opined that if the smuggling continues unabated country's economy will be shattered in near future. Mentionable that an anti-

smuggling check post was set up near Jhenidah police station on Dhaka-Khulna highway by anti-smuggling committee headed by Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah, some days back. But it was withdrawn after two days of its functioning.

## Notes from Munshigani

From Our Correspondent MUNSHIGANJ, July 30 : With the rise in the water level of the Padma and Daleshwari the overall flood situation in Munshiganj has become alarming within a week. All the canals are experiencing an alarming rise in the water level. Low-lying areas have already been submerged in different areas of Munshiganj dis-

## Victims of dowry

Three young housewives of Munshigani Sadar upazila lost their lives dowry within two

Sheuli (16) of Uttar Kewar village was married to Labu Mia in last January. Her husband demanded 40,000 taka as dowry. Her father gave 30,000 taka in two instalments. At the time of receiving second instalment of 20,000 taka Labu Mia took his wife for the first time from his fathers house. On the way Labu slaughtered Sheuli to death and left her in the road side ditch in the darkness of night. Labu Mia has been arrested.

Zaheda (18) of village Bantal was admitted to Munshiganj Sadar Hospital on July 12 with serious burn injuries. Her husband Alias Mia failing to receive dowry poured kerosene on her body and lit it the fire. She died in the hospital on July 17. A case has been filed in this connection.

Taslima (18) of village Ramzan Beg under Char Kewar upazila was slaughtered to death by her husband Masud Mia who failed to receive dowry. She was brought dead to Munshiganj Sadar Hospital on July 17.

#### Erosion threatens Digirpur Bazar The famous Digirpur Bazar

of Tangibar upazila under Munshigani district is being eroded by the Padma. The very existence of this bazar is now threatened. The 500-year-old Digirpur Bazar and river port is situated in the centre of Munshiganj, Chandpur, and Shariatpur districts. There are two hats which sit twice a week with about three lakh buyers and sellers and the total transaction is up to six crores Taka. Last year Padma swallowed seven villages and three wards of Digirpur Union rendering 1000 families home-

The State Minister for Post and Telegraph Mr. Samsul Haq recently visited the bazar and assured the local people of all steps to save the bazar from extinction. No efforts have yet been taken in this respect, it is learnt.

in the premises of Harendralal Public Library recently protesting government's plan to abolish upazila chairmanship. The small procession pa-

A public meeting was held

raded the main roads of the town. A half-day hartal was also observed on July 21 in this connection.

# TK 4.72 lakh

July 30: The government

Primary health and family

paddy plants turn yellow and

are Sadar, Trishal, Gaffargaon, Bhaluka, Fulbaria, Nandail. Ishwarganj, Gouripur and Phulpur.

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essentials hits consumers From Our Correspondent

tion of Value Added Tax (VAT) which was implemented from July 1. sources, before the placement of the budget for 1991-92 in the Jatiya Sangsad soyabean oil was sold at Taka 32 per kg whereas at present it sells at Taka 45 to 48. Mustard oil is selling at Taka 55 per kg against Taka 40 per kg before budget announcement. Price of

in the district following imposi-

two per kg. Moreover, prices of baby food, powdered milk, writing paper, ball pen and soap have also gone up but the prices of rice, however, remain more or

less static.

salt has also increased by Taka

It is alleged that the business Meherpur. Kushtia and due to drought and excessive prices of essentials have shot up are increasing prices of several Jhenidah districts after imposi- rainfall at places for which in local market and elsewhere items and creating artificial cri- tion of VAT adding miseries to supply has decreased. sis for making huge profit. The the consumers. prices of all these items rose when national budget was antraders, the price of rice has nounced and again there were According to the market rise after the imposition of VAT. maund. Mustard and soyabean Duty on condensed milk was also recorded a sharp rise increased from 28 to 40 per which sell at Taka 55 and 48 cent and on Soyabean oil two per kg respectively. Salt sells at per cent. Prices of soap has also Taka 10 per kg and vegetable shot up after the imposition of oil at Taka 60 per kg. Baby food VAT. Whereas sugar in the market has increased by Taka one per kilo which now sells at Taka 30 per kg. The local people have urged the authorities to arrest the price spiral of

essential commodities. Meherpur

Our Meherpur Correspondent adds : Prices of essential commodities registered a sharp rise in Chuadanga,

ladies singer, pumpkin, jhinga,

barbaty have also registered sharp rise.

victims will be given Khas land

from elsewhere of the district.

But none of the promises were

fulfilled. The local people said

that the present project area

has been filled up by three

modern IRRI blocks of high

yielding paddy. But the af-

fected people are yet get the

price of their land. As a result,

many people of the area are

ment to take necessary steps

so that they can get compen-

4.75 lakh acres to

be put under

transplanted Aman

PATUAKHALI, July 30:

About 4.75 lakh acres of land

will be brought under massive

transplanted aman cultivation

in the current season in six

upazilas of the district, reports

According to sources, about

1.12 lakh acres will be brought

under aman farming in Sadar.

85,000 in Mirzaganj, 79,000

in Galachipa and 64,000 in

Development Corporation will

supply necessary seed, fertiliz-

ers and insecticides for the

of aman paddy are expected to

acres of land were brought un-

der intensive aus cultivation in

acres were brought under high

yielding variety (HYV) and

79,500 acres under local vari-

tons of various fertilizers worth

about Tk 4 crore among the

cultivators of the district

six upazilas of the district

About 3.22 lakh metric tons

Besides, about one lakh

Of the total land, 21,500

BADC distributed 8,000

Bangladesh Agriculture

Kalapara upazilas.

programme.

be produced.

They expect the govern-

leading very miserable life.

sation for their land.

sheets, cloves, ployester cloth, metals are being smuggled out It is learnt that vegetable

According to the rice

gone up by Taka 60 to 80 per

is also sold at higher rates. One

pound tin of baby food sells at

Taka 75 against Taka 50 a week

back whereas four pound tin

has increased by Taka 25 to 30.

Sugar sells at Taka 30 per kg.

Prices of vegetables like potol,

production has been hampered

# People yet to get price of acquired land in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, July 30: Local people have been deprived of fair price of their lands acquired by the government for

River Research Institution (RRI) project. River Research Institution (RRI) of Faridpur is one of the biggest projects in Asia whose foundation stone was laid by late President Ziaur Rahman primarily. Later the implementation of the project was sus-

pended by the Ershad Government. The then President H M Ershad inaugurated the RRI in Faridpur again on July 1, 1989,

in the face strong demand by the local people. Previously the institution was established on 35 hectares of land in 1980 and construction started in 1984-85.

of modern resthouse is going

on in full swing. The people affected by the construction of the project made several representations to the local administration and submitted memorandum to

press home their demands. fected people that the price of the acquired land was estimated at a very low price compared to the actual price. It is further learnt that the then President Ziaur Rahman promised the local people that their children will get services



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## From Our Correspondent

The total allocation was Taka 676.00 lakh in 1988-89 of which Taka 545.00 lakh was spent for the construction of 10 buildings. The allocation for 1989-90 was Taka 1650 lakh of which Taka 1400 lakh was spent for the construction of 76 buildings. The construction

It is learnt from the af-

The main construction works include several buildings, roads, boundary wall, in the project, double price for the land would be paid, the deep wells etc.

GAIBANDHA: Miss Bani Sarker rendering song in the inaugural function of Dainik Chandni Bazar, Gaibandha Bureau.