Upazila roundup

NETRAKONA

Draft animal shortage hampers farming

From Our Correspondent

Aug 12: Cultivation has

been adversely affected by the acute shortage of bullocks in the district. 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 "anthrax" diseases which are taking heavy toll of bullocks every year in the district.

Diarrhoea

Diarrhoea claimed four lives and attacked over 4,000 in ten upazilas of the district since the outbreak of the disease from June last.

According to the official sources, total 35 people died and 3,965 others were at tacked in the district.

The situation may go out of control if further steps are not taken in the affected areas, it is gathered.

Civil Surgeon said that meanwhile steps have been taken to combat the disease.

SIRAJGANJ

Diarrhoea claims two lives

From Our Correspondent

Aug 12: Diarrhoea claimed

two children in Belkuchi upazila under Strajganj district. The victims are Farida (2). daughter of Shukur Ali of village Azugara and Abdul Gafur (3), son of Abdul Rahim of village Megullah. Most patients are lying on the floor due to heavy rush of patients in upazila health complexes. Medical teams have been set up in the affected areas.

Meanwhile, one Zubeda Bewa (50) of village Kidramatia under Belkuchi upazila drowned in the Jamuna when she went to collect firewood from the river side area. The body was recovered from downstream, it is learnt.

FENI

A fatal fall

Aug 12 : A school student died after falling from the roof of a three-storied building here yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said that Anwar Hossain (15), a student of class Ten of Central High School received serious injuries when he fell down from the roof of the National Life Insurance of fice building in the town around 9-30 Sunday morning.

Neither the reason nor the motive of his fall could be immediately ascertained. Anwar was immediately

rushed to the Sadar hospital where he succumbed to in-

His Hody was sent to morgae for autopsy. An unnatu ral death case has been lodged with Fent police.

KUSHTIA

Unnayan Parishad activists observe hunger strike

Aug 12 : Activists of Kushtia Unnayan Parishad, a platform of several socio-political organisations of the district, observed a day-long token hunger strike yesterday to press for realisation of their 23-point charter of demands.

reports UNB. Some 60 activists of the Parishad fasted at Majampur Traffic corner of the town demanding setting up of a medical college in the district, once pledged by late President Ztaur Rahman.

The Parishad also demanded of the government to make the Islamic University in Kushtia a full-fledged general university, establish an agriculture college in Kushtia, construct a new bus terminal and bypass road in the town, reopen the former Mohini Cotton Mills and Kushtia Textile Mills, and improve law and order situation of the district.

JHENIDAH

21,900 acres put under Boro cultivation

Aug 12 : About 21,900 acres of land have been brought under Boro cultivation in six upazilas of Jhenidah district in

duced in the district this year.

The upazilawise break-up Boro cultivation is as follows: 3,800 acres in Jhenidah Sadar upazila, 750 acres in Sailkupa. 3,000 acres in Harinakundu, 1.800 acres in Kaliganj, 6,250 acres in Kotchandpur and 6.300 acres in Moheshpur

upazila. Nearly 100 demonstration plots were set up to teach the cultivators modern method of cultivation.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) supplied improved variety of Boro seeds to the growers for successful implementation of Boro cultivation.

RANGPUR

587 test relief schemes completed

Aug 12: A total of 587 test relief schemes have been completed in the district during the last fiscal year, reports

According to official sources, about 686 metric tons of wheat were utilised for the implementation of the schemes.

Of them, 102 metric tons of wheat were allotted for 43 schemes in Sadar, 133 metric tons for 102 schemes in Mithapukur, 97 metric tons for 78 schemes in Pirgonj, 85 metric tons for 105 schemes in Kaunia, 55 metric tons for 83 schemes in Gongachara, 60 metric tons for 40 schemes in Badarganj and 70 metric tons for 58 schemes in Taragonj upazilas, the sources said.

Besides, the pourashava executed 78 projects with allocation of 84 metric tons of wheat during the same period under Food for Works Programme.

