

Upazila roundup

KISHOREGANJ

Son kills mother

From Our Correspondent

February 14 : Mother was killed by her son following an altercation over serving food on Saturday.

Osman (26) of Telipara village under Kishoreganj hit his mother Amena Begum (50) with a dao when she failed to serve him food as there was no rice in their house. Amena died on the spot.

The body was brought to Kishoreganj hospital for autopsy. A case was registered with police.

3 dacoits arrested

Katiadi thana police arrested three dacoits and recovered two firearms and ten rounds of ammunition from them on Monday.

Police pounded a group of ten dacoits near Betoir Mosque on Kishoreganj-Bhairab highway while they were preparing for dacoity. Police arrested Abdul Hamid, Habib and Abdul Rahman and recovered the arms from them.

Other dacoits managed to escape. They opened two rounds of fire at the police.

The arrested persons are fugitive as there are several dacoity cases against them in Gazipur, Dhaka and Mymensingh districts.

Officer-in-charge of Katiadi thana Asish Kumar Das was slightly injured during exchange of fire with the dacoits.

RAJBARI

Law enforcing agencies asked to gear up activities

February 14 : The monthly Law and Order Committee meeting of Rajbari district was held on Thursday at the DC's conference room with Deputy Commissioner, Md. Montajuddin in the chair, reports BSS.

The overall law and order situation of the district was reviewed in the meeting. The members of the law enforcing agencies were directed to gear up their activities for further improvement of the law and order situations, a meeting source said.

The meeting also decided to take some effective steps for maintaining congenial atmosphere so that free, fair and neutral parliamentary polls could be held peacefully.

Superintendent of police, UNO's of different upazilas, concerned officials and members of the committee were present in the meeting.

TANGAIL

Examinees assault 2 magistrates

February 14 : Two Magistrates were assaulted by unruly elements in two B A pass examination centres in the last few days, reports BSS.

One lady Magistrate was assaulted by an examinee in Karatia Saadat College centre. The miscreant fled jumping down from the first floor room of the college building. Earlier another Magistrate was attacked by a few unruly examinees and their associates in Kagmari College Centre. The district administration has taken strict measures against unfair means in the examination centres in the district.

SATKHIRA

Cheat arrested

February 14 : Kaliganj police here Saturday arrested a man for extorting money from two youths in the name of providing jobs to them, reports UNB.

According to sources, Fazlu Gazi of Gobindapur village under Kaliganj upazila collected Taka 10,000 from Rashid Kowar of Gobindapur and Saiful Islam of Kaliganj with false assurance of providing them with jobs.

Later the youths informed the matter to the police. Police said Fazlu had been cheating the local jobless youths for a long time.

KUSHTIA

One killed by blackmarketeers

From Our Correspondent

One Lokman was killed by blackmarketeers in the Uthli Bazar under Jibonagar upazila recently as he showed the hidden goods meant for blackmarketing to B. D. R on patrol duty.

Beating mercilessly the blackmarketeers left Lokman at a critical condition. Died at the hospital.

NETRAKONA

6 injured as BNP, JP activists clash

From Our Correspondent

Feb : Six persons were injured in a clash between the activists of BNP and Jatiya Party Saturday night at Barhatta upazila, 12 Km off here, police sources said.

The clash ensued when two electoral processions sponsored by BNP and Jatiya Party came face to face, the sources said.

COX'S BAZAR

Professionals' democracy march ends

February 14 : The two-day democracy march of professionals ended here Monday evening through a cultural rally and call to the people to exercise their franchise without fear in the February 27 parliamentary elections, reports BSS.

Presided over by Cox's Bazar district BMA President Dr. Sanaulah Meah, the rally was addressed by Justice K.M. Sobhan, Hannana Begum, Akhtarun Nabi, Advocate Rana Dasgupta, Humayun Faridi, Asaduzzaman Nur, Suborna Mustafa and others.

They urged the people to elect honest and dedicated candidates to the parliament who did not oppose the liberation war, or helped the ousted autocratic government or changed political platform or used religion as a political weapon or were connected with rigging of elections.

They also called upon the law-enforcing agencies to recover illegal arms and ensure a terror-free atmosphere so that voters can exercise their franchise without fear.

The cultural function staged at the rally was participated by artists Nasir Uddin Yusuf, Mahbub Zaman and others.

