

Upazila roundup

MUNSHIGANJ

Dacoits loot cash, jewellery

From Our Correspondent
 Aug 21: Dacoits looted cash and jewellery worth about Taka 40,000 from the passengers of a baby-taxi on Narayanganj-Munshiganj road on Tuesday.
 Three dacoits riding a motorcycle intercepted a baby-taxi (Dhaka Metro - Da - 4878) near Syedpur graveyard at 2 p.m. The motorcycleists were following the taxi from Dhaka. Near Syedpur they snatched away valuables worth about Taka 40,000 from the passengers at gunpoint and managed to flee.

Babu Sukumar Chandra Das, Sub-Inspector of Netrokona thana and his wife were going to Munshiganj on a vacation by the taxi. The taxi was seized by Munshiganj police. A case was lodged with Narayanganj police.

CHUADANGA

Sarbahara Party activist held

From Our Correspondent
 Aug 21: One Abul Kalam Azad an alleged activist of the so called Sarbahara Party was arrested from near the local Baganpara Satata Club on Monday by the Chuadanga Sadar thana police. Three rounds of 303 rifle ammunition along with a magazine were also recovered from his possession. The second officer of the thana Mr Khalilur Rahman along with the Sub-Inspector Nurul Amin arrested the said person while conducting an operation.
 A case has been started in this connection with Chuadanga thana.

SIRAJGANJ

Flood situation deteriorates

From Our Correspondent
 Aug 21: Flood situation in the district continued to deteriorate following rise in water level of the Jamuna which is now flowing only three centimeters below danger mark. A vast area of seven upazilas has been inundated. About 65 unions have been affected by the flood. Belkuchi upazila court premises is now under knee-deep water. A large number of people took shelter on high lands.

People of flood affected char areas alleged that every night dacoits boarding on shallow boats raid their makeshift houses causing panic. Situation in western part of flood control embankment worsens further due to month long waterlogging. Along with floods erosion situation also turned serious. About 1000 people of Kazipur Sadar, Belkuchi and Chowdhali upazilas have been rendered homeless during the last 24 hours. No step has been taken as yet to arrest erosion.

BRAHMANBARIA

Chhatra Shibir meeting held

From Our Correspondent
 Aug 21: Bangladesh Chhatra Shibir Nasirnagar upazila unit held a discussion meeting with Md Akhter Hussain, the President of local upazila Shibir unit in the chair recently.

Mr Chayed Ali and Mr Shirajul Islam were the chief guest and special guest respectively.
 The meeting was addressed, among others, by Md Shihubuddin, Md Mynuddin and Md Abdul Mutalib.

RANGPUR

Housewife killed for dowry

Aug 21: A young housewife was beaten to death by her husband at village Modhopara in Shadupushkoni union of Sadar upazila for dowry Tuesday, official and family sources said, reports UNB.
 The victim Mohosena Begum (18) was tortured by her husband to realise the promised dowry money.
 On the fateful night the husband Badal Miah started beating her mercilessly to death, the sources added.
 Later police recovered the body and sent it to hospital for autopsy.
 A case has been filed with kotwali police in this connection.

BARISAL

Saudi meat distributed

Aug 21: The government of Saudi Arabia has donated 2,670 pieces of sacrificial animals for distribution among the poor people of ten upazilas of Barisal district this year, reports UNB.
 According to an official source, the meat was handed over to the chairman and the UNOs of the upazilas recently for distribution. Meanwhile, the meat was distributed properly among the poor people.

JESSORE

Matiur's death anniversary observed

Aug 21: In observance of the death anniversary of the late Bir Shreshtho Flight Lt. Matiur Rahman, a mahfil-a-milad was arranged at BAF base Matiur Rahman here on Tuesday, reports BSS.
 Prayer was offered in the mahfil for the peace of the departed soul.
 Officers and airmen of the base attended the Milad Mahfil, an Ispr Press release said.

