Upazila roundup

NANDAIL

Arms recovered

From Our Correspondent

June 1: Halua Ghat police recovered one pipegun with three rounds of ammunition and a Ram dao from the house of one Abdul Kuddus of village Batgachhia recently. The house owner Abdul Kuddus was arrested in this regard. A case was registered with the Halua Ghat police in this connection.

One Kamal Uddin (20) of village Charlakkidia under Nandail Upazila was killed by lightning while 11 others were seriously injured in the same incident.

The incident took place while a severe nor'wester swept the area recently damaging numerous kutcha houses, it is learnt.

Housewife commits suicide

An 18-years-old housewife committed suicide at Halua

Ghat upazila recently. It is gathered that Hamida Khatun of village Kausia had been suffering from severe stomach atlment.

At last ignoring all her family members she got rid of the dreadful pain of stomach by hanging herself at her over residence.

Acting on the information Halua Ghat police recovered the body for post mortem and a case was filed in this regard with Halua Ghat PS.

KISHOREGANJ

house recently.

3 arrested for dacoity

From Our Correspondent June 1: One female dacoit and two of her male accomplices were arrested for committing dacoity at her master's

According to police source, Bakula (22), a maid servant of a block supervisor of Agricultural Department along with two of her accomplices designed a plan of mobbing her master's house where she worked for

long days. On the night of the incident during stormy rain, Alam (20) and Israfil (22), the two accomplices of Bakula raised hue and cry in front of Mr. Salahuddin's house. They posed as passers-by and requested Salahuddin to open the door and sought shelter from the raging storm. But as soon as the door was opened they fell on Salahuddin with sharp weapons and ordered him and other inmates of the house to keep silent and demanded wilful surrender of keys and belongings.

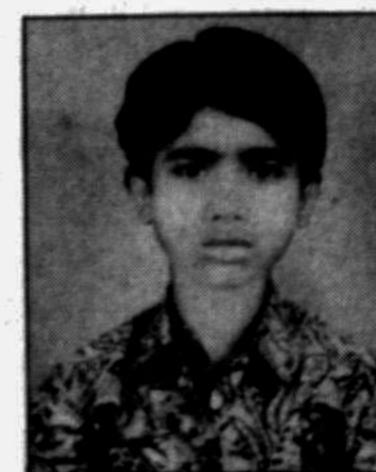
They threatened to kill them if their demands were not met. Being afraid, they surrendered their all belong-

Next morning, Salahuddin lodged an FIR with Bajitpur police station.

At one stage of investigation, police took Bakula into custody and she confessed her involvement. Later police arrested Alam and Israfil along with some bootles.

Academic feat

From Our Correspondent June 1: Mrinal Kanti Biswas has secured primary scholarship (2nd grade) in the examination held in 1990.



Mrinal appeared at the examination from Meakundu Primary School in Jhenidah Sadar Upazila.

" He is the only son of Monoranjan Biswas, a teacher of local Shishukunja High

School. BARISAL

178 educational institutions damaged

June 1: At least 178 educational institutions have been damaged by the recent devastating cyclone and tidal bore in

the district, reports UNB. According to official sources, about 67 educational institutions were damaged in Bartsal sadar, 43 in Mehendiganj, 19 in Hizla, 18 in Muladi, 14 in Bakerganj, three in Banaripara, four in Babugani and 10 in Gournadi

Besides, most students have

lost their books and other appliances due to the cyclone. No step has yet been taken to

Meanwhile, government has undertaken a massive scheme to reconstruct the damaged schools in the coastal belt of the country. But the scheme is yet to start in the district. As a result education is being hampered greatly.

Guardians have urged the authorities to start reconstruction works immediately and take necessary steps to supply books to the affected students so that they can prosecute their study smoothly.

SHERPUR

Flash flood damages 1500 houses

June 1: At least 1500 mud and straw houses were partially damaged and standing crops on about 25,000 acres washed away as flash flood gripped three upazilas of the district during the last two days, reports UNB.

