### SIRAJGANJ Diarrhoea

## breaks out

From Our Correspondent Sept 25: Diarrhoea has broken out in all the nine upazilas of Sirajganj district. The worst affected upazilas are Shahzadpur, Sirajganj Sadar, Kazipur, Belkuchi and Kamarkhanda. Civil Surgeon office has confirmed only six deaths two in Sadar, one in Belkuchi and three in Kamarkhanda upazilas in September. But unofficial death toll rose to 62. Every day new patients are being admitted to upazilas health complexes.

District health authority prefers to suppress the death reports, it is gathered. However, considering the situation Ministry of Health and Family Planning has deputed Deputy Secretary, Administration, Syed Md Hussain in Sirajganj district to intensify protective measures in diarrhoea affected areas of different upazilas.

A source of Civil Surgeon office informed that 79 medical teams and nine special teams are working in the district.

### KISHOREGANJ

## One killed over brawl

## From Our Correspondent

Sept 25: A man was killed and his two brothers were seriously injured when their uncle along with his sons attacked them with deadly weapons over a brawl on trifling matter here Sunday.

According to police, a quarrel took place between the children of the families of the victims and their uncle Osman of village Swalpa Maria in Sadar upazila following which he along with his sons beat them up mercilessly.

As a result, Abu Bakar (35) died on way to Sadar hospital His two brothers Abu Taher (30) and Abu Kalam (26) were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital and Kishoregani Sadar hospital respectively. Their condition was stated to be critical.

A case has been lodged with local police in this connection. KUSHTIA

## Statue of Gopinath stolen

Sept 25: Hindu community of the district brought out a large silent procession in the town Monday demanding the arrest of burglars who stole the statue of Gopinath and Radharani from Gopinath Zeor temple, reports UNB.

The couple statue was stolen by burglars at the early hours of Sunday.

The processionists, wearing black badges, paraded the main streets of the town. Later they handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding immediate recovery of the statue.

Meanwhile, District administration constituted a twomember committee headed by a first class magistrate to enquire into the affairs. GAIBANDHA

## 4 get life-term for murder

Sept 25: The District and Sessions Judge Abdul Hye sentenced four people for life term for killing Yunus Ali of village Kashiabari under Polashbari upazila of the district, reports UNB.

They were also fined Tk 5000 each, in default, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one month more.

The convicts are Jasim Uddin and his brother Saimuddin of village Chakbala, Rahim Uddin of village Kashiabari and Nazmul Haque of Shaguna village under Palashbari upazila of the dis-

The prosecution story, in brief, is that the accused people stabbed to death Yunus Ali while he was returning home at night one year ago.

Later Palashbari police took up the case and submitted charge-sheet against the ac-

The learned Judge after examining the records and evidences awarded punishment on September 10. BARISAL

## 30,000 acres khas land distributed

Sept 25 : About 30,000 acres of khas land have been distributed among the landless farmers of southern six districts, official sources said, re-

ports UNB. Districtwise distribution of khas land is : Barisal-7,617 acres, Bhola-12,200, Patuakhali-3,000, Borguna-3,100, Jhalakathi-1139 and Pirojpur-2738 acres of land.

### BARISAL

## 10 lakh saplings to be distributed

Sept 25: Forest Department has taken up a programme to distribute over 10 lakh saplings of various trees in five southern districts, reports The districts are; Barisal,

Khulna, Bagerhat, Jhalakathi and Pirojpur. Official sources said,

saplings will be distributed from different nurseries of these districts.

### Works on BIP start soon

The second phase works on Bhola Irrigation Project (BIP) will be started soon in Daulat Khan, Charfession and Tazumuddin upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

The project will be implemented with an estimated cost of Tk 175.83 crore including foreign component of Tk 30.24 crore.

According to official sources, Bangladesh Water Development Board, Bangladesh Rural Development Board, Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Department, Bangladesh Roads and Highways Department and Local Government Engineering Bureau will jointly implement the project.

After completion, a total of 42,500 hectares of land will get irrigation facilities.

### **JHENIDAH**

## Absence of UNOs hampers administrative works

### From Our correspondent

Sept 25: Absence of two Upazila Nirbahi Officers (UNOs) in Kaligani and Shailkupa of the district has been hampering administrative activities.

The UNOs were transferred from both the upazilas in last August and the upazila magistrates took over the charges on their behalf.