PATUAKHALI

WDB executes 9 projects

Aug 21: Water Development Board (WDB) under Food for Works Programme has completed nine projects in five upazilas of the district during this year, reports UNB.
 Official sources said about 3600 metric tons of wheat were utilised for execution of the projects in Sadar, Kalapara, Galachipa, Bauphal and Mirzaganj upazila of the district.
 Of the total projects, four were executed in Kalapara, one each in Bauphal, Mirzaganj and Galachipa upazila and two were executed in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, according to sources.
 The projects included construction of cross dam and excavation of canals.
 It is learnt the construction of crossdam and excavation of canals will save at least 10,000 hectares of land from flash flood and intrusion of salinity in the locality which will help produce about 1000 metric tons of additional crops in the area.

JHENIDAH

School, Madrasa sports contest begins

Aug 21: Jattya School and Madrasa Sports Competition '91 at Sadar upazila began Saturday at Jhenidah Government Boys' High School ground, reports UNB.
 According to sources, students of 48 high and junior schools, madrasas and eight girls' high schools are taking part in the competition.
 The sports include football, handball, Mahila handball and swimming competition.
 The Competition will end on September 3. Wazir Ali High School beat Shadhupatram High School by 2-0 goals in the inaugural football competition.
 Aulad Hossain and Shahidul Islam of winner's team scored one goal each.

DINAJPUR

Students urged to shun path of violence

Aug 21: Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called upon the students to devote themselves to pursuit of knowledge giving up the path of violence and anarchism. He said violence in the campus will cause irreparable loss to the students as well as to the nation.
 The Minister was addressing a series of students gathering during his visit to several schools, colleges and madrasas in Rangpur and Dinajpur. Mrs Khurshid Jahan Hui MP and district level officials were present in the meetings.
 The Minister said the students who will try to create violence in the campus will be dealt with iron hand and the real students will be helped in all possible ways. The violence in the campus will not be allowed to continue in future and the government will take stern action against the trouble makers, he added.



With the advent of monsoon khals, beels, rivers and other water bodies are filled to the brink. Photo shows a bunch of frolicking children taking dip in the water in the scorching summer heat at Kanchpur in Narayanganj. — Star photo

265 poor families benefitted from Swanirvar Credit Plan

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Aug 21: About 265 families have been benefitted by the Swanirvar Credit Scheme in three northern districts of Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh.
 According to the report, Swanirvar Credit Scheme which was introduced by the Rupali Bank in three upazilas of these districts with a view to helping poor families. Under the scheme, five persons of five poor families jointly opened a group account in the bank. Later, the bank gave them loan for small scale

business. An amount of Taka 3,49,000 has been distributed among those 265 persons in 1984. And after six years, this credit scheme has changed the fate of those 265 families. All the families were doing well in small scale business and looking for a good future.
 The General Manager of Rupali Bank, Dinajpur Zonal office told me that those 265 families were returning their loan to the bank per week. The 11 branches of the bank have also distributed an amount of Taka 50,000 among 11 dis-

tressed women of the districts in 1990-91.
 He also said that an amount of Taka 5,16,10,900 has been disbursed in these three districts by the bank during the last eight years. On the other hand an amount of Taka 3.50 crore has so far been collected from the loanees during the period.
 In 1990-91 financial year an amount of Taka 1,50,00,000 has been distributed in these three districts among 5,600 cultivators. Under irrigation programme, an amount of Taka

1,60,000 has been distributed during the year.
 Under BASWA programme, an amount of Taka 15,00,000 has been distributed in these districts during 1989-90. On the other hand, an amount of Taka 11,50,000 has been collected from the loanees under BASWA programme during the year.
 The Manager also said that the bank branches distributed relief goods worth about Taka 20,000 among flood victims of these districts so far.

Workshop on mathematics held

From A Correspondent

A three-day workshop on Teaching Mathematics at College under the auspices of Bangladesh Mathematical Society was held recently Daulatpur B L Govt University College, Khulna, says a Press release.
 Over 40 teachers from different colleges of greater Khulna, Jessore and Kushtia districts participated in the workshop.
 Prof S H Molla of the University of Dhaka, Prof S Majumdar of the University of Rajshahi, Prof M S Rahman of Jahangirnagar University and (Retd) Prof M H Rashid of Daulatpur B L College delivered lectures in the workshop as specialists.

