

National

Upazila roundup

PABNA

Indian sugar floods market

From Our Correspondent
March 10 : Inferior quality Indian smuggled sugar has flooded all the markets of district town rural areas.

If such an alarming trend of Indian sugar smuggling continues local production of sugar will hamper and the sugarcane growers will be bound to give up cultivation and sugar will be stock piled in different sugar mills.

Sugar Mill authorities and sugarcane growers urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps against the illegal activists in the greater interest of economy of the country.

KUSHTIA

Driver killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent
March 10 : Glasuddin (28), a tractor driver of Kushtia Sugar Mills was killed under the wheel of a speedy truck recently at Baro Mile near Bheramara. Glasuddin is a resident of Dangapara under Mirpur P.S.

His body was sent to Kushtia General Hospital for post-mortem. A case has been filed with Bheramara PS in this connection. No arrest has so far been made.

BARISAL

One arrested with pipegun

From Our Correspondent
March 10 : Mehdiganj police arrested Abdus Salam alias Yunus of Lebukhali village of Patuakhali district recently with a pipegun from Mehdiganj of Barisal district.

Police also recovered some important informative letters from his possession. He has been taken custody for interro-

MUNSHIGANJ

Women's College sports held

From Our Correspondent

The sports competition of Munshiganj Women's College was held recently at local stadium. It was inaugurated by Md. Abdul Hoq, D.C. Munshiganj.

A total of 150 participants took part in 15 events. The competition was held in two phases : Indoor games and outdoor games.

Miss Nahida Sultana 1st year humanities became outdoor champion and Kamrunnahar 1st year humanities became outdoor runners up while Miss Shamsunnahar Shilpi 2nd year humanities became indoor champion and Miss Shamina 1st year humanities became indoor runners up.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Mahamud Hoq wife of D.C. Munshiganj.

In a brief speech the Principal of the College urged the competitors to undergo much exercise for a better performance in the future.

MAGURA

Stray dogs on rise

March 10 : Stray dogs are on rise in the town creating panic among the dwellers, reports UNB.

The dogs with scabby skins and various diseases are seen roaming here and there in the town. Pedestrians can hardly avoid their contact while walking through roads and lanes.

Besides, school-going children become panicky when these dogs follow them for food.

Local people alleged that repeated appeal to the Pourashava authorities yielded nothing.

MAULVI BAZAR

73 enumerators appointed

From Our Correspondent

March 10 : Maulvi Bazar Pourashava authority appointed 73 enumerators for ensuring census in the pousa area.

In this connection, a two-day long training camp for National Census '91 was inaugurated by Mr Syed Mohsin Ali, Chairman, Maulvi Bazar Pourashava at Pourashava Hall on March 6.

A total of 73 youths took part in the camp.

The inaugural session was addressed by Mr M. A. Haque of Statistics Department and commissioners of Pourashava.

It may be mentioned here

that the countrywide census will start from March 12.

Milk output falls

With the decrease in the number of milk cows, milk production has fallen abruptly in the district, according to local people.

Cattle lifting and diseases, flood and fodder crisis are attributed to be the reasons for the reduction in the number of milk cows. In addition, much land which previously produced fodder crops have been brought under IRRI-Boro cultivation. Poverty also has forced many farmers to sell their cows.

COMILLA

Shab-e-Barat observed

From Our Correspondent

March 10 : Shab-e-Barat was observed throughout Comilla district with due respect, and religious fervour. The devotees offered special prayers on the holy occasion seeking the blessing of Almighty Allah.

Thousands of devotees visited the holy shrines of the great saint Hazrat Shah Abdul Gazipuri (R).

Discussion meetings were held here by Islamic Foundation, Baitul Mosque committee in Muradnagar and Isapura Mosque Committee in Burichang.

People also visited the graves of their relatives to offer Fataha.

MEHERPUR

BSF returns abducted Bangladeshi

March 10 : Indian Border Security Force (BSF) personnel Saturday handed over Abu Bakar, a Bangladeshi national, to BDR after a flag meeting near main pillar no. 122 under Chakhal here, reports UNB.

According to sources, Indian intruders Wednesday entering Bangladesh territory forcibly took away two buffaloes from Harirampur area. Abu Bakar, a villager while tried to resist the intruders was also abducted by them. After the incident BDR lodged protest to BSF.

The flag meeting, led by Company Commander Nazmul Haq of BDR and Assistant Commanding Officer R.S. Mondal of the BSF team, was held amid friendly atmosphere.

