

Upazila roundup

NETRAKONA

50,000 children suffering from malnutrition

Dec 22: About 50 thousand children of different age groups are suffering from malnutrition and other child diseases in the ten upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

A survey conducted by a non-government organisation shows malnutrition in children has been spreading in these areas since the recent devastating flood which caused food shortage.

The number of child patient has been increasing day by day. Children of the poverty-stricken families are facing death, blindness and other malnutrition related diseases.

HABIGANJ

Fisherman succumbs to injuries

Dec 22: A fisherman of village Umednagar of Sadar upazila succumbed Saturday to injuries inflicted on him by unknown miscreants, reports UNB.

Police said, Mahibullah (35) was attacked with deadly weapons when he was catching fish on December 10 in the Kalandaba Haor, 3 km off his village.

He was rushed to Sadar hospital in a critical condition. The post-mortem was performed in the said hospital.

A case was registered in this connection, but no arrest has been made.

MALJDEE COURT

Property worth Tk 1 cr gutted

Dec 22: Property valued at about Taka one crore gutted when a fire broke out at a local gold store at Sonapur Upazila of the district, reports UNB.

Witnesses said, the fire originated from a electric short-circuit at the Rashid Cold Storage here recently.

Fire Brigade and police team rushed to the spot immediately and the situation was brought under control after long 6 hours.

About 16 persons including a Fire Brigade employee were injured during the firefight. They were released after first aid.

RANGPUR

Slaughtered body recovered

Dec 22: Police recovered a slaughtered body at Damuya village in Badarganj Upazila of the district Wednesday, reports UNB.

The body was identified as Mozaffar Hossain alias Hormuj of village South Ramnathpur of the upazila.

Police recovered the body after being informed by Ramnathpur union watchman.

The body was sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

A case was filed with the local police, but none was yet arrested.

BARISAL

Social forestry course opens

Dec 22: A five-day long "social forestry orientation course" for the village leaders was inaugurated here at the Kashipur Nursery premises on Sunday, under Upazila Afforestation and Nursery programme by Mr Joyal Abdin, Divisional Afforestation Officer of Barisal, reports BSS.

According to an official source, two other similar programmes, one each at Jhalakati and Fultala Nursery under Barisal Afforestation Division, were also inaugurated the same day.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been co-sponsoring the orientation course.

BORGUNA

Student leader arrested

Dec 22: Police arrested Md Maniruzzaman Jamal, General Secretary of the Student Union of Borguna Government College on Thursday morning, reports UNB.

Jamal an activist of Chhatra League (A-A) was arrested in connection with a case filed against him earlier on charge of attacking on JCD activists.

Meanwhile, Jaitiyabadi Chhatra Dal withdrew its Thursday's hartal call to protest Wednesday's attack on its activists in which Shahadat Hossain Milon received serious stab injuries.

GAIBANDHA

Gambler kills daughter

Dec 22: A father killed his daughter Marjina Khatun (6) at village Shibpur in Sundarganj Upazila of the district recently, reports UNB.

One Mokser Ali, a gambler, killed his daughter as her grand father refused to give him landed property, police said.

Ali sold his entire land, lost the money in gambling and demanded more land from his father Abdul Mannan. To take revenge of his father's refusal he killed his own daughter on Dec 17.

Marjina's body was found in a heap of straw next day.

A case was registered with the local police station. Police could not yet arrest Mokser Ali.

GHORASAL

Works on eight projects in progress

Dec 22: Work is progressing on the implementation of 8 projects in the Narsingdi district with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank, reports UNB.

The Government Engineering Bureau has sanctioned Taka 53.66 lakh for implementations of the projects in the current financial year.

Of the total amount, 52.48 lakh has been sanctioned for re-construction of six roads and 1.18 for re-construction of two culverts.

With the implementation of the projects road communication in the district will be improved to a great extent, it is learnt.

MADARIPUR

Eye, skin diseases attack children

Dec 22: Hundreds of children of all the four upazilas of the district have been suffering from eye, skin and gastro-intestinal diseases, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

Doctors said a large number child patients with various diseases are pouring into the local clinics and hospital everyday.

Vitamin deficiency, consumption of adulterated food items and taking of impure water were attributed to the outbreak of the diseases.

