

Upazila roundup

FENI

UP chairman suspended

Oct 15 : The Union Parishad Chairman of Char Mojlishpur has been put under suspension as he was facing trial on a case, reports UNB.

Local Government sources said, Obaidul Haque and a member of the union, Abul Bashar had been arrested six months back on charge of murder. Yet another member of the union implicated in the same murder case has been absconding.

The LGRD Ministry issued the suspension order on September 13 implicating the Chairman for corruption also.

Meanwhile, the other members of UP demanded exemplary punishment to the accused persons and asked the Deputy Commissioner to appoint an acting chairman in the union.

FARIDPUR

UZ chairmen unhappy over govt order

Oct 15 : The upazila chairmen of the district expressed their resentment over a recent government order authorising the Upazila Nirbahi Officers (UNO) to sign the delivery orders of wheat sanctioned for Food for Works Programme. Test Relief work and gratuitous relief distribution, reports UNB.

Speaking at a press conference held on Sunday at the local press club, they said the order was contrary to the upazila manual in which the authority had been vested with the "democratically elected" upazila chairmen.

The conference was addressed, among others, by KM Jahangir, Upazila Chairman, Nagarkanda, Sarwar Azam Khan, Chairman, Chardhara-nah upazila and Shahabuddin Khan, chairman, Sadarpur upazila Parishad.

They also criticised the decision empowering the Deputy Commissioners and the UNOs to appoint the chairmen of project implementation committees.

They termed it "a conspiracy" and demanded immediate withdrawal of the order or, they said, they would launch a countrywide movement.

MUNSHIGANJ

Govt attaches high priority to science education

Oct 15 : Deputy Minister for LOR and Cooperatives Mohammad Abdul Hye emphasised the need for promotion of facilities for science education so that the students could build up themselves to face the challenges of the modern world, reports BSS.

The Deputy Minister was laying the foundation of science building of a college at Gazaria here. Educationists, political leaders and elite of the district were present on the occasion.

He said, the success of all our national development efforts mainly depends on how best we can educate our students in the appropriate fields of science and technology.

He said, the present government attaches high priority to the spread of science education in schools and colleges. "Necessary funds are earmarked in the national budget to equip the educational institutions for the purpose," he added.

COMILLA

Recipients of Comilla Foundation gold medal

Oct 15 : Comilla Foundation in a recently held meeting resolved to award its gold medal for 1989 to three persons for outstanding contribution in the fields of science, culture, education and journalism, reports UNB.

The recipients are: Dr. Aminul Islam, Professor of Soil Science and Dr. Humayun Ahmed, Professor of Chemistry of Dhaka University and Gias Kamal Chowdhury of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangsha (BSS).

TANGAIL

Students given reception

Oct 15 : Twenty students including ten girl students who secured above 730 marks in the last SSC examination were accorded reception by Tangail Lalul Khelaghar Ashar recently at Public Library auditorium, reports BSS.

Mr. Abdul Mannan, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tangail distributed prizes and certificates among these students. In a brief speech Mr. Mannan expressed the hope that they would do better in future.

MYMENSINGH

2 kidnapped boys rescued

From EAU Correspondent
Oct 15 : Muktagacha and Fulbaria police rescued two kidnapped boys and arrested nine kidnapers including two women traffickers with one pipe gun recently, police said.

Muktagacha and Fulbaria police in a joint operation rescued school boy Masud Rana (7) of village Gahraknithi in Muktagacha upazila, after 28 days of Kidnapping. He was kidnapped from his village home Artabari on September 1.

The same day police rescued Ayub Ali (13) from village Mirzapur under Kotwali. He was kidnapped from his home at Talibari in Fulbaria upazila on September 10. Police arrested 1 persons with one pipe gun in this connection.

SIRAJGANJ

4 important posts lying vacant

Oct 15 : Four important posts including that of the Additional District Judge have been lying vacant for the last five years causing hindrance in the smooth functioning of the district administration, reports UNB.

The other posts are : one post of Deputy Director and two posts of Assistant Directors of Family Planning Department of the district. The District Judge and the Sub-Judge have been unable to cope with a large number of cases pending with district court.

In absence of the three directors, upazila level officers of the Family Planning Department are performing the duties without any supervision creating professional and logistic problems.

BRAHMANBARIA

3 prominent personalities honoured

Oct 15 : Three prominent personalities were honoured at a warm reception by the Shishu Natyom Sangstha held at the local town hall auditorium, reports UNB.