The schemes include reconstruction of roads, embankments, re-excavation of ponds, beels, canals and earth filling of play grounds of educational institutions.

PATUAKHALI

Soil fertility decreases

Aug 12: Soil fertility has decreased alarmingly in the district affecting agri-produc tion, reports UNB.

According to agriculture experts, frequent and imbalanced use of chemical fertilizer, non-variation in crop production, absence of organic elements, increase of iron and deficiency of sulphur and other necessary ingredients in the soil were the main reasons for the low output in the region.

They said farmers should be motivated to use cowdung. green manure and carcasses as fertilizer to increase production. Balanced use of chemical fertilizer is also essential for soil fertility, they added.

Local people alleged that the Agriculture Extension officials hardly maintain contac with the rural people engaged in cultivation of various crops.

MYMENSINGH

Mysterious cattle disease breaks out

Aug 12: A mysterious disease that broke out in an alarming proportion in three villages of Trishal upazila claimed 70 cattleheads in the last one and a half months creating panic among the farmers, reports UNB.

According to farmers eight cattleheads died in Baliarpara. 37 in Singrail and 35 in Belormothbaria villages of the

Cultivation has been hampered seriously due to widespread attack by the disease, farmers said.

Trishal upazila Livestock Officer who joined recently said he heard about the outbreak of the disease and assured the farmers that he would take all possible measures to combat the disease.

NANDAIL

BJA executives

From Our Correspondent

Aug 12 : Md. Musharraf Hussain Akhand the founder President of Nandail Press Club and Nandail-based correspondent of The Daily Star was elected President of the Bangladesh Journalists' Assoct

the mosquito menace. Nandail unit unanimously for the 3rd time floating people are compelled in its biennial conference held to respond to the call of nature in the office premises recently at roadside open places pollut-The other elected office ing the environment. bearers are: Enamul Haq Babul

(Daintk Banglar Bant), Vice President, Hafizur Rahman Chandan — General Secretary A.B. Siddique Khasru (Alker Kagaj) - Treasurer, Mahbubul Haq Roton (Economic Post) Professor Kazi Monaim (Dainik Sangbad). Monwar Hossain Bhutyan, Abdus Sattar (Daintk Zahan), Abdur Razzaq (Dainik Azad) and Abdul Karim Sarkar (Dainik Uttara).



Village youngsters may not be as privileged as their counterparts in towns and cities to have access to toys to play with. But that does not stop them from making some, like in the picture, which shows a bunch of smiling boys making clayballs and playing with them by the bank of the river Sitalakhya in - Star photo Narayanganj.

FP activities hampered

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 12: The activities of District Family Planning Office here have been hampered as three posts of senior level officers lying vacant for a long time, reports

One post of Deputy Director and two posts of Assistant Deputy Directors have been lying vacant for the last three years creating numerous problems, officials said.

Some officials said inspite of repeated appeals to the higher authorities no step has yet been taken in this regard.

They also alleged that union level field workers are not performing their duties as they are not accountable to any body in the office.

5 Nandail girls' high schools face acute fund shortage From Our Correspondent

NANDAIL, Aug 12 : Five girls' high schools of Nandail upazila are on the verge of closure due to financial hardships as the subsidy provided by the government is quite insufficient to meet essential expenditure of the institutions including salaries of the teaching staff and other employees.

In a Press conference held at Nandail Pilot Girls' High School Mrs Shobhana Saha and Ali Ajjal Khan leaders of the

girls' teachers community disclosed that teachers are not getting their salaries for several months since the government has exempted the tuition fees of the girl students up to class Eight last year. Besides, income of the schools from other sources has declined. As a result, the school authorities could not pay the salaries of the staff due to the shortage of fund. Though the government provided subsidy to the respective schools, the amount is

arrear salaries up to date. In a statement the Headmistress of Nandail Pilot Girls' High School said that

quite insufficient to make the

3.7 thousand to the school as subsidy against Taka one lakh. As a result, the school fell under the grip of severe financial

the government paid only Taka

problem. Meanwhile the other four

girls high schools are also

learnt to be faced with the

Smuggled goods

worth Tk 2.3cr

with the cent per cent of the tuition fees exempted up to Class Eight of all girls' high schools to save the institutions from the financial crisis.

same problems. They added

that they were facing serious

problems in meeting up other

expenses like contingencies

and repair works due to fund

Notes from Narayanganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 12 : One person was crushed under the wheels of a Dhaka bound bus from Sylhet at Sanarpar area on Siddhirganj road last week.

