

Upazila roundup

NARAIL

BNP workers advised to be disciplined

Oct 27 : The Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister Major-General M Majid-ul Huq (Retd) said the present democratic government, led by Begum Khaleda Zia is determined to restore peace and discipline in the country, reports UNB.

He was addressing the officials of the law enforcing agencies and district level officers here yesterday.

The Minister urged all to strengthen the hands of the government to create a congenial atmosphere in the society where every citizen can live without any fear and anxiety.

Later, Majid addressed a workers meeting of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at Narail Zilla Parishad auditorium.

He called upon the party workers to uphold the image of BNP throughout the country and advised them to be patient and disciplined.

The Minister also held meeting with government officers, and BNP leaders at Jessore and reviewed the law and order situation there.

PABNA

Relief operation geared up

Oct 27 : Relief operation in the flood hit areas under the district is going on in full-swing, an official handout said yesterday, reports BSS.

The relief operation is being conducted jointly by the members of the armed forces and local officials. They are also distributing relief materials, medicines and undertaking rehabilitation programme to alleviate the sufferings of the distressed people.

The government had so far distributed 974 metric tons of rice, 190 metric tons of wheat, cash Taka, 12 lakh and 50 thousand, 500 bundles of CI sheet, Taka 7 lakh as house building grants among 1400 families and 1,484 metric tons of wheat under the test relief programme for executing 437 projects.

Beside, 2,523 pieces of saree, 959 pieces of lounge, 11,000 special VGD cards (31.25 kg wheat per card per woman every month) and 1,723 cartons other food items were distributed among the affected people.

Patuakhali 2,619 deep tubewells to be installed

Oct 27 : A total of 2,619 deep tubewells will be installed at a cost of Tk 11 crore in six districts of Khulna division in the current financial year, official sources said here yesterday, reports UNB.

According to official sources, of the tubewells, 320 will be installed in Barisal, 117 in Jhalakathi, 43 in Pirojpur, 537 in Bhola, 611 in Bargana and 991 in Patuakhali district.

With the successful implementation of the scheme irrigation works and supply of pure water to the rural and urban people will be improved to a great extent.

MAULVI BAZAR 4 drown in boat capsized

From Our Correspondent Oct 27 : Four persons of a family were drowned when a boat capsized in the Kawadighat area under Rajnagar upazila of Maulvi Bazar district recently. The victims are Chirag Ali (36), his wife Anwar Bibi (28) and their two sons Sajjad Ali (4) and Ramjan Ali (2).

It is learnt that the victims were the inhabitants of village Moragaon under Rajnagar upazila. Their bodies were rescued after two days of the incident.

JAMALPUR Vaccination week observed

From Our Correspondent Oct 27 : National Vaccination Week was observed at Jamalpur district in a manner which was formally inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Mr Jalal Ahmed recently.

A big procession led by Deputy Commissioner Jalal Ahmed participated by students, teachers, government employees and all section of people was brought out in Jamalpur town to mark the occasion.

In this connection a discussion meeting was held at Singhani High School with Dr Askar Ali in the chair.

BARISAL

Dredging at Kirtonkhola starts

Oct 27 : Dredging work has started at a cost of Tk 50 lakh in Kirtonkhola river along the port area of the town, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Inland Water Development Authority (BIWDA) has engaged its dredger which can flush out 270 cubic metres of silt per hour from the river bed of Kirtonkhola.

Dredging work is expected to be completed by the first week of November.

SIRAJGANJ

Kidnapping of bank manager protested

Oct 27 : Managers and employees of 19 branches of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) yesterday protested against the kidnapping of Tarash branch manager Haider Ali, reports UNB.

The procession paraded the main roads of the town and later submitted a memorandum to Additional Deputy Commissioner (Gen) Ruhul Amin Khondker.

They alleged that the police was not active to rescue the manager even after 12 days of his kidnapping.

Earlier, on October 12 a gang of miscreants stormed the bank and looted Tk 37,000 and kidnapped Haider Ali.

Four employees including wife of an employee of the bank were arrested in this connection. The procession was followed by a rally held in front of the bank's zonal office here.

Police recovered a dual-stature of Radha-Krishna from a village of Tarash upazila on Wednesday.

Made of touch stone the statue measures 30 inches in length and 15 inches in width.

On the same day, Manager of Grameen Bank, Madhatnagar branch also handed over a statue to local police.

Both the statues worth about Tk 10 lakh will be handed over to the authorities of National Museum.

COMILLA

Indian sarees, sugar on sale

Oct 27 : Smuggled Indian sugar and sarees have again started appearing at the doorsteps of interested buyers on headloads of vagrant women, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the women move from door to door with bags full of Indian saree and while displaying these to housewives take orders for sugar which they supply later.

Describing the mode of operation, a well-informed source said the contraband goods are being carried mainly by rickshaws from border areas along kutchha roads connecting the main roads where trucks are kept ready. The goods generally enter through un-recognised routes.