11 students arrested, arms recovered

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 21: Eleven persons were arrested with arms and ammunition from two hostels of Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute (RPI) recently. On a secret information, a special squad of police led by First Class Magistrate Abdul Qader raided the Shah Niamatullah and Shahid Monium hostels and seized one pipe gun, three rounds of ammunition of 303 rifles, three rounds of cartridge of LMO, one ramdoo, two knives and six cocktails. Police also nabbed 11 polytechnic students. The arrested are: Tohsin Ali, Anwar Hossain, Akbar Ali Khan, Zahid Hossain, Shahidul Islam, Mofazzol Hossain, Anwarul Islam, Sajal Sharma, Md Ratan, Syed Masud and Rabbani.

Juba Dal, Rajshahi District Unit, Vice-President Shahid Ahmed Badsha and District Unit General Secretary Ahmed Hossain.
 A 51-member executive committee was also formed in the meeting with Muslim Ali and Md Ali Hossain as President and General Secretary respectively.

School girl commits suicide
 A school girl committed suicide by consuming poison at her residence recently, police sources said.
 According to the sources, Mosammat Zarina Khatoon (13), a student of class seven of Shahbajpur village under Durgapur upazila of the district consumed poison after a quarrel with her elder sister.
 She was immediately taken to the Upazila Health Complex where the attending physician declared her dead.
 An UD case has been filed in this connection with local police station.

Case against 2 BADC storekeepers for embezzlement
From Our Correspondent
 MANIKGANJ, Aug 21: The district Anti-Corruption Bureau filed a case against Zillur Rahman and Sarwar Hossain, storekeepers of BADC (Irrigation) recently on charge of misappropriation of irrigation equipment worth Taka one crore.
 According to the Bureau office, Md. Zillur Rahman and Sarwar Hossain of BADC, Dhamrai subunit sold a huge quantity of irrigation equipment in black between 1987 and 1990. It was detected by the higher authorities and later they were put under suspension.
 The district Anti-Corruption Bureau on enquiry filed a case with Dhamrai police station against them.
 Supply of electricity has been severely affected following rampant stealing of copper and steel wires from different parts of Dhamrai upazila.
 Official sources said wires worth about Taka one lakh were stolen during the last few days. The miscreants are allegedly stealing the wire from the overhead lines.

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12 injured in clash
 UNB adds: At least 12 people were injured in a clash and a tree crash during the installation ceremony of Sirajganj Government College Students' Union yesterday.
 Witnesses said seven students were injured in a brawl between two rival groups of Jattyatnadi Chhatra Dal following an altercation over seating arrangement at the function.
 Four of the injured students were admitted to the General Hospital here.
 They said the incident occurred in presence of State Minister for Education Md Yunus Khan. He, however, left the place shortly before the clash.
 A motorcycle was also damaged during the rampage, which cooled down following intervention of the college authorities.
 After the clash, another five were injured as a row overwhelmed a tree to enjoy the songs of Fakir Alamgir who performed in the cultural function of the ceremony.

Illegal appointment of college principal alleged

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 21: Gross irregularities have been detected in the appointment of Principal of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah College under Debhata upazila of the district.
 It is learnt that the post of the Principal fell vacant long ago.
 According to the reports Chairman, of the governing body of the college and UNO of Debhata upazila violating the government rules selected a junior lecturer having five years experience instead of ten years according to government service rule.
 As per the letter no. col-18/5 dated 5-4-90 of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Jessore one person should be nominated by the Chairman of the Board in the Selection Committee at the time of filling up of any post in any non-government college. But they did not comply with the orders of the Board as none was nominated by the Selection Committee. Besides, a circular was issued by the

Director General, Secondary and Higher Education, Dhaka mentioning that a candidate for the post of the principal must have minimum 10 years experience, advertisement should be published in any national daily and candidates should appear at the interview board with interview card through "under certificate of posting" respectively. But they did not follow any rules.
 Accordingly getting an allegation from a guardian of a student of the college, the Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira vide memo no. 198 stopped all further proceedings in connection with the appointment of the principal. In spite of this order the college authority did not pay any heed to it rather UNO and the Chairman issued appointment letter to a person on 30-7-91.
 The people, guardians and the students of the college hope that the higher authority concerned will take immediate steps to ensure congenial academic atmosphere in the college.