According to the police, the victim Sikander (20) died on the spot while he was crossing the road.

The driver, however, managed to escape with his bus. The post mortem of the victim was done at Narayanganj General Hospital Morgue. A case has been instituted with Siddhirganj thana in this connection.

Bandar thana police recovered one pipegun from Wilson Road under Bandar upazila, Narayanganj, last week.

Acting on a secret information, Abdus Salem a sergeant of Bandar thana arrested Md Shahin (22) with a pipegun from Rupali Cinema Hall. A case has been registered with Bandar thana in this connec-

Sramik Union executives

Akhter Hossain and S M Shahidullah have been elected President and Secretary respectively of Dhaka WASA Sramik Union, Narayangani, for 1991-92 and 1992-93.

The election was held at its local office recently. All executive posts were elected unopposed.

A 25-member executive committee was also formed.

Hemp recovered Bandar thana police recov-

ered five kilograms of hemp and a large number of hemp plants and arrested seven persons in this connection from Nabiganj last week. Acting on a sccret informa-

tion, police raided the garden of Kiamatuddin, near Nabiganj ferry ghat of Bandar upazila, and recovered hemp and its plants and arrested Liton (21), Monir (19), Ali Akbar (21), Rashed (25), Monu Mia (25), Abul Kashem (24) and Khaja Hossain (19) on the spot.

The arrested persons were sent to Narayanganj court hajat. A case was filed with the Bandar thana in this connec-

2 chairmen chargesheeted for wheat misappropriation

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 12 The District Anti-Corruption Bureau (DAB) chargesheeted a former upazila chairman and an ex-union parishad chairman of Tarail upazila on charges of misappropriation of wheat.

Tarail upazila chairman A K M Golam Rasul Khan and exchairman of Raouti union parishad Azhar Hossian Chowdhury were accused of their alleged involvement in misappropriation of wheat for a project under Food for Works Programme (FWP) on July 31

last, DAB sources said. According to the DAB office, 1466 maunds of wheat was sanctioned for re-construction of the road from Shamukjani to Kona Bhawal at Tarail upazila in 1987 and a committee was formed with Azhar Hossain

Chowdhury as its chairman. But the Project Chairman lifted 400 maunds of wheat as

CHAPAINAWABGANJ. Aug

12: Shibganj upazila town lacks

basic civic amenities. The pre-

polls commitments were not

fuffilled as made by the lead-

producing mango, lakkha and

silk is yet to be developed. The

upazila roads have developed

many cracks and potholes at

different points causing incon

ventences to pedestrians and

vehicular traffic. Water remains

stagnant even after slight rain-

fall making the roads muddy

and slippery. The roadside

ditches filled with filth and

garbages are not cleaned regu-

larly, causing breeding of

mosquitoes. Despite repeated

appeals the authority failed to

take any initiative to eradicate

In absence of public totlets

Frequent power failure has

multiplied the sufferings of

business community and stu-

dents which in turn give rise

to anti-social activities.

Recreational facilities are ab-

sent hampering proper growth

All non-government high

schools of Chapainawabgant

district are facing innumerable

problems. Most of the non-

of children.

The upazila, famous for

ers, it is alleged.

first instalment and the upazila chairman issued second draft order of 800 maunds of wheat to the Project Chairman without the recommendation of the UNO and the Project Implementation Officer (PiO).