Earlier on way to Cox's Bazar, the marchers held rallies at Gomdandi of Boakhal Upazila Patrai and the Rahat Ali high schools in Paltiya Upazila, Dohazari and Satkania road links in Satkania Upazila.

The marches were frequently greeted by huge crowds at all the points they stopped and held rallies.

MAULDEE COURT

Five examinees jailed for adopting unfair means

February 14 : Five degree examinees have been awarded imprisonment for different terms for taking answer scripts with them and threatening the Magistrate on duty at the examination hall, reports UNB.

The judgements were pronounced by the Sadar Upazila Magistrate at his court recently. Sudharam police submitted charge sheets against them.

Mosharaf Hossain (Roll-44454), Subrata Das (Roll-44448), Sajjad Hossain (Roll-44447) and Mahbubul Alam (Roll-44450) did not submit the scripts and took them outside the examination hall. They were later caught red-handed by police. They were awarded two months' imprisonment each.

Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, who threatened the Magistrate for not allowing him to copy, was expelled and later awarded three months' imprisonment.

MANIKGANJ

Text books available in blackmarkets

February 14 : One month of the current academic session has passed but secondary students are yet not received the text books, reports UNB.

Book traders said the new text books would not be made available till the old stocks were exhausted.

According to students, the books are available in blackmarkets at exorbitant prices.

Buyers alleged that traders had been adopting this technique to make windfall profit. In addition, flaws in the government distribution system has aggravated the problem.

The guardians have urged the authorities to ensure smooth supply of books at fair prices immediately. They also demanded punishment of the book traders who are allegedly involved in selling books at blackmarkets.

Smuggled goods seized in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 14 : Jhenidah police recovered Indian goods worth about Taka 22,000 on Wednesday last.

Police acting on a secret information stopped a running truck Dhaka Metro NA-8128 in front of police station at Jhenidah town and seized the Indian goods including spare parts and cosmetics.

Police seized the truck and a case has been filed with Jhenidah police.

250 eye patients operated upon

A total of 250 eye patients were operated upon and 2796 treated in a ten-day long eye camp at local Primary Training Institute which concluded on January 5.

All the patients were operated and treated free of cost. All of them were given spectacles.

The camp was jointly organised by Bangladesh National Society for the Blind (BNSB) and Jhenidah district administration.

Doctor Bahauddin and doctor Abdur Rab conducted eye-operations jointly.

About one hundred volunteers from different educational institutions and social organisations were engaged in the camp to help the patients.



THAKURGAON : Saleha Begum (20) of village Begungaon of Pirganj upazila has set on example of self-reliance by making jute bags and other products at his house having a 30 day's training on jute products. She is running a family of seven members through her earnings.— Star photo

Fund shortage delays flood control plan

From Our Correspondent

MAULVI BAZAR, Feb 14 : The Hamamchhara flood control and drainage scheme in Chandighat union under Maulvibazar Sadar Upazila taken up by the Water Development Board in the 1982-83 financial year at an estimated cost of Taka one crore has not yet been implemented.

The non-availability of allocated fund is stated to be the cause of delay in the execution of the scheme.

With the implementation of the scheme 7,000 acres of agricultural land will be saved from flood and 5000 acres of land will get irrigation facilities.

The scheme includes construction of embankments

along the bank of Dholai and Monu rivers on the east and northern banks of the rivers and closing of 'Longchhara' to 'Hamamchhara' and sluice gate at the outfall of 'Hamamchhara'.

Flood damages crops in this area every year during monsoon. The last flood water of the Monu and Dholai rivers inundated the entire area including Bashola, Shamerkuna and Matarkapon.

VTI smarts under problems

The Vocational Training Institute (VTI), Maulvibazar has

been smarting under various problems.

The VTI is facing shortage of teachers, inadequate supply of raw materials, paucity of pure drinking water, lack of equipment, bad condition of electric supply line and lack of recreational facilities are causing untold sufferings to the students.

Hostel of the VTI is in a deplorable condition with shortage of furniture, bad condition of toilets and kitchen.

Most of the machines and equipment of VTI went out of order. The number of library books is quite insufficient to meet the requirements of the students.