Doctors said mass motivation is needed about the primary health care of the children.

Moreover, acute scarcity of necessary medicines has been prevailing in local hospital and health complexes. Patients are to buy medicines from the market at exorbitant prices, it is alleged.

RANGAMATI

Eviction of non-tribals stopped

Dec 22: Eviction of unauthorised settlers has been stopped following a protest demonstration by about 500 non-tribal settlers here, reports UNB.

The demonstrators brought out a procession Friday and submitted memorandum to the Chairman of the Local Government Parishad, Gaujam Dewan and Deputy Commissioner Ahabuddin Khan.

Azam Ali, Convener of the "Rangamati Bhumihin Bastuhara Samity" who led the protestors said they had to take shelter on government khas land and along the roads after being driven out of their homes by the Chakma miscreants.

The distressed non-tribals had settled in the hilly region during the early 80s.

In the memorandum the protestors said the local administration had ordered their eviction without making any arrangement for their rehabilitation.

SATKHIRA

Teachers stage sit-in programme

Dec 22: Hundreds of teachers of non-government high schools, colleges and madrasahs staged a sit-in demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office Thursday demanding immediate implementation of the Pay Commission, reports UNB.

District unit of Bangladesh Shikshak Samity Federation, which organised the demonstration, also submitted a memorandum containing a 15-point charter of demands.

The sit-in was followed by a big procession which was led by Chairman of the district unit of the federation Sheikh Amanullah.



RAJSHAHI: Children's painting contest — The competition was held at the Saheed Minar of RU on the Victory Day.

Shortage of bullocks hits cultivation

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 22: Acute shortage of bullocks in the four districts of greater Sylhet region for the last few years causing serious obstacles to the cultivation of the farmers in general.

According to knowledgeable sources, about 50 to 60 per cent families have no bullocks for tilling their cultivable lands in this region. Consequently, considerable portion of cultivable lands remain fallow every year. Most of the farmers carry on with agricultural works on share basis as they can not afford to purchase bullock or cow due to the sharp rise in their prices.

At present, a pair of bullocks costs Taka 6,000 to Taka 9,000 or more at different markets. For this, the farmers often have to hire bullocks for tilling their lands.

Sometimes, they use spades and themselves draw the plough. Many of them even use milk cows to cultivate the land resulting in gradual reduction in the production of milk.

According to a survey, the diseases, every year claim a heavy toll of the cattle. Natural calamities also claim a huge number of bullocks. According to an official source, every year, a large number of cattle heads die in these districts during the floods.

It is alleged that, a section of greedy cobblers are found poisoning cattleheads in different places of the districts only to collect skins.

On the other hand, slaughtering of bullocks has increased to a great extent following the scarcity of fish in the markets.

Scarcity of Fodder is prevailing in the various places of these districts due to different reasons. As a result, the poor and middle class farmers are at present selling out their cows and bullocks.

Taking advantage of the situation, a section of cow traders are purchasing hundreds of cows and bullocks from the farmers at normal prices and these are being supplied to different places and being slaughtered daily for consumption, it is alleged.

If this trend continues for an indefinite period, cultivation of crops would be hampered greatly, it is apprehended.

Uncontested UP officials

The Chairman and nine members of Umarpur Union Parishad have been declared elected uncontested.

It is reported that on the scheduled date for submission of nomination papers for the election of chairman and member for the ensuing Union Parishad elections, only one nomination paper was submitted to the authority for the post of chairman of Umarpur Union.

It is reported that, the people of all sections of the union held a meeting at the union parishad office prior to the date fixed for filing of nomination papers. It unanimously selected the candidates for all the posts of Chairman and members of the union.

It may be stated here that Abdul Miah is remaining the chairman of this union as third time. He thanked the people of his area for selecting him as chairman. The members are Awlad Miah, Md. Ashique Miah, and Md. Fazul Haque in Ward No.1, Md. Neor Miah, Abdul Hannan and Abdur Rob in Ward No.2 and Abdul Hai, Sajjadur Rahman and Siddique Ali in Ward No.3.

Wheat farming

An intensive programme has been taken up in all the four districts of greater Sylhet region during the current winter season for cultivating wheat.