Watermelon output prospect bright

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 21: The prospect of watermelon production in the vast char land of Kishoreganj district is bright.
 An encouraging result has been achieved from the experimental cultivation of watermelon on the char land of the Brahmaputra, Meghna, Dhanu, Ariakha, Kali and Ghorauttra rivers and more farmers have become interested to cultivate watermelon.
 Experts are of the opinion that char lands are suitable for the cultivation of watermelon at a low cost. During the dry season these char lands emerged on the bed of Brahmaputra, Meghna, Dhanu, Ariakha, Kali and Ghorauttra rivers where watermelon is a profitable crop in these areas. But a little effort has been

made by the Agriculture Extension Department to produce improved quality of watermelon.
 The farmers urged the concerned authorities to extend help and provide them with improved quality of seeds and financial assistance for the cultivation of watermelon.
Diarrhoea claims four lives in Gaibandha
 GAIBANDHA, Aug 21: Diarrhoea claimed four lives and attacked 50 others at Shaghata upazila of the district official sources said, reports UNB.
 Scarcity of drinking water was stated to be the main rea-

Notes from Maulvi Bazar

From Our Correspondent

MAULVI BAZAR, Aug 21: Five out of ten posts of upazila Assistant Primary Education Officer in Kulaura upazila have been lying vacant for a long time, hampering the normal functioning of the administrative works of primary education.

The post of upazila Primary Education Officer in Baralekha upazila is also vacant hampering official work.
 Local people of Kulaura and Baralekha upazila have urged the authorities concerned to fill up the vacant posts without further delay.

Six killed
 Six persons were killed in Maulvi Bazar district during last three weeks in separate incidents like drowning, suicide, road accident, electrocution etc, according to the police.

A five-year-old boy drowned in a pond at village Hamarkona under Sadar upazila of Maulvi Bazar district. The victim Abed Ali, son of Javed Ali went out of the house without the knowledge of his parents. Later his body was recovered from a pond behind the house.

One Md. Jamil (21) was electrocuted at Ekduttapur village under Kulaura upazila. The victim while passing through a mangrove suddenly came into contact with live wire and died on the spot.

Body of Husnara Begum (25), wife of Abdul Matin of village Shujanagar under Baralekha upazila of the district was found hanging in her husband's house. It was said that she was committed suicide, but the father's family sources alleged that she was killed by her husband.

A case was filed with the Baralekha police and police arrested the husband and mother-in-law of the victim.

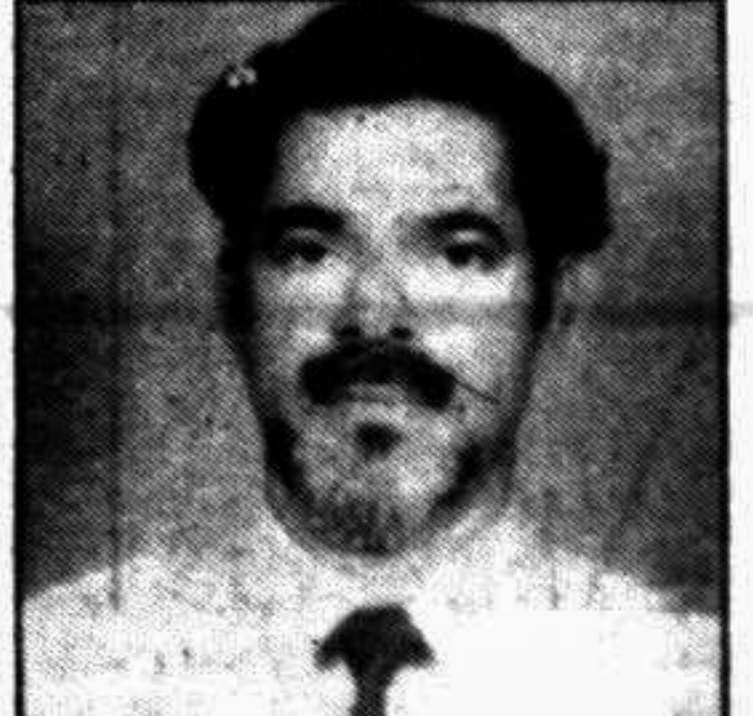
Two persons were killed in separate road mishaps.
 One Mihir Das (25) a villager received serious injuries when he was hit by a truck near Barakerpul on Sylhet-Dhaka highway at Sarker Bazar area of Sadar upazila. He died on way to Maulvi Bazar hospital.