Later the Project Chairman misappropriated 1029 maunds of wheat out of 1200 maunds collaboration with the upazila chairman by submitting false master rolls.

connection and after investigation submitted chargesheet against them under different section of Bangladesh Penal Code (BPC) and Anti-Corruption Law.

Pabna UNB from Pabna adds

Highways department of the district and Manager of Janata Bank, Ullapara branch on charges of defalcating Tk nine

Engineer Md Shahidul Alam, Manager of Janata Bank Md Zahurul Islam, Sub-divisional Engineer B B Chakma, Contractors Rabiul Karim Selim and Kamruzzaman Khan and two others. Police said the accused de

The accused are: Executive

falcated the money against a bill of a construction work of Bhuangathi road on forged signature of the contractor Kamruzzaman Khan. After the preliminary in

quiry, district Anti-corruption Bureau lodged the case against them on Friday. Meanwhile, the contractor

Khan also lodged a case for forging his signature with the police.

Problems grip Shibganj UZ From Our Correspondent

uncertainty

They demanded immediate re-opening of the institutions after ensuring proper security of the students. "Arms free campus is the pre-requisite for congenial academic atmosphere," they said.

ping, hijacking, loot and other crimes are rampant in the country creating panic among the peace-loving people. They urged the government

which all efforts to improve the law and order situation will bound to end in failure. The prices of essentials have shot up abnormally beyond the purchasing capacity

to take drastic measures

people with the untimely imposition of Value Added Tax (VAT) system in the country. they said.

The leaders of the teachers community urged the government to provide the schools

plants recovered From Our Correspondent

1500 grams Ganja, 689

KISHOREGANJ, Aug Fifteen hundred grams of Ganja and 689 Ganja plants were seized in three separate raids in Maijkapan-Kacharipara, Chowdhurihati and Barakapar village in Kishoregani Sadar Upazila re-

Aeting on a tip Abu Taher. Inspector of district Liquor and Narcotics Department. Kishoregani and Divisional Inspector of Mymensingh with a contingent of police raided the house of Abdul Gani of village Maijkapan-Kacharipara and recovered 1500 grams from a gunny bag and also seized 580 Ganja plants. In another raid 33 Ganja plants were seized from Abdul llamid's land at village Chowdhurighati. On the same day the Inspector seized 76 Ganja plants which were cultivated on the land of Abdul

Khalique of Barakapan. It is

learnt that they are engaged in this profession for a long time. Three separate departmen

this connection. Kishoreganj police submitted charge-sheet against two persons in Abdul Mannan murder case recently.

tal cases were registered in

According to the police Abdul Mannan of village Rashidabad in Kishoregani Sadar upazila was stabbed to death while he was returning home from a Bazar on February

3, 1991. The same day a case was lodged with the local police station and accordingly Abu Md Abeduzzaman, Officer-in-Charge, Kishoreganj after in vestigation submitted charges heet against Rafiqui Islam of village Sreemantapur and Nazrul Islam of village Kashidabad under Section

43 arrested in Pabna

302/34 BPC.

the city.

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Aug 12: Pabna police arrested 43 persons on various charges within a week. They were arrested from Pabna town and its adjoining

Anisur Rahman of the village Balia-halat and Ratan of the village Deapchar were arrested on July 26. Artf of Balia-halat and Helal of Kakor-Kata were arrested on July 27

Budu of Ishurdi upazila and Tara of the village Raghabpur under Pabna Sadar upazila were arrested on July 28 and Samu of Rajapur, Tufan of Radhanagar, Sushil and Pradip of Radhanagar, Jainal, Azad. Julfiker and Liton of Shalgaria, Azam, Razen, Azahar, Azibar Azim and Chandra of Rajapur. Biswajit of Kalachandpara and Selim of Kachari Para were arrested on July 29.

Raich, Rafigul and Tutul of Govinda, Habib and Shariful of Sholgaria were arrested on July 30 while Rahamat of the village Bara Kurulia and Mofazzal, Sakat, and Rafigul of the same village. Ohab of Dapania, Rahman of Kashipur and Monthu of Chattani on July 31 and Saifur of Atua, Rafique of Ramchandrapur were arrested on August 1.