TK 19 cr smuggled goods recovered in Dinajpur last year

From Our correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Feb. 14 : The Javans of Bangladesh Rifles recovered a huge quantity of smuggled goods worth about Taka 18 crore 94 lakhs and 58 thousand from different border areas in Rajshahi district last year. In all 4,86,000 cases were registered and over 1000 alleged smugglers were arrested during the period.

Bangladesh Rifles men recovered Indian clothes, cattle-head, stainless steel materials, cosmetics, sugar, motor parts, cycle parts while those entering into Bangladesh. The incoming Indian goods seized during the period valued at about Taka 16,960,000.

The goods seized while being smuggled out of the country included VCR, VCP, shirts, fish, old garments and jute worth about Taka 2,84,97,000.

Population Day observed

The National Population Day was observed here in a befitting manner under the joint auspices of the District Family Planning Department and Voluntary Family Welfare Association.

A big procession participated by officials, doctors and family planning assistants, paraded the main streets with banners and placards inscribing slogans on population control to create awareness among the public.

A seminar was held in local Zila Parishad auditorium with Mr. Saifuzzaman, Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi District, while Afsaruddin Molla, Divisional Director of Family Planning Department attended the function as chief guest.

Speakers at the meeting stressed the need for reducing the present rate of population growth for overall development and urged the officials of the concerned department to put in their best efforts to transform family planning programme into social movement in order to control population explosion.

Properties gutted

Goods worth over Taka three lakhs were burnt to ashes in a huge fire at Panka village of Shibganj upazila recently. Three persons were injured in the accident. The cause of the fire has not yet been ascertained.

Tk 205cr agri-loan yet to be realised

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Feb 14 : Agricultural loan amounting to Taka 205 crores disbursed by Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other five commercial banks among the farmers of Jamalpur district is yet to be realised.

A total of 26516 certificate cases have so far been filed to realise Taka 3,15,4800 with different upazila courts against the defaulters. Warrants of arrest have also been dispatched to the defaulters who failed to appear before the courts.

The amount of loan was disbursed to purchase bullocks, fertilizers, insecticides, irrigation pumps, poultry birds and other agricultural inputs.

It is learnt that due to floods, drought and inadequate irrigation facilities the crop production was poor and that is why the farmers could not

be able to repay the loans.

Bank sources informed that despite all loan recovery measures taken, not more than five per cent of the outstanding loan has been realised.

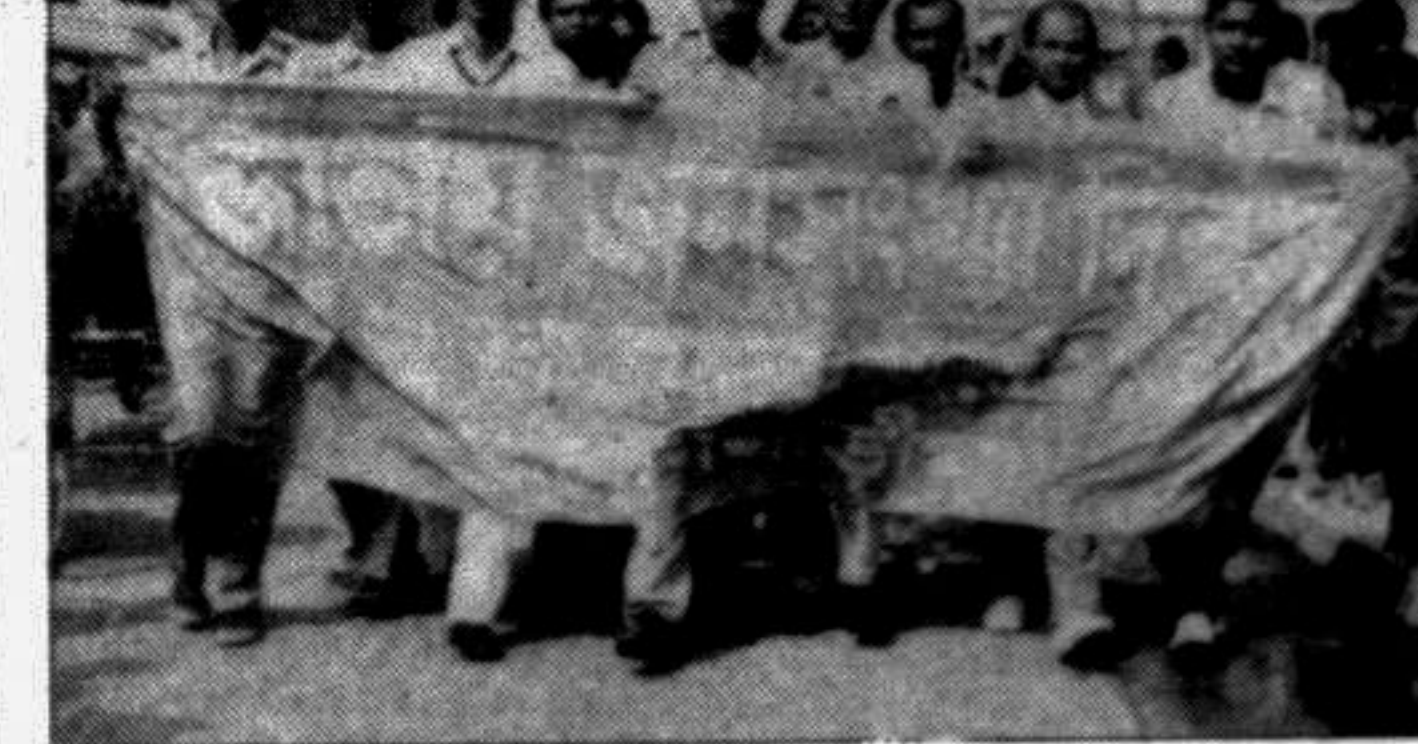
The Regional Manager at BKI, Jamalpur zone said that field workers were instructed to ensure recovery of loans.