A child beggar, Enam (8) also died in a road accident at Juri Bazar under Baralekha upazila.

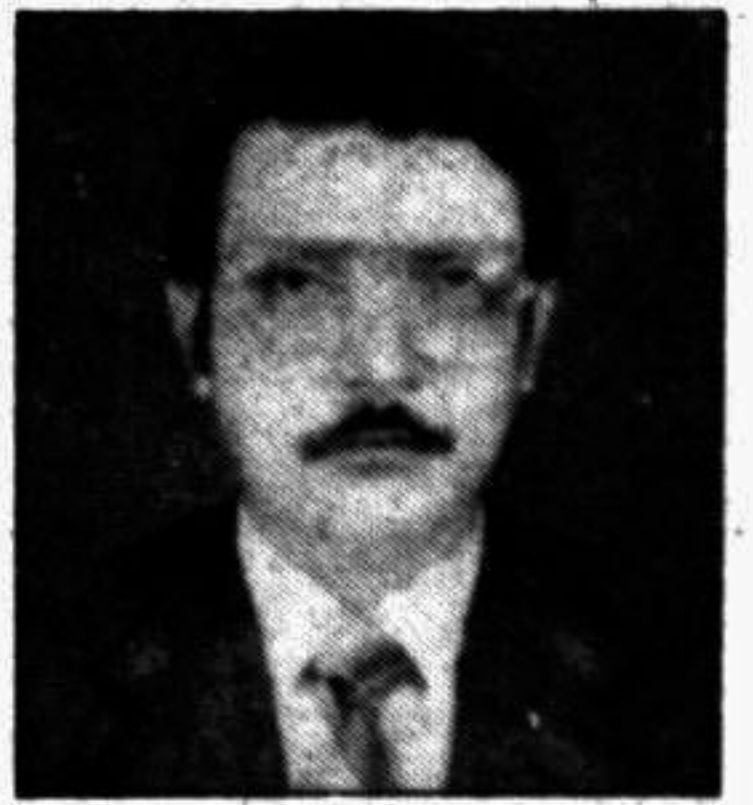
Comilla Bar Assoc executives

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Aug 21: Advocate Ali Imam and Advocate Jafrul Ahsan were elected President and General Secretary respectively of District Bar Association for the year 1991-92.



Ali Imam.



Jafrul Ahsan.

The other elected office-bearers are Advocate Momin Uddin Ahmed and Advocate A. F. M. Khaleq-Vice President, Advocate Mushtaq Rahman - Library Secretary, Advocate Abdul Mannan - Enrollment Secretary, Advocate Taifur Alam - Secretary for Social Welfare and Culture, Advocate Salimullah Secretary for Judicial branch.
 The other members of the executive body are Advocate Lokman Hossain, Advocate Abdul Matin, Advocate Ali Ashraf Majumder, Advocate Serajul Islam (2), Advocate Syed Ahmed Chowdhury, Advocate Khairul Alam Khan, Advocate M A Gani.

Hartal protesting transfer of DC observed

SHERPUR, Aug 21: An eight-hour hartal called by district unit of MuktiJodha Sangsad demanding withdrawal of the transfer order on Deputy Commissioner was observed peacefully in the town yesterday, reports UNB.
 A rally in the afternoon renewed the Sangsad's demand for withdrawal of the transfer order within a week.