Indian sugar is preferred because it is supplied between Tk 23 and 25 per kg as against Bangladeshi sugar which sells between Tk 28 and 30 in the local markets. A seller of Indian sugar gets a margin of Tk 5 to 6 per kg, it is gathered.

Original sugar bags are replaced by the Bangladeshi gunny bags at hoarding centres, so that customs and police officials cannot recognise the contraband.

SATKHIRA Housewife beaten to death

From Our Correspondent October 27 : A pregnant housewife was beaten to death by her husband recently. It is reported that one Rafiqul Islam of village Chhoygharia under Sadar upazila married Ferdousy Parveen (22) of Satkhira town two years back. Soon after their marriage Rafiqul demanded dowry which here poor parents could not pay. As a result, the husband began to torture her and one day she was driven out of the house. Then Ferdousy filed a case with the Sadar upazila court. Later Rafiqul Islam apologised and took back his wife to his house. After two months Rafiqul again demanded dowry. On the day of occurrence the husband beat her mercilessly till she fainted. She was taken to Satkhira Hospital in a critical condition where she died. A case was lodged with the Satkhira police station.



RANGPUR : Flood affected people from different corners of the district waiting for relief at local Keramatia High School. —Star photo

NGOs intensify relief work

RANGPUR, Oct 27 : The non-government organisations (NGOs) have geared up relief and rehabilitation works in the flood and epidemic hit areas in the Sadar, Gangachara, Kaunia, Badarganj, Taraganj and Pirgacha upazilas of the district.

Of them, RDRS have distributing 12 metric tons of rice among 2400 families and disbursed Taka two lakh among 4000 families while another 465 metric tons of wheat are being distributed

among 15 thousand families at the rate of 31 kg per head under special VGD programme. ASOD, Rangpur has started distribution of 266 metric tons of wheat among 4000 families under special VGD programme for two months. Earlier, it had completed distribution of 22,500 metric tons of rice, 13,500 metric tons of potatoes and 1,500 metric tons of dal among 18 thousand families.

World Vision had disbursed Taka 1,50,000 among the distressed families as GR relief.

Rangpur Unnayan Samajik Sangstha has distributed per head 4 kg rice and some quantities of medicines among 900 families. ADRA has started distribution of rice, dal, oil and salt worth Taka 30 lakh among 4000 families for three months.

CARE International Bangladesh, is distributing a large quantity of oral and push saline, water purifying tablets and medicines in the epidemic hit areas.

Committee, Rangpur had distributed 2000 kg rice and 1000 potatoes in Nohali union. Besides these, Rangpur Awami League and Jubo League together have opened gruel kitchen at the district Awami League office premises on October 22.

Different political and non-political organisations, some philanthropists, public representatives and individuals have been continuing distributions of relief among the destitutes of the district.

Karunmayee Kalibari

GAZIPUR, Oct 27 : An amount of Taka 65.93 crore agricultural loan is lying unrealised, in the district despite exemption of agricultural loan upto Taka 5000 by the government. This amount was distributed by 13 branches of the Krishi Bank.

Meanwhile, Krishi Bank undertook a programme to disburse Taka 11 crore among the farmers during the current fiscal year but only nine per cent of the total amount has been distributed so far.

2 get life-term

Additional District and Session Judge, Gazipur Mr. Matkur Rahman sentenced one Abul Kalam (Liton) to life imprisonment and to pay a fine of Taka 20,000, in default to suffer R.I. for two years more in a murder case recently.

The same judge also convicted one Kiron Mia and sentenced him to suffer R.I. for life and to pay a fine of Taka 20,000 in default to suffer R.I. for two years more on the charge of a murder.

The prosecution story is that on the night of May 30, 1989 accused Kiron Mia had a quarrel with his neighbour.

Altat (25) about money matter. At one stage Kiron stabbed the deceased to death.

A case was registered with Kaliganj police. After investigation the police submitted chargesheet against Kiron under section 302 BPC. The judge after examining the witnesses and records found him guilty and gave the said punishment.

MAGURA, Oct 27 : Miron (28), said to be Jatiya party worker was stabbed by some miscreants recently and has been admitted to Magura Sadar hospital in serious condition, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, Miron was returning home from a puja mandop, when suddenly some young people stabbed him on the Magura Natunbazar bridge.

Miron's family members suspected that political enmity might be the reason behind the attack.

They did not file any complaint with the police.



JAMALPUR : A big procession parading the town streets in observance of National Vaccination Week. —Star photo

Erratic power supply hits industrial units

From Our Correspondent MADARIPUR, Oct 27 : Frequent power failure has crippled the small-scale industrial units in the district further increasing the unemployment rate. Erratic power supply has been a long standing problem for the town dwellers. Local, domestic and commercial consumers gave several representation to the Power Development Board authority in this respect but to no effects.

It is learnt that some corrupt PDB employees give illegal connections on bribes. These illegal connections are vital causes for frequent power disruption, it is felt.

Every alternate day the upazila and district towns plunge into darkness for hours together. As all most all mills, factories, godowns cinema halls, educational institutions, markets, office and commercial centres are located in the old town they incur heavy loss.