BSF also assured in the meeting that they will return the buffaloes within a short time.

FARIDPUR

6000 acres put under HYV wheat farming

From Our Correspondent

March 10 : About six thousand acres of land have been brought under High-Yielding Variety (HYV) of wheat in south Char Madhavpur and Char Durgapur unions under Faridpur Upazila of Faridpur District.

It is expected that about 90 thousands maunds of wheat will be produced from these land. The farmers of these areas told this correspondent that if irrigation facilities can be made available then the production of wheat will further be increased. In this context the farmers are expecting that the newly elected MP of the constituency Faridpur-3 will help them in this regard.

Education Week

BSS adds : The Education Week as a part of the country-wide programme began here Thursday last.

The inaugural function was highlighted by a grand procession participated by about two thousand students of colleges and schools. They started from the local stadium and paraded the main streets of the town. A large number of teachers also participated in the rally.

Other programmes of the week includes cultural functions, debate etc.

SIRAJGANJ

Founding anniversary

March 10 : Baghigata Pathagar, a renowned library of the town, has observed its 29th founding anniversary last week, reports UNB.

Established in 1962, the library has 16,000 books worth about Taka five lakh on different subjects.

A function arranged in this connection on Thursday was addressed by the founder of the library Abdul Bari, Shahnewaz Shafeeza and Raziya Sultan.

According to the Doctors, the situation in Dewanganj and Bakshiganj upazillas has taken a serious turn.



MUNSHIGANJ : Munshiganj-Tongibari, road lying dilapidated for a long time causing immense sufferings to the passengers and vehicular traffic.

Notes from Comilla

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Mar 10 : On the occasion of International Drug Abuse Decade, Usahi Parishad a cultural organization held a seminar recently.

Principal Delwar Jahid presented the key-note paper where Prof Abdul Wahab, Editor of Daily Rupashi Bangla was the chief guest.

The discussion was participated by Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association, Comilla branch Mr Iqbal Anwer, Executive Director of SEVA, Mr Salahuddin Ahmed. In this seminar Mr Faruq Chowdhury was the chair.

2 killed in road mishaps

A youngman was killed in the road accident in front of Comilla Stadium recently.

The victim, identified as Haradhan Babu (27) was seriously injured when he was knocked down by a speeding microbus, No Dhaka Metro Chu-530.

He was rushed to Comilla General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. However, the microbus managed to escape. A case has been registered in this regard.

An assistant of a truck was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck near Police Line in the town.

Eye-witnesses said the victim Manik Mia (28) while trying to get down from the speeding truck slipped off and went under the wheels and died on the spot. Police seized the truck but the driver fled away.

Prize distribution

The annual prize-giving ceremony of Laksham Pilot Girls' High School was held recently with Mrs Saeeda Akhter in the chair. Mrs Kamrunnisa Khanam U.N.O. of Laksham attended as chief guest.

In this connection a meeting was held at school premises. The meeting was addressed by Abdul Gani, Yasin Mia, Birman Bihari, and Abdul Razzaq.

5 die from snake bite

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Mar 10 : Five persons died from snake-bite in different areas of Dinajpur and Thakurgaon districts recently.

According to the report, one Saidur Rahman (47) and another one Brajendra Nath Roy (25) both of village Tetulia in Chiribandar upazila died from snake-bite on the road while they were returning home from nearest bazar.

Another victim Shaiful Islam (16) of village Nulitara in Bhabki Union Parishad under Khansama upazila died from snake-bite while he was working in a paddy field.

On Sunday last, Miss Karimena Nesa (17) and Mrs. Bably Begum (29) both of village Bantia in Bilia Union Parishad under Thakurgaon Sadar upazila were died from snake-bite while they were collecting vegetables from their vegetables garden.

Hartal against post poll violence

From A Correspondent

KHALIPAR (Munshiganj), Mar 10 : Lions Club of Dhaka Motijheel recently organised a programme of baby food distribution, dental camp and general health checkup at Khalipar under Sirajdikhan upazila. Ln. Syed AK Mahmudul Huq, Lt Governor Bangladesh Lion District 315-B inaugurated the function as chief guest.

Lions Club distributes baby food

From A Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Mar 10 : A half-day hartal was observed Thursday in Gafargaon upazila of the district in protest against post-election violence, reports UNB.

The strike was called by local business community Wednesday protesting the violence following suspension voting at Batunia polling centre on February 27 in Mymensingh-10 constituency.