According to an official source, wheat will be cultivated in 8,500 hectares of land in the region. It includes, 4,000 hectares in Habiganj, 600 hectares in Sylhet, 400 hectares in Moulvibazar and 3500 hectares in Sunamganj district.

The total target of wheat production had been fixed at 16,745 metric tons, the source said.

Steps are being taken to supply seeds and other inputs to the farmers during the season, the source added.

31 teachers posts lying vacant

MADARIPUR, Dec 22: A total of 31 posts of teachers of the Government Nazimuddin College have been lying vacant hampering education at the institution to a great extent, reports UNB.

According to official sources, 9 posts of Associate Professors, 10 posts of Assistant Professors, 9 posts of lecturers and 3 posts of demonstrators have been lying vacant for long.

Local leaders and guardians have urged the government to take steps for filling up the vacant posts and help restore normal academic activity in the college.

332 pry teachers yet to get grant

MAGURA, Dec 22: At least 332 teachers of 83 registered primary schools in four upazilas of the district are yet to receive the government grant since January this year, reports UNB.

According to District Education Office, the government had sanctioned Taka 2,000 for four teachers of each registered primary school as monthly benefit.

Some of the teachers said in a recent meeting that primary teachers of other districts received the benefit up to June.

The district education officer, when contacted, could not furnish any reason for non-payment of the benefit.

Government has sanctioned an amount of Taka 3,78,55,000 for construction

and development of 33 educational institutions in four districts of Jessore region during the current fiscal year.

According to the Executive Engineer of Facilities Department under Ministry of Education, Jessore, Taka 1,02,55,000 has been sanctioned for construction of 9 educational institutions in Magura district, Taka, 34,50,000 for 3 institutions in Narail district, Taka 92,00,000 for 8 institutions in Jhenidah district and Taka, 1,49,50,000 for 13 institutions in Jessore district.

Work has already begun and it would be completed by June next year.

Educational facilities in the region would be considerably extended on completion of the work, official sources said.

Fishermen face hurdles

PABNA, Dec 22: Thousands of fishermen have been facing hurdles in carrying on their age-old profession for acute fund stringency and price hike of fishing appliances, reports UNB.

A fishing boat along with a net is being sold at Taka 1.50 lakh which is beyond the purchasing capacity of the fishermen.

About 35,000 fishermen living in the district earn their livelihood by fishing in the rivers, beels canals and ponds.

Some fishermen of "Chalan Beel" told a visiting UNB correspondent that unable to bear with the situation a good many of them shifted to other vocation or were looking for odd jobs elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the non professional fishermen have taken over the fisheries, fish producing water bodies as well as the fishing business, although beels and jalmahals are required by law to be leased out to genuine fishermen.

Some jaradars in collusion with the vested interest groups are giving sub-lease to the non-fishermen who frighten away the few fishermen from their lease.

They also take away the nets and fishing appliances from the professionals with impunity by and at time in connivance with the law-enforcing personnel, it was alleged.

A UNB report says: Forty five people were arrested from different parts of the town on various charges, including toll collection, during the last 24 hours, police said recently.

The arrested included 17 toll collectors, 12 maanastas and 16 others were nabbed on other charges.

They were sent to the jail hajjat.

Tk 6.16 cr smuggled goods seized, 85 arrested

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Dec 22: Eighty-five alleged smugglers were arrested and contrabands goods worth Taka 6,15,80,734 seized during the last eleven months from January to November '91, in the district, officials said here recently, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Rifles of different border outposts seized the goods worth Taka 4,54,32,261 while being smuggled in to the country and goods worth Tk. 1,53,48,473 while being smuggled out of the country.

Police registered 1706 cases in this connection against 156 smugglers including 71 absconding.

The goods included Indian cattlehead, fertilizers, bicycles, egg, sugar, salt, clothes, tobacco, onion, saree, rice, yarn, pulses, kins, gold, spares, polyester and video cassettes.

According to police, goods worth Taka 58,10,404 were seized in January and 10 people were arrested. A total of 184 cases were registered during the month.

In the month of February goods worth Taka 60,64,202 were seized, 4 arrested and 191 cases filed. In March, goods worth Taka 88,64,678 were seized, 3 held and 177 cases filed. In April goods worth Taka 80,10,151 were seized, 15 held and 154 cases filed.