They are Aziz Missir, Joint Editor, Banglar Bani, Syed Abdul Kahhar, Assistant Editor, Datnik Bangla, and BTV Executive Producer Ali Imam. A prize-giving ceremony and a discussion meeting were also held with Alhaj Syed Emarur Reza in the chair recently.

Among others, Prof AKM Harun-or-Rashid, Md. Musa, Burhanuddin Ahmed, Munzurul Alam, Azmal Huda Bhulu and Niaz Mohammed Khan Bittu spoke on the occasion.

Forty child artists were given prizes by the organisation in literature, cultural activities and painting.

RANGAMATI

16 bodies formed to oversee uplift activities

Oct 15 : The local Government Council here has formed 16 committees to oversee and coordinate social and economic development activities covering all aspects of life in the tribal areas for the year 1991-92, reports UNB.

According to official sources, almost all the committees are headed by important tribal personalities.

The law and order and local affairs committee headed by the Parishad Chairman Goutam Dewan himself is to suggest and take measures for maintenance of law and order and protection of innocent tribals from attacks by the Chakma miscreants.

Official sources said, the committees formed recently will take up development related programmes in industries, agriculture, education, health and family planning, social welfare and communication sectors.

THAKURGAON

4000 tubewells out of order

Oct 15 : More than 4000 hand-driven tubewells in 10 upazilas of Panchagarh and Thakurgaon districts are reportedly out of commission, reports UNB.

Acute scarcity of pure water in these upazilas may cause widespread of diarrhoeal diseases.

It is learnt, out of the total, 449 tubewells have gone out of order in Boda, 436 in Debiganj, 232 in Tetulia, 328 in Atowari upazilas and 487 in Panchagarh Sadar, 135 in Panchagarh pourasaha, 399 in Pirganj, 325 in Haripur, 430 in Rantisankail, 319 in Baladangi and 934 in Thakurgaon Sadar upazilas.



Downpour for the last few days has inundated low-lying areas in Mymensingh town. Photo shows family members of a slum-dwelling have erected a machan inside while the child has taken shelter on the roof. — Star photo

25 pc get water supply benefit at Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Oct 15 : Water supply in the town remains a major problem, the gap between demand and supply being 2.8 million gallons a day, despite installation of modern supply system, reports UNB.

The current water supply of about 0.38 million gallons per day against demand of 3.14 million gallons covers only about 25 per cent of the population and 15 per cent areas in the municipality areas.

Officials estimated 10 per cent system loss in the modern water supply system commissioned in 1985 with Japanese grant.

It did not cover other bank of the Nabaganga river, where there is a great water supply demand in Arappur, Kalikapur, north side of Paglakamal road and C & B pond areas in the town.

Pourashava Chairman Mossarrif Hossain told a group of visiting newsmen Saturday that another production well and six kilometres of pipe lines were urgently needed to meet the present demand.

The existing turn-key water supply system, costing about Taka 5 crore, have four pro-

duction wells, three overhead tanks and 25.32 kilometres of pipe lines with 1082 domestic, 21 public and 26 commercial connections.

The other 14 public stand posts and 593 shallow tubewells serve a total of 38,000 people in the town. Poor people cannot avail services of the existing pure and hygienic water supply. Hossain said adding "many people cannot even pay Tk 50 per month for the services."

House connection charges for domestic services range between Tk 700 and Tk 1800 and tax between Tk 40 and Tk 100 per month while fees and tax for commercial services vary from Tk 1200 to Tk 3000 and Tk 80 to Tk 200.

Bulk of the revenue earning of the Pourasava is being spent for power supply and maintenance, Hossain said.

The municipality authority, who took over charge of the system on June 18 last from the Public Health and Engineering Department (PHE), is running short of manpower, six at present, and has requested for recruiting 35 more personnel.

BSS adds : With the completion of the Japanese as-

sisted water supply project at Jhenidah, water supply in the district town has improved greatly covering 25 per cent of its 75,000 population and 15 per cent of the 35 square kilometers municipal areas.

Two new wells

Under the project two new production wells with a capacity of 160 metre cube per hour each and two pump stations were installed. Two pump houses, three overhead tanks with a capacity of 4000 metre cube each and 10 public stand posts were built and 18.61 kilometre pipelines were laid.

Under a Japanese grant assistance of 763 million yen two such projects at Jhenidah and Chuadanga have been implemented for ensuring supply of pure drinking water. Japan also extended grant assistance to Bangladesh for improvement of water supply systems in the district towns of Kurigram, Gaibandha, Sunamganj, Narayanganj, Narshingdi and Feni.