Besides, electric lines are not properly maintained. Corrupt businessmen in con-

nivance with technicians give illegal connections without metres. On the other hand, illegal connection holders use high voltage heaters and machines for which the transformers often go out of order due to overloadings. Heavy fluctuations in voltage are creating panic among the consumers as many electronic gadgets go out of order.

Drught animal shortage

Acute shortage of bullocks has been prevailing throughout the district since long causing much inconveniences to the farmers.

Many of them use milk cows resulting in gradual reduction in milk production. A survey conducted by local elite revealed that every year various diseases take away heavy toll of cattleheads. The greedy cobblers are also responsible for killing a large number of bullocks by food poisoning for just to have skins.

Besides, slaughtering has increased to a great extent due to fish scarcity in the markets. On the other hand, farmers are compelled to sell their domestic animals at a throw away prices due to acute scarcity of fodder. No effective measures have yet been taken by the veterinary department of the district to check out the outbreak of Khura, Galafala enthrax and other cattle diseases.

The district veterinary hospital is also plagued with manifold problems like shortage of staff, accommodation and modern equipment. Scarcity of emergency medicines has been prevailing in the hospital for a long time.

Substandard drugs flood Kishoreganj markets

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 27 : Sub-Standard life-saving drugs have flooded the markets in 13 upazilas of the district.

Worms, flies, fungus are often found in many drug containers including saline and injection, it is alleged.

Mushroom growth of many drug companies are responsible for manufacturing these sub-standard drugs, knowledgeable sources opined.

It is alleged that the companies do not bother to collect certificates from the authorities for marketing their products.

It is learnt that a section of

physicians are patronising the sub-standard drugs by prescribing those to the patients at the undue request from the drug dealers.

Many medicine shops have been opened in the remote areas without having valid drug licence which are allegedly selling contaminated medicines risking the life of the patients.

The local people have demanded punishment of the persons responsible for manufacturing and selling spurious drugs endangering the lives of the patients.

60,000 tons wheat for tree plantation

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 27 : A massive tree plantation programme has been taken up under the Food for Works Programme in Nabinagar upazila of the district, reports UNB.

Organised by Comilla Prashika, the programme was inaugurated recently by Maulana Shah Sufi Mohammed Daimullah of Chhota Daira Sharif of Azampur, Dhaka. The inaugural function was attended by local MP Kazi Md Anwar Hussain and Upazila Chairman Kamal Uddin Ahmed.

Plantation is going on at the initial phase along the 10 kilometre Nabinagar-Companiganj road.

More than 60,000 metric tons of wheat have been sanctioned for implementation of the programme while 30 male and female destitutes have been employed for looking after the plantation areas for 3 years.

Another message adds: Local Mahila Parishad has held its 1st conference at the local Bar library here with Jubaida Khatun in the chair.

Vice-President of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Munira Khan was present in the conference as chief guest.

Among others, the function held recently was addressed by Afroza Khabir, Dr Mohmuda Nargis Ratna, Dr Aklima Matin, Hasina Israil and Ditruba Zaman.

A 29-member executive committee was also formed with Jubaida Khatun and Mili Chowdhury as President and Secretary respectively.

Book show held in Sylhet

SYLHET, Oct 27 : A ten-day long book exhibition began here in Gymnasium Hall of Sylhet Stadium Complex on Friday, reports UNB.

The exhibition was arranged jointly by Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Samity and National Book Centre.

The colourful book fair was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner-in-charge, Ishaque Bhuiyan.

Fund shortage will hamper Rabi farming

From Our Correspondent

CHHAPAINAWABGANJ, Oct 27 : About 15 thousand acres of land will remain uncultivated in the forthcoming 'Rabi' season in Nawabganj district ravaged by recent flood due to non-allocation of money in the agriculture rehabilitation programme.

According to the official sources, standing crops on 17 thousand acres of land worth Taka 13.5 crore were damaged by the recent flood.

After the recession of the flood water the agricultural extension department has brought about 60 per cent of the affected land under the agricultural rehabilitation programme and proposed for Tk 60 lakh and 34 thousand for distributing the seeds and fertilizer for maskalai, wheat and boro cultivation. But the amount was not approved by the government.

The season for sowing maskalai which is one of the main crops of the area has already passed. But the poor and terminal (prantik) farmers

were not provided with the seeds of the crop. As a result, about 3000 acres of land have remained uncultivated.

Thousands of day labourers have to remain at home due to lack of works. The per capita income of the labourers has come down Tk 10-12 only. It is feared that if the Agricultural Extension Department does not provide the poor farmers with the inputs including seeds for wheat, boro, over 15 thousand acres of land will remain uncultivated during the coming rabi season.

Indian currency recovered

The BDR personnel of 31 battalion recovered Indian currency amounting to 1,37,500 rupees from Mahbubul of Kaliganj, Mokbul Hossain of Kiranganj and Ainal Ilaque of Azampur all under Shibganj upazila.

The said three persons were handed over to the Shibganj police.

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Notice Inviting Tender

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