Sixteen unions of Nalitabari Jhenaigati and Sreebordi upazilas have been inundated by heavy rainfall and onrush of hilly waters from across the border. About 10,000 people also remained marooned in the upazilas.

The rivers Shumeswari and Maharashi in Jhenaigati, the Kornajhara in Sreebordi and Vogaichelakhali in Nalitabari upazilas are flowing above the danger level, officials here said.

Communication between Sherpur-Jhenaigati have been suspended as roads between the upazilas went under water.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner visited the flood-hit areas of Jhenaigati and allocated relief materials for the affected people.

LAKSHMIPUR

Pest menace

June 1: Standing Aus crops on 10,000 acres of land in Ramgati upazila of the district have been attacked by pests, reports UNB.

According to sources, pests like 'pamri' and 'mazra' have already damaged 50 per cent rabi crops including wheat, pulses and potato in 12 unions of the upazila.

Insecticides available in the local markets are adulterated and the prices have shot up beyond the purchasing capacity of the farmers, the sources

Farmers alleged that inspite of repeated appeal, no step has yet been taken to spray insecticides on the affected croplands to combat the growing

SATKHIRA

Beggars on

From A Correspondent

June 1: Beggars are on the rise in the district town. According to sources, there

has been a continuous influx of

beggars into the town in the last few months. Poor people from the rural areas facing acute food crisis and no work are pouring into

town in quest of job to maintain their livelihood. But for lack of job opportunities, most of them along with

children resort to begging. Street lights

Lack of adequate number of street lights in pourashava areas in the town are causing much inconveniences to the dwellers after dusk.

According to sources, the lightposts have no bulbs creating problems to the pedestrians as well as vehicular move-

Most of the time, the town plunges into darkness after sunset due to frequent failure of power and load shedding iving rise to anti-social activi-

NARAIL

Illegal catching of fish fry on

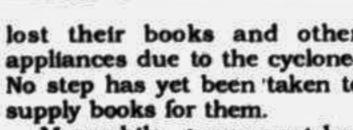
From Our Correspondent June 1: Catching of fish fry is going on unabated all over

three upazilas of Narail district shattering the prospect of fish production. Mainly current nets are being used for this purpose and

nets are selling openly in the district town and upazila hats and bazars at a cheap rate despite government ban. A huge quantity of fish fry is

marketed everyday in hats and bazars of the district. These fry are not more than four inches in length. During my visit to some fish fry area of the district, I saw a huge quantity of fish fry on sale.

According to experts fish scarcity would prevail again in near future due to this rampant catching of fry.





Onrush of saline water from the sea caused extensive damage to crops at Ali Akbarday in Kutubdia recently.

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Venereal diseases spreading fast in Jamal pur

JAMALPUR, June 1: Venereal diseases are spreading alarmingly in seven upazilas of Jamalpur district.

Doctors' reports reveal that more than 150 patients suffering from various venereal diseases (VD) were treated in outdoor department last year. Medical practitioners on the other hand have been treating on an average two VD patients everyday.

According to the local practitioners common diseases found are gonorrhoea, congenital syphilis, gonococcal conjunctivitis, syphilitic aertitis and neutro syphilis etc.

KISHOREGANJ, June 1

Kishoreganj police submitted

charge-sheet against 19 per-

sons to the Sadar upazila court

in Abdul Hamid murder case

According to a police

source, Abdul Hamid (55) of

village Gaglail in Sadar upazila

was killed while he was

returning home from Danapat-

uli Bazar on March 17 last.

There had been previous en-

mity between the deceased

and the accused over landed

Mr. Gyenendra Mohan

Shikhdar Investigating Officer

of the case after investigation

submitted charge-sheet against

recently.

property.

Besides. VDs are so serious and complicated that it needs thorough examination by sophisticated medical procedures and appliances which are not available here.

Experts say that syphilitic aertitis may lead to death. Gonorrhoea may ruin genital organs and gonococcal conjunctivitis may cause serious urinal troubles and diminishes sexual strength and women might face habitual abortion. The VD may attack others directly or indirectly, it is added. It is learnt that generally af-

fected youngsters between the age group of 16 and 30 are

19 persons under sections

4 schools damaged

school of Iswargani upazila

were badly damaged by the re-

cent cyclone storm. The

schools are Kazir Balsa Gov-

ernment Primary School.