The Pourasava Chairman said there are 584 hand pump tube-wells in the municipal area and they have plan to instal 60 more this year.

Son gets life-term for killing father

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 15 : Mr Akhlakur Rahman Chowdhury, Additional Sessions Judge, First Court, Kishoreganj, in a judgement delivered recently convicted one Dulal of village Tamni Akandapara under Karimganj upazila and sentenced him in absentia to undergo imprisonment for life and to pay a fine of Taka 4000 in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment for two years more for killing his father Abu Taher.

The prosecution case in brief is that on July 2, 1988, Abu Taher scolded Dulal in the morning for not doing any job and at one stage he stroke Dulal on the head with a wood. Dulal also in turn stroke his father with a bamboo cudgel causing grievous injury on the head. Abu Taher succumbed to his injuries on the same day at night.

A case was filed in this connection with Karimganj police who after necessary investigation submitted chargesheet against Dulal.

The judge, after examining the records and witnesses, awarded the above punishment.

Mr Ahmed Hossain APP appeared for the state while Advocate Liakat Hossain Manik appeared for the defence.

Landless farmers get 23,500 acres khas land

From Our Correspondent

THAKURGAON, Oct 15 : A total of 23,500 acres of khas land have been distributed among the landless farmers in five upazilas of the district.

According to the ADC(Rev), during the last 12 months 625 acres of land were transferred to 798 landless families in Thakurgaon Sadar, 137 acres to 305 families in Baladangi, 322 acres to 644 families in Haripur, 727 acres to 999 families in Rantisankail and 505 acres to 705 families in Pirganj upazila.

Thakurgaon Sadar Upazila Karmachari Kallyan Samity for the third and fourth class employees was formed here recently. An 11-member executive committee with Mr. Abdul Hye and Mr. Younus Ali Prodan as President and Secretary respectively was formed.

Soil fertility decreases

Cultivable land in the district is losing fertility.

The fertility of the land has been decreasing fast due to extensive use of chemical fertilizer to increase production all the year round.

The population boom has made an unprecedented pressure on the farmland. The farmers of the district do not keep their lands fallow after harvesting of crops. They prepare the same land for other crops soon after harvesting.

A soil scientist at Thakurgaon said that production capacity of cultivable land of the district had been decreasing gradually, owing to exhaustive use and application of chemical fertilizers. It is also learnt, 80 per cent of cultivable land of the district have lost sulphur and zinc resulting in 30 per cent crop loss.

The soil scientist has advised the farmers to use sulphur and zinc fertilizers to increase fertility of the farmlands. There are about 300,000 acres of cultivable land in the district. Due to use of chemical fertilizers on the soil, organic components of the land have been diminished to five per cent and acidity on the lands has also been increased and loss of manganese has also been experienced. The lands are gradually turning to barren and unproductive.

Divorce cases on the rise

From Our Correspondent

THAKURGAON, Oct 15 : More than 3000 marriages have been terminated during the last 12 months in the district.

Lately, daughter of Hareah Ali of Matigara said that she had got married with Jamiruddin Kachubari six years back. In spite of giving Taka 30,000 as dowry at the time of marriage, her husband demanded Taka 10,000 more. When her parents refused to pay the amount her husband began to torture her physically and put her out of the house.

The same case happened with Rukhsana, daughter of Abdul Gafur of village Mahadevpur who got married with Anisur Rahman two years back. Another oppressed woman Noorjahan, daughter of Abdul Hamid of Aulpari was married to Habi of Hartharpur in 1988 with a payment of dowry of Taka 12,000 and furniture worth Taka 2,000. Her husband claimed Taka 6,000 more but her parents could not pay it. She sought

help of the court for justice. In most of the cases women of the lower classes have become the victims. Due to non-registration of marriage deeds oppressed women did not get legal protection.

Besides, the marriage registrars in the remote areas demand more fee than the actual amount, it is alleged.

It is felt that the government should take measures to make compulsory registration of marriage deeds with a negligible amount of fee to ensure the registration even by the poor family.

On the other hand though there is consent from the first wife at the time of second marriage some husbands defying the government restriction marry more than once in the remote areas.

A survey showed in the rural areas often fail to ensure the rights of the wife due to absence of legal protection provided in the deed. As a result, divorce has become common feature in the rural areas.