In addition to their duty, the magistrates are burdened with various functions of the UNOs. As a result, administrative bottlenecks have been created much to the inconvenience of the local people. Allocation of funds for the development projects and functioning of upazila parishads have already come to a stand-

People have urged the concerned authorities to fill up the vacant posts of UNOs im-

## KHAGRACHARI 85 primary teachers to

be recruited Sept 25: The hill district local government parishad has decided to recruit 85 primary teachers to fill up the vacant posts, officials said, reports

The decision was taken at a meeting held on September 11 and 12 at parishad conference room presided by its

Chairman, Samiran Dewan. Of the total, 53 posts will be filled from among the tribals and 32 from the non-tribals, according to the ratio of population. The break up of tribals for appointment were 26 for Chakmas, 14 for Tripuras and 13 for Marmas.

The sources said formal appointment letters will be issued by the end of this month.

The local government parishads in Chittagong Hill Tracts are entrusted to recruit the teachers as a part of administrative autonomy granted to them in 1989.

## NARAIL

## Fake NGO organisers disappear

Sept 25: The organisers of a fake non-government organisation "Agro-Fisheries" have disappeared defrauding the villagers of the three upazilas of about Tk 5 lakh, reports UNB.

According to sources, persons calling themselves executives of the company took Tk 3,000 to 8,000 each as security money from job-seeking youngmen. A piscicultrue cooperative was floated and a huge amount of money had been collected as membership

fees. The local offices of the fake NGO at Narail, Khalia and Lohagora were found under lock and key, when some villagers went there to get loans

or buy services. The field staff who were locally recruited said that they were under pressure by the affected villagers and youths to repay their membership fees and security money collected by the NGO.



NAOGAON: A teacher taking class under the open sky in absence of a school building at a remote village of the district.

- Star photo

## Most school buildings in rural areas dilapidated

## Students sit on mat: no chair for teachers

From our Correspondent

In all 164 secondary schools have been functioning in seven upazilas of the dis-

drop outs to a great extent.

SATKHIRA, Sept 25

Secondary education in

Satkhira district suffers seri-

ous setback mainly due to

shortage of qualified teachers,

adequate government aid and

other educational gadgets. This

has increased the number of

Of these 20 are government institutions including 17 junior high schools. Most of these schools are housed in dilapidated buildings and unfit for holding classes as most of the roofs have developed cracks and rain water soaks through these even after a light shower. There are considerable number of schools which are housed in kutcha or semipucca houses.

Most of the schools have inadequate number of benches and as such students are com-

DINAJPUR, Sept 25: More

are expected to be produced

Some 2,28,200 acres of

in 16 northern districts of the

country during the current

land have been brought under

sugarcane cultivation in 16

northern districts of the

country during this season. Of

the total land, 1,50,200 acres

have been brought under Sugar

Mills Zone area and the rest

78,000 acres beyond the Sugar

and five commercial banks of

the districts will disburse a

sum of Taka six crore as loan

among the sugarcane cultiva-

tors to make the programme a

20,075 acres have been

brought under cultivation in

Panchagarh district, 43,500

Government college lecturers

will go on strike for an indefi-

nite period from September

30 if government fails to fulfil

their 12-point charter of de-

The decision was taken at a

regional conference of

Government Colleges' teachers

organised by Bogra district

committee of Bangladesh

Sarkari College Prabhashak

Samity on Sunday last at

The conference adopted

Government Mujibur Rahman

some resolutions which in-

cluded lecturers' promotion,

filling up of vacant posts in

colleges, and cancellation of

the policy that reserves 20 per

MADARIPUR, Sept 25:

Informed sources said that

Shortage of bamboo has been

hampering construction and

repair works of the thatched

traditional cottage industry

which directly depends upon

bamboo is also facing setback.

Further growth of bamboos has

been hindered as the farmers

are selling off even bamboo

roots to the brick manufactur-

ers. Due to shortage of the

item the price has increased

sharply

houses in the district.

cent of vacant posts.

Mahila College auditorium.

mands within September 28.

Sept 25

Of the total acreage, some

The sugar mills authorities

Mills Zone areas.

BOGRA,

success.

season.

pelled to sit either on bricks or on mats. They are also badly in need of sport equipment besides other recreational facilities. Most of the schools do not have playgrounds and sports instructors. The supply. of other appliances including chalk, blackboard, duster and map is also very scarce. Most of these institutions have very little toilet facilities.

On the other hand a large number of teachers fail to discharge their duties sincerely it is alleged. They appear to be more eager in private coaching than performing their duties in taking classes. Private coaching recently has gained such a momentum that the very purpose of education is being defeated. In Satkhira Government High School about 60 per cent students from class Six to class Ten take regular private coaching round the year.