PABNA : Ambulance at Pabna Sadar Hospital is not available. Patients are brought by vans or other transports to the hospital on their own.

Notes from Comilla

Political scene

The lucky four

Star report

They are the 'lucky four' elected to the Parliament from four constituencies in Mymensingh. During the last upazila election of them contested for the posts of Chairmen in their respective areas but could not win.

The lucky four are : Mr. Mohammad Nazrul Islam Sarkar of Awami League elected from Mymensingh-3 (Gouripur), Al-Haj Keramat Ali Talukder of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) from Mymensingh-5 (Mukttagacha), Khondaker Amirul Islam Heera from Mymensingh-6 (Fulbaria) and Mohammad Abdul Khalek of BNP from Mymensingh-7 (Trishal).

In two other constituencies of the district, Mymensingh-8 and Mymensingh-9, two brothers won the election. Mr. Khurram Khan Chowdhury was elected from Mymensingh-8 constituency on Jatiya Party ticket. His elder brother, Anwar Hossain Khan won the election from Mymensingh-9 seat as a BNP candidate.

Barisal

Out of 23 seats in the southern district of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhera, Borguna, Pirojpur and Jhalakathi Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) won seven seats, Awami League (AL) won 11 seats, 5-Party Alliance won one seat, Jatiya Party won one seat, BAKSAL won one seat and independent candidates won two seats in the district.

Out of 63 candidates contested in the last parliamentary polls from six constituencies of Barisal, 44 candidates have lost their security money including 5-Party leader and Workers Party General Secretary Rashed Khan Menon from two constituencies of Bakerganj-2 and Bakerganj-5. He won from Bakerganj-2 but lost the poll in Bakerganj-5 with security money.

C'nowabganj

Our Chapal Nawabganj correspondent adds : Of the total 25 candidates contested in the recently held Jatiya Sangsad election, 14 have lost their security money.

According to unofficial sources, the prominent persons who lost their security deposit are the central president of Gana Azadi League Alhaj Abdus Samad in Chapal Nawabganj-3, former parliament member and Deputy Leader of opposition in the last Jatiya Sangsad Mr Ehsan Ali Khan in Chapal Nawabganj-3.

Chuadanga

Our Chuadanga correspondent adds : Nine candidates have lost their security money in two seats of recently held Jatiya Sangsad election in Chuadanga.

Of the nine candidates, three candidates have lost their security money from seat no. Chuadanga-one and six candidates have lost their security money from seat no. Chuadanga-2.

The candidates who have lost their security money are Mr. Bablu Rahman (Workers Party), M.A. Bari (Joker Party) and Mohammad Shahjahan (JSD-Rab) all from JS seat No. Chuadanga-one while Habibur Rahman Habi (JP), Nabisuddin (ML-Kader), Abdul Mannan (IOF), Younis Ali and Shahidul Islam (both Independent) and Saber Ali (Joker Party) have lost their security money from seat No. Chuadanga-2.

In all 15 candidates took part in the election from two seats of the district. It may be noted here that Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan of JSD-Rab from seat No. Chuadanga-one and Mr. Younis Ali, an independent candidate from seat no-2 quit the election earlier.

Procession in Kushtia

Our Kushtia correspondent adds : A procession was brought out in Khokha Janipur Bazar by JSD (Rab) and Jatiya Party protesting what they said wrong counting votes in the election in Kushtia-4 constituency (Kumarkhalia-Khokha).

The procession was brought out in support of JSD (Rab) candidate Mr. Noor-e-Alam Jiku.

Bumper potato yield expected

From Our Correspondent

MUNSHIGANJ, Mar 10 : A bumper production of potatoes is expected to be yielded this year in Munshiganj district.

Experts said that favourable climate and the absence of any diseases have paved the way for this bumper production.

The peasants are found in gay mood as they expect to earn a much by selling their crops that would enable them to pay off Mohazan's dues which will ultimately help them to lead a better life.

One Chanu Mia (45) was

killed by his nephews at Khaas Molakandi village in Molakandi Union of Munshiganj Sadar Upazila recently.

The victim was attacked by his nephews Zamir (40) and Banir (35) when he opposed them to cultivate his land. The land is a disputed one. Both the victim and the accused are demanding the ownership of the land. Being opposed by the uncle the nephews became angry and after exchanging much hot words attacked Chasan Mia with a lethal weapon in the abdomen.