

National

Upazila roundup

JAMALPUR

PATUAKHALI

100 kg marijuana Meteorology Week seized

From Our Correspondent

March 22 : District Excise Department personnel recovered 100 kg of marijuana worth about Taka 50000 from a village Alabari under Islampur upazila recently.

Official sources said that one Beker Akand cultivated marijuana on five decimals of land. Inspector Sheikh Abdur Razzaq raided the spot with his group and seized the marijuana from the land.

A departmental case has been started in this connection.

Young girl killed in train accident

A young girl Fulbanu (17) was killed when she was run over by a passenger train near Melandah Bazar railway station recently.

The body of the victim was sent to Jamalpur General Hospital for post mortem.

According to Jamalpur Railway police, the young girl while crossing the rail line was hit by a local train coming from Mymensingh at 2.30 p.m. She died on the spot.

BARISAL

Teachers' role in meaningful education stressed

March 22: Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof. Maniruzzaman Miah said here on Sunday that meaningful education should be spread to every nook and corner of the country to build a prosperous nation, reports BSS.

He was addressing a meeting of the teachers of the Government Brojomohor University College of Barisal as the chief guest. Prof. Mohammad Hanif, Principal of the College, presided over the function.

Prof. Miah said the teachers had a great role to play in bringing about a radical change in the educational and intellectual life of the country.

The Vice-Chancellor later at another function administered the oath of the newly-elected members of the Brojomohor University College Students Union.

PABNA

Obituary

From A Correspondent

March 22: Mr Wahidul Haque, Associate Professor, Physics Department of Pabna Women's College and a renowned social worker of



JHALAKATI

Nine canals to be re-excavated

March 22 : Water Development Board (WDB) here has taken up a scheme to re-excavate nine canals in Rajapur and Kaukhali upazilas of Jhalakathi and Pirojpur districts during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said four canals will be re-excavated in Rajapur and five canals in Kaukhali upazilas.

Over 3080 metric tons of wheat have been sanctioned for the implementation of the project.

Over 5000 acres of land will be brought under irrigation facilities after the completion of the schemes, the sources added.

MADRIPUR

Charmugria High School annual sports held

From Our Correspondent

March 22 : The annual sports of Charmugria High School was held at its ground recently. In four groups 350 students participated in 100 events. Rezaul Karim, Mizanur Rahman, Arthur Rahman and Shahjahan Miah became champion in 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' groups respectively.

CHANDPUR

10 injured, property worth Tk 50 lakh gutted

March 22 : Ten persons were injured in a devastating fire at Mashjeed Patti under Matlab Bazar of Chandpur district on Tuesday night, reports BSS.

About 30 shops with merchandise, garments and confectionery goods were damaged. Loss was estimated at about Taka 50 lakh. The injured persons were hospitalised at Matlab.

Fire Brigade personnel from Chandpur and Hajiganj rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire. The Deputy Commissioner visited the spot.

Tumour weighing half a maund removed

UNB adds : A big tumour weighing about half a maund has been successfully operated from the abdomen of a female patient at the Zila hospital Sunday.

Hospital sources identified the patient as Shahana Begum (35), wife of Majibur Rahman Howlader in Gondamara village of Haimchar upazila of the district.

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March 22 : Meteorology Week was observed in Patuakhali from March 15 to 21 followed by a number of programmes.

To highlight the importance of the week district administration arranged discussion with traders, showing of slides in the local cinema halls. A mobile court headed by First Class Magistrate, Mr. Abdul Wahab visited various bazaars of the town and seized huge outdated weights from traders. The court fined Taka 5400 and sent a number of traders to jail. Similar programmes have also been taken in six upazilas of the district.

At the end of the week, a seminar was arranged to motivate people in using Metric system weights.

One killed over land dispute

Md. Abdul Ghani of village Chota Bighal of Patuakhali Sadar Upazila succumbed to his injuries in the local hospital following a clash over land dispute.

It is learnt that the opponents are near relatives having uncle-cousin tie. On the day of occurrence, at 10 a.m. in the morning while the cousin Md. Abdul Ghani went to harvest dal from the said land his uncle and other accomplices opposed him. At one stage the assailants numbering five to seven attacked Abdul Ghani with lathi, dha and lethal weapons resulting grievous injury on his person.

Later on, people discovered him in an unconscious state and rushed him immediately to the local hospital where he succumbed to his injury.

A case has been registered in the local thana in this connection and two accused Noor Ilossain and Noor Alam have been arrested by police.

JHALAKATI

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BANKERS' CLUB

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Bumper potato production : Farmers who cannot avail of bank loan facilities are compelled to turn to mahajans (money lenders) for money at high interest rate. Here a farmer is selling out his produce much below the production cost to pay off pre-harvesting loan at Vikrampur in Munshiganj district.

— Star photo.

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Property worth Tk 25 lakh gutted

FENI, Mar 22: Property worth about Taka 25 lakh was gutted in a devastating fire at Fazilpur village of the Sadar upazila Wednesday.

Witnesses said, the fire originated from a kitchen of Amu Bhuyan of the village and burnt 22 houses into ashes.

Villagers rushed to the spot and after frantic efforts brought the fire under control.

Mahbubul Alam MP visited the spot and distributed some cash money among the affected people.

No power supply for 5 months

MADRIPUR, Mar 22: Power supply in Shibchar upazila remained disrupted for the last five months hitting hard the local industrial units, reports UNB.

