

**Upazila roundup**

**MYMENSINGH**  
Contractors demand early payment of bills

From BAU Correspondent

Nov 12: Bangladesh Roads and Highways Contractors Association, Mymensingh unit demanded early payment of outstanding bills amounting to over Taka two crore.

They urged government in a press conference held at Mymensingh Press Club on November 9 to pay their bills immediately.

The Association President Md. Nazrul Islam, Secretary Sirajul Islam Suja and advisor Dabir Hossain, Shahadat Hossain Khan Hillu and Mizanur Rahman Khan Liton, Muksub Ahmed, Iqbal Ahmed Khan, Sadek Ali, Tarek, Taramia and Ahsan Muhammed Azab also spoke the conference.

They said 500 contractors have been passing their days in hardship as their full investment is lying with the authorities.

**CHANDPUR**

Matlabganj High School students get-together Dec 27

From Our Correspondent

Nov 12: A meeting of the ex-students Association of Matlabganj High School was held at Chandpur recently.

The ex-students of Matlabganj High School serving in Dhaka, Chandpur and other places attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by eminent surgeon Dr. Golam Rasul. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Principal Matkur Rahman, Dr M A Mannan, Majibur Rahman, Fazul Haque Sarker, Advocate Siddiqur Rahman Ijazra, Molla Siddiqur Rahman.

The meeting decided to hold a get-together at Matlabganj High School on December 27.

**SYLHET**

One gets 10 years' RI in rape case

From Our Correspondent

Nov 12: Mr Md Shahidullah, Judge, Special Tribunal No. 3, Sylhet sentenced one Haris Miah to suffer rigorous imprisonment for ten years and to pay a fine of Taka Five hundred in default to suffer another one year in a rape case.

The prosecution case in brief is that, the accused Haris Miah entered into the house of one Abdul Aziz at village Khalpar under Kanaighat upazila on the night following 12th June, 1990 and violated his daughter Shafia Begum (13) forcibly. Abdul Aziz lodged a case in this connection with the police accusing Haris of the same village. Police after investigation submitted chargesheet against the accused. The judge after examining the witnesses found Haris guilty under section 376 BPC and sentenced him to suffer the aforesaid imprisonment.

**RAJSHAHI**

Cultural contest held

From Our Correspondent

Nov 12: The prize distribution ceremony of annual literary and cultural competition of Shahid Shamsuzzoha Hall of Rajshahi University was held at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium recently with great enthusiasm under the auspice of Hall Union.

About 100 students took part in week-long competition which included debate, recitation, extempore speech, acting and Rabindra, Nazrul and folk songs.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Amanullah Ahmed attended the function as the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

**COMILLA**

Accommodation problem in nurses' hostel

Nov 12: The hostel of the Nursing Training Institute at Kuchaitali here is over crowded with five or more trainees living in one room, reports UNB.

According to sources, the two-storied hostel building has 23 rooms which can accommodate 80 trainees but 140 students are living there.

Besides, accommodation, other consequential problems have made the hostel incongenial for training and education.

The most acute problem is the inadequate and irregular supply of water.

**KUSHTIA**  
Muslim League concerned over campus violence

From Our Correspondent

Nov 12: Bangladesh Muslim League Kushtia Branch held an organisational meeting last week with Mr. Anwarul Islam in the chair to discuss various aspects of organisational matter.

The meeting in a resolution bitterly criticised the action of Hindu fundamentalists in respect of Babri Mosque in Ayodha and expressed the party's determination to maintain communal peace and harmony in Bangladesh.

The meeting in another resolution expressed grave concern over the time consuming tactics of Indian Government in handing over Tin Bigha Corridor to Bangladesh and demanded of the Government of Bangladesh to ensure security and safety of 15000 people of Dahagram.

The meeting also expressed concern over the deteriorating situation of Dhaka University campus vis-a-vis the role played by Government and the opposition in this respect and demanded restoration of good academic atmosphere on the campus.

The meeting also called for holding its district council session on November 29 and advised the concerned party leaders and workers to attend the session in time.

**MAULVI BAZAR**

Hats, bazars need care

Nov 12: Hats and bazars in the upazilas of the district are beset with multiple problems causing great inconvenience to consumers and businessmen, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, hats in Rajnagar, Kulaura, Baralekha, Sremangal, Kamalganj, Tangra, Brahmanbazar, Chowdhury Bazar, Digtirpar and Munshi Bazar are now in pitiable and unhygienic conditions due to absence of proper drainage system.

Drains are not cleaned and heaps of garbage and filth are not removed. There is no toilet for use by the traders and buyers who gather here from far-flung area.

The roads inside the hats and bazars have developed cracks and potholes which have not been repaired for long.

**RAJSHAHI**

RU teacher honoured

Nov 12: The American Biographical Institute has nominated Prof Md Abu Talib, Associate Professor of Bangla department of Rajshahi University for "man of the year-1991" award, reports UNB.

The nomination was made by the Institute's International Board of Research, according to a press release.

Singling out a limited number to receive the accolade man of the year has been difficult indeed.