Barabhag Primary School.

Harua Primari School and Ka-

landar Primary School.

Four government primary

148/302/34 B.P.C.

19 chargesheeted for

murder in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

mostly found criminals, slum dwellers, vagabond, drug addicts, tourists, heavy vehicle drivers and isolated persons. VDs are mostly communicated through sexual intercourse with prostitutes, sex-excursion, rape and adultery. It is also transmitted from hospitals, medicines, maltreated patients and in some case it is hereditary.

In order to save the posterity of our society from the curse of venereal diseases the prostitutes should be rehabilitated, and sale of pornography should be banned, it is felt. All Party Students Unity of

Pry teachers'

training course

concludes

two-day long cluster training

course of primary teachers un-

der the auspices of district

primary education department

concluded at Sadad upazila re-

programmes were held in dif-

ferent primary schools by turn.

The schools are Nasratpur,

Peyarapur, N. H. Modern, East

and West Gobindaganj.

A total of nine training

GAIBANDHA, June 1 : A

Melandah upazila unit have demanded removal of the Residential Medical Officer (RMO) and other four corrupt employees from Melandah upazila Health Complex for their alleged corruption, misuse of power and pilfering of hospital medicines. RMO Nurul Haq was assaulted several times for corruption and pilfering government medicines from the hospital. The All Party Students

Unity have submitted a memorandum to the Director of the Health Department to accept their demands. Heavy downpour for the last

one week has d isrupted normal life in diffe rent parts of Jamalpur distric t. According to the Water Devel opment Board 280 mm rainfall was recorded in Jamalpur town a on Sunday.

This year the district experienced severe drought which affected Aus, IF IRI-Boro paddy and jute on a va st tract of land. The rainfall contributed to sharp rice in t he water levels at the Brahms sputra and Jamuna which ar e however, flowing below the clanger level. Low lying & treas roads and

houses in Jama alpur pourashava are have gone under water due to heavy down pour.



areas in a big queue at Pabna Boro Bazar i n quest of job. — Star photo

Medicare absent in health complexes

From Our Correspondent MADARIPUR, June 1: The health complexes in Madaripur and Shariatpur districts are beset with manifold problems

for a long time. According to informed sources, paucity of drinking water, lack of proper drainage system in the premises of hospitals, absence of ambulances, blood banks, dental and ophthalmic instruments have ag-

gravated the situation. Besides, most of the health complexes do not have X-ray machines causing much inconveniences to the suffering pa-

Hundreds of patients, who plexes everyday from remote areas go back disappointed due to absence of proper treatment

visit different health com-CHANDPUR, June 1: Chandpur town is threatened by erosion of the river Meghna. Erosion is continuing alarm-

ingly. About 2000 feet area of embankment along the bank of the river were eroded. As a result, a large area of Chandpur Railway Station were engulfed within the month. About 2000 feet century old boulders embankment at Nutan Bazar were eroded and about 50 commercial farms and dwelling houses were washed away in the river.

Erosion is also continuing alarmingly in the town area of Puran Bazar which is an important commercial centre of Bangladesh. Many other business farms have been washed away by the erosion of the river. About 2000 feet town protection embankment was damaged at Puran Bazar. The total loss in both the bazars now stands at Taka 15 crore. In 1972 government under took a comprehensive scheme to check the erosion at Chandpur and spent Taka 20 crore in this connection. Water Development Board

boulders embankment along the bank of the river in both Puran and Nutun bazars but failed to check the erosion in the areas. Government underlook another scheme last year at the cost of Taka 20 crore. According to the sources Taka

12 crore were spent in dump-

ing the cement blocks in the

constructed about 5000 feet

Kholahati-I and Kholahati-II Students of these schools government primary schools. are taking their classes under About 704 teachers of 136 the open sky, it is learnt. Imgovernment and 22 non-govmediate grants should be ernment primary schools took sanctioned to repair the badly part in the training courses. affected schools, it is felt.