In May goods worth Taka 70,06,093 were seized, 10 people held and 108 cases filed. In June, goods worth Taka 17,7,229 were seized, one held and 108 cases filed.

In July goods worth Taka 31,98,616 were seized, 8 arrested and 139 cases filed. In August goods worth Taka 63,56,519 were seized, 13 arrested and 181 cases filed. In September goods worth Taka 43,00,157 were seized, 10 arrested and 123 cases filed.

In October goods worth Taka 62,86,840 were seized, 8 arrested and 191 cases filed. In November, goods worth Taka 39,05,845 were seized, 3 held and 160 cases filed.

Our Correspondent reports: A squad of Bangladesh Rifles recovered two bars of gold (20 tolas) worth Taka 1.40 lakh from one Nasruddin of village Chhoto Tappu under Shibganj Upazila recently.

It is learnt that when the gold trafficker was passing through a border village the BDR jowans stopped him and recovered the bars from his possession.

It can be mentioned here that Chapal Nawabganj has become an established route for gold smuggling in the recent years and a huge quantity of gold is smuggled out to India everyday through this route.

started on November 15 and will continue upto March 15. About two thousand tonnes of aman paddy will be purchased. For this as many as nine purchasing centres have been opened at Chapal Nawabganj, Anawra, Nachoul, Rahampur, Deopura, Shibganj, Bholahat, Mallikpur and Gobratola.

The target of aman paddy procurement was not fulfilled last year because the price of aman paddy fixed by the government was lower than that of in the open market.

Stands 3rd in Aleem final exam

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Dec 22: ABM Zakir Hussain, a student of Boro-Rangpur Keramatia Alia Madrasa, Rangpur stood 3rd in combined merit list in the Aleem Final Examination held this year under the Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board.

He secured total 751 marks and obtained two letters in Mathematics and Chemistry.

He is the 4th son of Mr Omar Ali Sheikh of Charakshola Union under Nilphamari Sadar Upazila.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Rural Development and Cooperation Division
Office of the Project Director
Reconstruction of Rural Housing in Flood and Cyclone Affected Areas of Bangladesh
Proposals Solicited

Proposals are hereby invited from Government, Semi-Government, Community Based Organisations (CBOs), NGOs and entrepreneurs to set-up local level building materials research, materials production, preservation and treatment process, information dissemination centre in order to improve the supply, delivery and durability of building materials and technique which are appropriate for housing processes of the rural poor. They are expected to establish production centre/sub-centres in different parts of the country for manufacture and marketing of low cost building materials, preservation and treatment of locally available materials and dissemination of information on appropriate building materials and technology.

Proposals are also invited separately from noted technical institutes for carrying out material and processes testing etc (R&D) and provide the technical and research output to the project.

Applicant organisations are required to collect detailed information and programme parameters from the project office.

It should be noted that this invitation does not imply any offer or a firm commitment. Any proposal found technically feasible and economically viable, would be considered for possible allocation of resources for the purpose.

The proposals along with necessary supporting documents must reach the office of the undersigned on or before the 7th January, 1992.

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Tender Notice

Scaled tenders are invited for the undermentioned group works at Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Savar:-

Group No.	Name of work	Earliest Money	Price of Tender document (non-refundable)	Qualification for participants in the tender
A	Repair & maintenance of Housing Colony	Tk 4,000/=	Tk 150/=	Prequalified Contractor of this Establishment
B	Repair of SPARSO Guard shed	Tk 4,000/=	Tk 150/=	-Do-
C	Construction of Cash counter for INST	Tk 700/=	Tk 50/=	-Do-
D	Construction of over bridge on Reactor Operation and Maintenance Unit (ROMU) concrete stack with Isotope stack	Tk 500/=	Tk 50/=	Mechanical contractor with similar work experience.

Tender document containing detailed specification for respective group of work and terms and conditions can be collected from this office at the above mentioned price in cash (non-refundable) on all working days up to 29-12-91 during office hours on written request (in case of Group 'D' certificates of Income Tax clearance, bank financial solvency and equivalent work experience should be possessed) subject to prior permission of the undersigned, and can be dropped in the tender box with the earnest money stated above for each group up to 2-30 minutes on 30-12-91, which will be opened the same day at 2-45 minutes. No tender document can be issued on the prescribed date for opening of tenders.

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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