34 lakh tons sugarcane likely

to be produced in 16 N-dists

From Our Correspondent

than 34 lakh tons of sugarcane in Dinajpur, 1,106 acres in industrial enterprises are badly

Gaibandha, 2.040 acres in

Lalmonirhat, 1,009 acres in

Nilphamari, 900 acres in

Kurigram, 23,340 acres in

Rajshahi, 7,309 acres in

Natore, 19,900 acres in

Chapainawabganj, 12,382 acres

in Bogra, 6,400 acres in

Jaipurhat, 5,300 acres in

Power failure

town have been, facing much

inconvenience due to frequent

power failure for the last few

supply is disrupted plunging

the town into complete dark

ness. Students and patients ar

Almost everyday electric

The conference expressed

In another resolution the

concern over the government

decision to give promotion

only to the 700 assistant pro-

conference demanded promo-

tion to 1234 lecturers and

filling up of all vacant posts

giving promotion to all other

over by Abdul Jaltl, President

of the Bogra district commit-

tee, was also addressed by

central committee President

Kamal Ataur Rahman

Organising Secretary Naznin

Begum, and Treasurer Abdur

Md Abdus Sattar attended the

Bamboo shortage hits construction

From Our Correspondent

a medium size bamboo ranges

between Taka 45 and 50. As

such majority of the villagers

are unable to purchase bamboo

Waiting shed

at Ghatokchar bus stand on

Madaripur-Tekernal route

passengers have to undergo a

lot of troubles. They have to

wait under open sky for hours

together. Besides, absence of

utility services like urinals has

In absence of waiting shed

to construct houses.

It is gathered that price of

meeting as special guests.

Principal Jobdul Haq, and

The conference presided

fessors instead of 884.

lecturers at a time.

The people of Parbatipur

Sirajganj and 5,725 acres in

Naogaon, 41,425

Pabna district.

Govt college lecturers

threaten strike

From Our Correspondent

acres in Thakurgaon, 24,200 the worst sufferers. The local

Rangpur, 12,624 acres in affected due to frequent power

acres in

Dinajpur Our Dinajpur Correspondent adds: Over 6,000 primary schools have been running in a very poor condition and about 90 per cent of them are now on the

verge of extinction. These 6,000 primary schools which started just after independence have neither buildings nor furnitures in class rooms. Rural people urged the government several times to take up management of all these schools. The demand is yet to be fulfilled.

The government has decided to pay Taka 500 each as salary to the teachers of primary schools. About 20 high schools of 14 union parishads under Sadar upazila in Dinajpur district are beset with manifold problems depriving 10,000 students of proper education. These schools are facing shortage of

Besides, functions in differ-

The authorities concerned

ent offices are also hampered

for want of electricity in most

have been urged to ensure

supply of electricity and to in-

crease the number of trans-

Workshop on

rights of

children held

25: A three-day workshop on

cluded here today with a call

for improving the condition of

the disadvantaged children of

Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar

Forum — national networking

agency for the disadvantaged

children, the workshop drew

up a plan of action for imple-

menting its goals and objec-

tives to be achieved by the year

Law, order

situation

improves

in Narail

view meeting on law and order

has expressed satisfaction at

the gradual improvement of

the situation in the district,

Nirmal Chandra Sarker

presided over the meeting

held recently, in which the

Superintendent of Police, all

district level officers and the

members of the law and order

further aggravated the situa

ing shops on the both the

sides of the public roads have

been causing immense suffer-

sources, welding works are

carried on round the clock

causing serious inconvenience

to the passersby. Numerous

mini engineering workshops

have been set up without

proper licences, local people

According to the informed

ings to the town dwellers.

Mushroom growth of weld-

committee were present.

Deputy Commissioner

reports UNB.

MAGURA, Sept 25: A re-

2000.

Organised by the

the country, reports UNB.

the rights of the child con-

KOITTA (Manikganj), Sept

formers for the purpose.

of the day time.

equipment, laboratory and necessary appliances for games and sports. Most of the school buildings having cracks in the roofs and walls soak water during rainy season. These may collapse at any moment. Moreover, in the absence of

accommodation, furniture and

doors and windows, cattle and dogs move freely in the class-

the schools recently. Consequently poor students are facing economic hardships.

### Narail

rogramme

commodation, lack of necessary appliances, paucity of drinking water, shortage of funds, furniture and other amenities constitute some of the major problems. According to the district

primary education office, there are 287 government and 82 non-government primary schools in the district. Of them 98 are government and 33 non-government in Sadar, 98 government and 21 non-government in Lohagara and 91 government and 28 non-government in Kalia upazilas of the district.

dents in the government and

non-government schools are

rooms. Almost all the schools face scarcity of safe drinking Meanwhile, tuition fees have been increased in most of

Our Correspondent from Narail says that a large number of government and non-government primary schools in three upazilas of the district are beset with manifold problems obstructing the progress of universal primary education Shortage of teachers, ac-