**KISHOREGANJ**

Diabetic centre opens

Nov 12: The Diabetic Association here has opened a temporary medical centre in the town to provide free medical advice to the diabetic patients, reports UNB.

Maksudul Haque, Deputy Commissioner formally inaugurated the medical centre on November 1.

A discussion meeting was arranged at the Government Boys High School premises with Dr Shaheeb Ali Pathan in the chair. Among others, Dr Mohiuddin Ahmed and Mobarak Hossain took part in the discussion.

The medical centre will remain open from 8 am to 12 noon every Friday and the patients will be given medicare and prescription free of cost.

**MAGURA**

750 metric tons wheat sanctioned

Nov : Government has sanctioned a total of 750 metric tons of wheat for special relief work in four upazilas of the district during the current season, reports UNB.

According to the Relief and Rehabilitation officer, earth work on different roads and development of educational and religious institutions will be undertaken with the wheat given under food-relief programme.

The work has started on the special test relief work and it would be completed next month.



SYLHET: The drain which runs from the district jail towards Kastoghar, a residential area of the town has sited up. The drain filled with garbage and nightsoils is causing health hazards to the passers-by. —Star photo

**REB plans to electrify 777 villages in Kushtia**

From A Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Nov 12: Rural Electrification Board continues its gradual extension programme in five upazilas of the district covering 1526 square kilometre area in 777 villages under 55 Unions for giving electric connections to 1,70,081 families. Meanwhile the Board has given 14,295 residential connections, 1317 commercial connections, 259 industrial connections, 36 deep tubewells, 106 shallow tubewells, 12 power pumps, 278 charitable institutions and 41 street light have so far been commissioned with the electrification.

REB has erected 1046-kilometre power line including 236 kilometre PDB line already taken by REB.

It may be mentioned that occasional formal opening of electrified villages are taking place in fulfillment of the demand of the rural people.

Electric connection in irrigation purpose has opened new vistas of development in food production giving immense benefit for the poor farmers in their effort to boost food output.

On the other hand revenue collection in the form of electricity bill in REB sector are also very satisfactory and encouraging.

**Jail killing day observed**

Jail killing day was observed here in a befitting manner. In this connection BCL, Islamic University Branch held a discussion meeting with Shajahan Alam Sajju in the chair. Billal Hossain, Kazi Md Ilyas Swapan, Tito, Mrinal, Alamgir Hossain Khan, Mokarram Hossain and Abdur Razzak participated in the discussion.

Bangabandhu Parishad, Kushtia branch also held a discussion meeting with Matkur Rahman Laitu in the chair. The speakers condemned the jail killing in 1975 and demanded punishment to those responsible for the heinous incident which took a toll of four precious lives.

The 20th National Cooperative Day was observed here Saturday with a renewed call for promotion of cooperatives as well as coordinated economic discipline. In observance of the day a cooperative rally was held. Representatives of various cooperative societies and organisations participated in the rally. Presided over by Md Liaquat Ali the rally was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Kazi Abu Sharif. Speaking on the occasion as chief guest Mr Sharif said that cooperative are recognised as a major economic sector in Bangladesh.

**37,237 low cost latrines distributed**

Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department has distributed 37,237 sets of low cost latrines valued at about Tk 86.45 lakh in 11 southern districts in 1990-91, reports UNB.

Official sources said, 4,201 sets of sanitary latrines were distributed in Patuakhali district while 33,036 sets distributed in other ten districts.

Of the total latrines, 6,014 sets were distributed in Barisal district, 1,942 sets in Jhalakati, 2,326 sets in Pirojpur, 3,899 sets in Bhola, 4,383 sets in Barguna, 4,489 sets in Faridpur, 1,947 sets in Rajbari, 2,778 sets in Madaripur, 3,414 sets in Shariatpur and 1,844 sets in Gopalganj district.

PHE also set a target to sell 83,250 sets of low cost latrines to the people of those districts in the current fiscal year, 1991-92.

**127 TR projects completed**

A total of 127 projects under test relief programme have been completed recently in four upazilas of Jhalakati district.

**Diarrhoea claims 419 in Kishoreganj, Sherpur**

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 12: Diarrhoeal disease which have spread in an epidemic form in all the 13 upazilas of the district claimed 26 more lives and attacked 1800 others during the last five days raising the death toll to 289, official sources, however, confirmed 147 deaths saying 13531 people were attacked by the disease during the period.

Of the dead nine died in Hossainpur, eight in Kishoreganj Sadar, five in Katiadi, and one each in Pakundia, Tarail, Karimganj and Niky upazilas. The situation aggravated during the period due to absence of adequate preventive measures and ineffective supply of medicines. Moreover, the patients coming in large numbers were facing accommodation problem in the health complexes and Sadar hospital. They have not arranged extra

beds to tackle the situation, patients complained. Acute scarcity of pure drinking water and deficiency of balanced diets have been attributed to the outbreak of the diseases. A total of 162 medical teams have been working in the affected areas of the district, officials sources said. Local MPs, political leaders, upazila and union parishad chairmen have urged the authorities concerned to supply life saving drugs and send more medical teams to save the suffering people and combat the disease immediately.