All of them were transferred to jail-hajat.

Beggars are on the rise in the town and all nine upazilas of the district causing inconveniences to the dwellers of

There has been a continuous influx of a large number of beggars into the town for the last few months, due of shortage of food and work in their respective village.

Facing acute food crisis poor people from rural areas are pouring into the town with the hope of securing jobs. But in the absence of job opportunities, most of them are including their children in beg-

One caught red-handed while snatching money

BRAHMANBARIA, Aug 12: A man of Charchartola in Ashuganj upazila was caught red-handed while snatching Tk 4000 from the cash counter of the district night Post Office Thursday, police said, reports UNB.

Later the miscreant was sent to police custody. A case has been filed with the police in this connection.

the current season, reports According to an official

source, about 15,000 metric tons of Boro paddy will be pro-

From Our Correspondent

The DAB filed a ease in this

District Anti-corruption Bureau has filed a defalcation and forgery case against seven people including an Executive Engineer of Roads and

government schools have been

awaiting for long for govern-

ment affiliation. As a result, the

school authority is unable to

pay any remuneration or

teachers benefit to the staff

regularly due to which most of

level education department is

guite aware of the awful condi-

tion but hardly take any initia-

tive to remove these problems.

School authorities alleged that

the education department of

The district and upazila

the teachers are resigning.

ficials rarely visit institutions to know the real condition of the institutions. Out of 176 schools in the district maximum are unaffiliated. Besides, fund constrains has created shortage of furniture, classrooms and educational appliances hampering education of students. Local elite have urged the authorities to take immediate steps to ac-

cord affiliation to these schools

and restore academic atmo

sphere without further delay

One jailed for murder

MYMENSINGH, Aug 12: A man was awarded life term on charge of killing a co-villager here, court sources said today. reports UNB.

According to prosecution

story, accused Babul of Bantadhala village of Trishal upazila killed Siddig of the same village over a land dispute on September 10, 1988. A case was filed in this connection and police after investigation charge-sheeted 11

people of the village.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Zinat Ara after examining the records and evidences awarded Bablu life term and acquitted others on August 5.

One killed, 17 injured by dacoits in Pabna PABNA, Aug 12: A man was

shot dead and 17 others sustained injuries by a gang of armed decoits at the Kazirhat Ferryghat Bazar in Bera upazila of the district Friday night, police said, reports UNB. According to police, the armed miscreants numbering

30-40 in a bid to commit a da-

cofty raided the bazar at dead of night. On hearing the alarm of the shopkeepers, local pcople gheraoed the dacoits. The dacoits while retreating opened fire indiscriminately killing Abdul Awal Khan (30). son of Abul Kader Khan of the Bera upazila on the spot.

seized in Chuadanga MEHERPUR, Aug 12: The law enforcing agency personnel seized smuggled goods

worth Taka 2.03. 63.211 from

different border areas of Chuadanga and Meherpur districts during the last six months, reports BSS. According to an official source, 45 alleged smugglers have been arrested during the period. Thirty-four cases have

The goods include cloth. cattle, bi-cycles, oil, motor parts, gold and silver orna-

been lodged in this connec

Rangpur lawyers concerned over campus violence

RANGPUR, Aug 12: In a joint statement Rangpur Ainjibi Samity expressed its deep concern over continued violence in the educational campus, deterioration of law and order and price hikes of

essentials, reports UNB. The statement issued by Advocate Nazrul Islam and Mottur Rahman, President and Secretary respectively of the samity after an emergency

meeting held here Thursday. They said a large number of educational institutions includ ing Rangpur Carmichael University College and Dhaka University were closed follow ing armed clashes between ri val student groups throwing thousands of students into

They said murders, kidnap-

against the culprits without of the fixed income group of

Common consumers have been suffering a lot as a section of unscrupulous traders taking advantage of the situation are engaged in windfall profiteering, they added.