The total number of stu-

10,9,830. Of them 16,397 are non-government school students. Most of the students do not have adequate number of benches to sit on. As such they are compelled to sit on bricks or mats. In some schools there is no chair even for the teachers. Blackboards, chalk, dusters and other teaching appliances are also unavailable in Due to shortage of funds the

managements are not in a position to repair the school buildings and even to pay regular salary to the teachers Ichorbaha, Ramsiddi, Duttapara, Nakashi, Kamal Protab and Mirapara government primary schools under Sadar upazila, Rajapur and Kumari government primary schools under Lohagara upazila and Mahishkhola, Amtatala, New Model Gouripur, Dutkura, Barakalia, Joynagar, Purba, Jamrildanga and Pakhimara government primary schools under Kalia upazila have been badly damaged by floods, storms, cyclones and other natural calamities during the last few years.

Classes are being held in open fields or under the trees The local leaders have appealed to the authorities to take effective steps so that the long standing problems of the primary schools are resolved as early as possible. Mr Ali Hossain, Deputy

Commissioner, Narail said that he saw most of the government primary schools awaiting reconstruction in the district. If the damaged school houses are not reconstructed or repaired immediately the universal primary education

would suffer, he added.

## Notes from Faridpur

From Our Correspondent FARIDPUR, Sept 25 : Habibur Rahman, a mason was electrocuted recently near the truck stand of the town. It is reported that the ill-fated mason while working in an under

### One commits suicide

and died on the spot.

construction building of

Rajmoni Boarding fell on the

bare electric line accidentally

Mrs Kamrunnahar (32), wife of Abdur Sukur Mollah of Kanaipur under Sadar Upazila committed suicide by taking poison recently. It is learnt that the victim, mother of four children, had illegal connection with a young man of the neighbouring village. On hearing the illegal affairs, Sukur Mollah, the husband of the victim had a quarrel with her and tried to solve the issue but in the night Kamrunnahar took poison and died.

### Arms recovered

Kotwali police recovered a stzeable quantity of arms and ammunition from the residence of Kasem Sikder of Guha Laxmipur recently. Acting on a tip, local police raided the house of Kasem Sikder and recovered a pipe gun, sword, Chinese axe, kiriz and ramdao.

It is also reported that the Kotwali police with the help of local people arrested one wanted accused Babu with arms from Alipur area of the town recently.

### Seminar on VAT A seminar on VAT, organ-

ised by Faridpur Customs, was held at the local commerce house recently. Presided over by Alhaj Md Firozar Rahman, President of the local Chamber of Commerce and Industries, the seminar was addressed by Mr Mahbubar Rahman, Collector of Customs, Khulna as chief guest.

The seminar was also addressed among others, by Mr Firoz Shah Alam, businessman and other elite of the town. The speakers discussed about the solution of the problems with the introduction of Value Added Tax (VAT).

### Building materials scarce

MAGURA, Scpt 25 Construction and renovation of houses are being hampered in four upazilas of the district due to the shortage of building materials.

Prices of brick, cement, sands, timber, bamboo and other materials have registered a rise by about 30 to 35 per cent adversely affecting the buyers.

A bag of cement is being sold between Tk 220 and Tk 240 in the local markets. The dealers have attributed the price hike to short supply of the construction materials.

One truck of bricks is being sold at Tk 3,600 or more at the dictate of the brickfield

owners, an official source said. Timber is sold at Tk 800 per CFT for the lowest quality.

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## **Notice Inviting Tenders**

from enlisted class-I, II, III civil contractor of PWD and will be received by the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Noakhali/B.Baria/Chandpur/ Lakshmipur in their respective offices up to 12-00 hrs on 13.10.91 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Gr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Eligibility	Completion time from work order
Gr.I.	Conversion of two rooms into bathroom & toilet at 1st floor of Chhagalnaiya Shisu Shadan buildings at Feni during the	Tk 1,91,404/-	Tk 3,829/-	Class-I, II, III contractors of PWD	1½ (One and half) month
G.II.	year 1991-92 Re-construction of internal approach road (Bituminous carpeting) in front of Shisu Shadan and school buildings of	Tk 1,10,527/-	Tk 2,211	-dodo-	1 (One) month
	Chhagalnaiya at Feni during the year 1991-92				

Tender form will be sold up to 12.10.91.

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# PWD Division, Feni

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Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, tender notice schedule of items additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the all Executive Engineer, under Comilla PWD Circle on payment of usual charges of Tk 400/-(Taka four hundred) (Non-refundable) per set of schedule (Notice inviting tenders, schedule of items additional terms and conditions etc.) and a sum of Tk. 25/- (Taka twenty five) (Non-

respects will be entertained.

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