UNB from Sherpur adds: Diarrhoea claimed 130 lives and attacked eight thousand others in the district over the last two months.

But officials sources confirmed 80 deaths and said as many as five thousand people were attacked by the disease during the period.

About 51 medical teams have been working in the affected areas of the district.

Scarcity of pure water, consumption of adulterated food and poverty are learnt to be the main reasons for outbreak of the disease.

Another report from Madaripur says, at least 15 people including 5 children died of diarrhoea and 262 others were attacked by the disease in four upazilas of the district during that last one month.

Civil Surgeon office sources said 66 medical teams were working in different upazilas to combat the disease.

Local people, however, complained that they were passing their days in great hardship due to shortage of food and medicare.

Prices of rice, wheat and flour have gone up as the mills and factories at Sherpur and Nalitabari have stopped operating due to frequent loadshedding.

Domestic, industrial and commercial consumers and irrigation pump owners have repeatedly moved the Power Development Board (PDB) authorities to look into problem but no improvement was noticeable, consumers said.

The mills, factories, godowns, cinema halls, educational institutions, markets, offices and commercial centres stop functioning which disturbs production and other activities.

Voltag fluctuatiions have been damaging valuable electrical gadgets at homes causing financial loss to domestic consumers.

Transformers often go out of order or get burnt due to overloading at some points where unauthorised connections have given by corrupt employees.

**Revolution, Solidarity Day observed**

NETRAKONA, Nov 12: The National Revolution and Solidarity Day was observed here in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Different socio-cultural and political parties chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

**Power disruption hampers production**

SHERPUR, Nov 12: Frequent power disruption has been affecting all sectors of economic and social life in Sadar, Sreberdi, Nalitabari, Jheranigati and Nokla upazilas of the district, leading consumers alleged here, reports UNB.

The people of the district and upazila headquarters are deprived of electric supply for more than three to four hours a day.

Mr Zakiuddin Ahmed, President, Lakshpur Similia High School, under Shibpur upazila in Narsingdi district distributing prizes among the students. Mr Mosharraf Hossain chief guest and Headmaster of the school Mr Mohsin Nazir are also seen in the picture. —Star photo

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER OF RHD**

1. Tender Notice No. : 24 E.E. (RHD) Bogra Road Division of 1991-92.
2. Name of work : Providing sand khaa sub-base, base course (W.B.M) carpeting seal coat and earth work in road embankment and bridge approaches at 2nd K.M.(Part) and 3rd K.M.(Part) of Gabtoli-Chowkirghat Road under RHD Road Division, Bogra during the year 1991-92.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 9,83,215/00.
4. Earnest money : Tk 19,665/00.
5. Time allowed : 50(Fifty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of Contractor : A to D class general category contractor of RHD.
7. Name of offices where document will be available : Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/Dinajpur/Rajshahi/Road Construction Division-III, Dhaka/Planning and Programming, Dhaka Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-II, Bogra.
8. Name of offices to receive Tender Bid. : 1. Addl Chief Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi. 2. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle Rangpur/Project Control Circle, Dhaka. 3. Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/ Dinajpur.
9. Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : Upto 18/11/91.
10. Last date and time of receipt of Tender : Upto 12-30 P.M. on 19/11/91.
11. Date and time of opening of Bid : At 12-45 P.M. on 19/11/91.

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MAULVI BAZAR: Profession Fayzur Rahman, President of the district Chess Association giving away prizes among the winners of the Chess and quiz competition organised by Ekatuna Adarsha Pathagar recently. —Star photo

**Middlemen exploit jute growers in Narail**

From Our Correspondent

NARAIL, Nov 12: In absence of purchasing centres of the government or private agency jute price has further declined in the district thereby throwing the local jute growers into an uncertain future. In utter helplessness the growers are selling their hard earned produce to the local middlemen at a very low price.

Jute is being sold between in Taka 230 and 260 per maund in Sadar, Lohogara and Kaha markets while it sold between Taka 260 and 300 per maund a few months back.

It is apprehended the jute price will register a further fall which will aggravate the economic situation of the growers. Local level Agricultural Officer Mr. Abdur Rashid Mia told The Daily Star that the production cost of jute has stood at Taka 400 per maund including lease amount of land, labour cost and all other costs of inputs. Thus the growers sustained a loss of Taka 130 to 170 per maund.

Bahtrudanga village under Narail Poursava said that sometimes they are forced to sell jute on credit and also they are subjected to a lot of harassment in realising money from the middlemen.

Farmers alleged that middlemen and stockists have been taking advantage of the situation and depriving them of fair price due to lack of proper marketing system.

While contacted, local jute trader Gourang Sinha opined that the present prevailing jute market is the impact of reluctance of jute exporters millers at different centres, including Daulatpur of Khulna who have no bank advance this year to purchase jute.

Who thinks of us, said Nur Mohammad of Aouria village of Sadar upazila with great resentment.

He said as we have no means we are bound to sell our produce at a very low price which does not even cover expenses to transported aman cultivation. Another grower Bipul Kumar Das of