According to sources, power supply was snapped in August last year when an electric tower over the river Ariaikhan near Utral village was broken down due to erosion of the river.

Besides domestic and commercial consumers, the power disruption has also been hampering irrigation in the upazila, it is learnt.

Local people have urged the authorities to restore power supply in the upazila without further delay.

4 dacoits held in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 22: Police arrested four dacoits from Gotarchas village under Sadar upazila on Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off, police raided the village and nabbed Hafizur Rahman, Mokbul Hossain, Sohrab Ali and Liqat Ali.

They were wanted in connection with several piracies in the river Jamuna.

UP chairman killed in road accident

DINAJPUR, Mar 22: Bed-Dehi union parishad chairman of Phulbari upazila was killed and his companion injured seriously in a road mishap near Phulbari police station on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said the incident occurred when a speedy truck dashed their motor cycle killing the Chairman Abdus Salam (30) on the spot. The injured Gafur was rushed to the Sadar hospital in a critical condition.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy. A case has been lodged in this connection.

4 die from snake bite in Pabna

From A Correspondent

PABNA, Mar 22: Four persons died from snake bite in different areas of Pabna recently.

According to the reports, Hassen Ali (40) and Akkas Ali (20) both of village Pipur in Jamalpur town died from snake bite while they were sleeping at home.

Another victim Karim Sheikh (29) of village Atticona, upazila Pabna Sadar died from snake bite while he was working in the paddy field. Deltip Das (20) Malone Union Parishad under Sadar Upazila died from snake bite on the road while he was returning home.

Training on pest management concludes

FARIDPUR, Mar 22: A five-day long training course on integrated pest management has concluded here, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by the Directorate of Agriculture Extension Department and FAO, the course was participated by 45 subject matter specialists of 31 districts of the country.

The theme of the course concluded recently was "save the plant and maintain environmental balance with least use of chemical fertilizers."

The participants were imparted both theoretical and practical training on control of insects and conservance of beneficial insects.

The concluding function, held at the auditorium of local agriculture training institute, was chaired by SM Munim, Director, Plant Protection while it was also addressed by Abdur Rahim, Deputy Commissioner of the district, Md. Shafiquddin, Deputy Director, Plant Protection.

Dr S. Rama Swami, integrated pest management expert of FAO distributed certificates among the participants.

Political scene

Two lucky brothers

From Our Correspondent

NANDAIL, March 22 : Two brothers have been elected members of parliament from two neighbouring constituencies in the last Jatiya Sangsads polls. They are Mr. Khurram Khan Chowdhury and Anwarul Hossain Khan Chowdhury of village Moazzempur under Nanslai Upazila of Mymensingh district.

Mr. Khurram Khan Chowdhury who was elected the first upazila Chairman of Nandail was also elected MP from his home constituency Mymensingh-9 to the 2nd and 4th parliament of the country. He is a prominent Jatiya Party leader of Mymensingh district.

In the last Jatiya Sangsads polls he left his home constituency as anti-Ershad movement reached its peak there. Hence he fielded himself on the Jatiya Party ticket in the neighboring constituency Mymensingh-8 and won the race.

Meanwhile, his elder brother Mr Anwar Hussain Khan Chowdhury contested the polls on BNP ticket from Mymensingh-9 constituency and won the seat.

These two lucky brothers also once were elected to the Dhaka varsity senate.

Supporters and workers of Jatiya Party Nandail branch held meeting and brought out processions demanding release of former President Ershad and his other associates.

Movement demanding release of Ershad is being intensified in Iswarganj upazila where Jatiya Party nominee Mr. Khurram Khan Chowdhury was elected in the last polls.

JP activist stabbed

UNB from Pabna states : An activist of Jatiya Party was stabbed by some miscreants at Shalgaria in the town, police said on Thursday.

Witnesses said, the victim Biplob (21) while returning home from the town Saturday night was attacked by the miscreants. They stabbed him indiscriminately and left the place leaving him unconscious.

Biplob was rushed to the General Hospital in a critical condition.

District Jatiya Party held Awami League activists responsible for the attack.

A case has been filed in this connection.

Jamalpur

Our Jamalpur Correspondent adds : Jamalpur district unit of BNP has demanded arrest of Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) and Upazila Chairman of Melandah and same local AL activists accusing them of triggerring in Jatiya Sangsads polls are creating terror in eight polling centres.

The BNP district committee held the meeting at its party office here on Monday chaired by Khalilul Bashir Chisty, district BNP President and a candidate who lost the election in Jamalpur-3, constituency.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy. A case has been lodged in this connection.

The speakers alleged that irregularities and corruption had become an irresistible practice in the government offices causing utter sufferings to the members of the public.

They also blamed the administration for their indifference to the corruption practices.

Mr Alamgir Hossain, VP, Government A.M. College Student Union and JCD leader presided over the meeting.

Maulvi Bazar

Our Maulvi Bazar Correspondent writes : Though the election result of Parliament has surprised all the major political parties, but it has not unexpected to the people of greater Sylhet consisting Sunamganj, Sylhet, Maulvi Bazar and Habiganj districts.

Though the pre-polls survey conducted by some local

A. K. M. Abdur Rahim JSD (Rab), Mr. Alauddin Molla (Muslim League) and Md. Ruhul Amin (Independent), Md. Abdul

Khayer (Independent) Md. Rafiqul Islam (Independent), Roufuddin (Workers Party), Rezaul Karim (Zaker Party) and SM Syedur Rahman JSD (Rab) lost their security deposits from Satkhira-1 constituency.