Cox's Bazar roads in bad shape

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Feb. 14 : The roads constructed by the Local Government Engineering Bureau in the district needs immediate repair and reconstruction, as they are in a very deplorable condition.

The Azam Khan Road of Kutubdia Upazila, Janata Bazar Road of Moheshkali Upazila, Sea Beach of Teknaf Upazila, and other important roads of Cox's Bazar district have developed innumerable potholes and wide deep breaches at different points. The bricks have been broken to pieces creating water logging during rainy season, which cause much inconvenience both to vehicles and pedestrians.



BRAHMANBARIA : A rally brought out on the occasion of National Population Day in the town recently.— Star photo

Political scene

A welcome step

Star report

Reports of sporadic clashes among rival political workers have been received from different parts of the country during the last one week.

Seven persons were hurt at Bera, four k.m. from Khulna town on Tuesday when gunmen opened fire on a peace procession. The procession was brought out jointly by the local units of Awami League, BNP, Muslim League and CPB.

Rival groups of activists also clashed at Cox's Bazar on Tuesday night. At least 13 persons were injured in the incident.

Amid all these unfortunate events there is a ray of hope. Public awareness against violence as demonstrated in some places is encouraging. In one such welcome step, the Chairman of Jamalpur Municipality convened an all-party citizens meeting on Saturday last. The objective was to resist all sorts of terrorist acts for holding a free and fair election.

The meeting, attended by the local leaders of all the political parties including Awami League, BNP, Jamaat, CPB and Muslim League, resolved to help administration in maintaining law and order at all cost.

Our Correspondent from Nabinagar adds : The election campaign has gained momentum at Nabinagar.

Three candidates withdrew their candidature leaving eight in the race in Brahmanbaria-5 (Nabinagar) constituency. They are Abdul Qudus Makhon (AL), Hamidul Hoque Tukku (BNP), Kazi Md. Anwar Hossain (Jatiya Party), Advocate Golam Murshed (Independent), Atiqul Islam Khokon (ML), Md. Saheb Ali (Zaker Party), Sharif Md. Khan (JSD-Rob), and Amin Hossain (Jatiya Janata Dal).

All the candidates have launched vigorous door to door campaign to win over the voters. Nabinagar were a festive look with colourful election symbols, posters and decorated arches erected by the contesting candidates. Beside rallies are being held every day from morning till midnight. Election camps have been set up in every nook and corner of villages. Posters are pasted in village hats and bazars. The tempo of campaign generally picks up in the evening. The workers of the candidates were found appealing to the voters. The voters seemed careful in discussing the merits and demerits of the candidates. However they are optimistic about fair election this year after a long period.

The total number of voters in Nabinagar Upazila is 2,89,570.

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