Plan to develop 37.4 kms road in Narail

From Our Correspondent

NARAIL, Oct 15: The government has taken up a programme under second infrastructure development programme of greater districts of Jessore, Khulna, Kushtia and Rajbari to improve 37.4 kilometers of roads in Narail district initiated by Local Government Engineering Bureau.

The main objective of the project is to facilitate transportation and develop the infrastructure for other development activities. The project is being implemented under the joint auspices of Asian Development Bank which is responsible for 90 per cent of civil works and Bangladesh government which will do 10 per cent work.

The project includes 11 kilometers long Lohagara-Sherbor road estimated at

Taka 2.20 crore under Lohagara, 2.24 kilometers long Kalia-Chapatlighat via Gogania road estimated at Taka 4.48 crore under Kalia and 10 kilometers Narail-Majpara road at Taka 2 crore under Sadar upazila of Narail district.

Besides a number of culverts will be constructed throughout the district under this programme.

Preliminary works of the project were completed last year and approval of Bangladesh government and Asian Development Bank was then taken.

While contacted Mr Arabindo Chokrovarty, Executive Engineer, Narail Local Government Engineering Bureau told that all the works initiated will be completed during 1992-93 financial year.

Diarrhoea claims 60 lives in Maulvi Bazar

From Our Correspondent

MAULVI BAZAR, Oct 15: Diarrhoea claimed two more lives and attacked several others during the last two days raising the death toll to 60, official sources said here today, reports UNB.

Civil Surgeon office sources said, 30 people died in Srimargal, 14 in Kulara, 6 in Kamalganj, 5 in Rajnagar and 5 in Barlekha upazilas during the last five weeks.

A total of 10,000 people in six upazilas of the district have been attacked by the disease during the period. At least 17 medical teams have been working in the affected areas to combat the disease. The sources added.

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Auction Tender Notice No. 1991-92, 3/FRDP Mymensingh(1st call)

Auction Tender Notice of Roads & Highways Directorate

It is notified for general information that various kinds of houses, trees, shops etc mentioned in schedule acquired by order for road development in different mouzas on Raghurampur-Haluaghat and Raghurampur-Netrakona road sides will be sold through sealed Auction Tender. Tenders can be purchased by the auction tenderers from the undermentioned offices at Taka 100/- (one hundred) in cash, non-refundable, during office hours on or before 22-10-91.

- Group List of work :

Group No.	Govt. price	Earnest money 2% of Govt. price	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Tk. 1,16,360/00	Tk. 2,328/00	15 (fifteen) days
2.	Tk. 2,39,625/00	Tk. 4,793/00	Do
3.	Tk. 2,80,459/00	Tk. 5,609/00	Do
4.	Tk. 2,05,073/00	Tk. 4,102/00	Do
5.	Tk. 2,18,400/00	Tk. 4,368/00	Do
6.	Tk. 1,54,258/00	Tk. 3,086/00	Do
7.	Tk. 3,34,070/00	Tk. 6,682/00	Do
8.	Tk. 2,51,725/00	Tk. 5,035/00	Do
9.	Tk. 2,31,350/00	Tk. 4,627/00	Do
10.	Tk. 2,50,826/00	Tk. 5,017/00	Do
11.	Tk. 2,18,990/00	Tk. 4,380/00	Do
12.	Tk. 4,83,075/00	Tk. 9,662/00	Do
13.	Tk. 2,40,780/00	Tk. 4,816/00	Do

- Name of offices the auction tender form to be had at :
Office of the undersigned/Offices of Project Manager-1(EE) R&H, Feeder Road Development Project, Tangail/Project Manager-2 (EE) R&H, Feeder Road Development Project, Sherpur/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Mymensingh/Planning & Programming Division (P&D) Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer-1/2 (R&H), Feeder Road Development Project, Sarak Bhaban, Mymensingh.
- Name of offices to receive the auction tender :
Offices of Project Director (SE) R&H, Feeder Road Development Project, 338 Gohalkandi, Mymensingh/Project Manager-1 (EE) R&H Feeder Road Development Project, Tangail/Project Manager - 2 (EE) R&H, Feeder Road Development Project, Sherpur/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Project Control Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka and the undersigned.
- Last date and time of receiving the auction tender : 23-10-91 upto 12-30 hours.
- Date & time of opening the auction tender : 23-10-91 at 12-45 hours.
- Last date of selling the auction tender form : 22-10-91 upto 5-00 p.m.

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