Siltation in Padma, Jamuna

hampers navigation From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, June 1 the advent of dry season water level of both Padma and Jamuna started falling rapidly disrupting the river communication and ferry services in northern and eastern parts specially between Nagarbari and Aricha.

Baghabari Ghat is also facing disruption as a result severe crisis of fuel, petrol, diesel, kerosine, and fertilizers etc are prevailing, which leads to

fall in agricultural production. Several big chars have already developed due to fall in water level near Daulatdia ferry-ghat and ferry services of this ghat have ready been reduced affecting the road communication between the east-

eroded area. About 50 per cent

work of the scheme were

completed and rest of the

work remained suspended due

to shortage of fund. Now the

board is making the survey on

The frustrated people of

CHANDPUR: Erosion threatens Chandpur town.

Chandpur town held a special

recent erosion.

em and southern districts. The ferry ghats of Nazirgani. Satbari and Trimohini have been closed due to sharp fall in the water

level of the Padma river, it is

According to the reports. journey through these routes are now shifted to Kushtia via Ishurdi and Goalundo ghat. The ferry ghat of Paksey is also being shifted from one place to

another everyday. Development of chars in the river Padma have created difficulty in navigation resulting in fluctuations in the prices of essentials in the markets of northern region. Again these chars have proved to be obsta-

Erosion again threatens

Chandpur town

From Our Correspondent

prayer to save the Chandpur

pieces of talisman (Tabiz) with

the verses of Quran, performed

by 200 ulema at a cost of one

lakh Taka were thrown into

the river. Special Munajat was

also held by the Imams of dif-

About one lakh twenty five

town from erosion.

cles to the transportation of goods elsewhere. Launches which carry man-

ufactured clothes of 16 northern districts to the markets of Kushtia, Faridpur. Comilla and Dhaka now cannot ply on these routes.

It is further learnt that since last one month the steamers and launches carrying merchandise find it impos sible to carry on their journey through the Padma. Thus the weavers of the region have become the worst sufferers.

On the other hand the gur producers transport their goods elsewhere by the same routes but it has almost stopped now. The growers are now incurring heavy loses.

ferent mosques to save the

town from erosion. Chandpur

Chamber of Commerce

Chandpur Press Club.

Chandpur Bar Association,

Chandpur Rotary Club, differ-

ent social and political parties

urged the government to save

the town by taking compre-

hensive scheme.

Erosicon victims ghe rao UZ Chairman's office

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 1 At least 1500 e rosion and victims gheraoed Dewanganj Upazila Chairman and UNO offices recently demianding work and

Current flood coupled with erosion in the district has rendered thousands of people homeless and caused a huge loss to the poverty. A sources close to the

upazila administration, said that with the issue of erosion and flood victims the number of jobless people rose to around 50,000. The jobless people recently

brought out a procession which paraded the main streets of the upazila chanting various slogans for work and food. Meanwhile, food crisis has

taken a serious turn in the upazila deepening the sufferings of the flood victims and marginal farmers, it is learnt.

79 smugglers arrested

From Our Correspondent DINAJPUR, June 1

Seventy-nine alleged smugglers were arrested and different kinds of smuggled goods worth about Taka 50 lakh were recovered by the BDR personnel of Dinajpur Headquarters. 11, 16 and 23 battalions during the last one month.

According to the report, 79 alleged smugglers were arrested and smuggled goods worth about Taka 50,39,090 were recovered by the BIDR personnel during the month.

Dinajpur Sector Headquarters arrested 12 alleged smugglers and recovered smuggled goods worth about Taka 4,98,952 and registered 18 cases during the morath. The 11 Rifle's Battalion arrested 15 alleged smugglers and, recovered goods worth about Taka 2,72,965 and registered 55 cases during the

On the other hand, the 16 Rifle's Battalion arrested 32 alleged smugglers and recovered goods worth about Taka 35,51,704 and registered 115 - Star photo

Notes from Kishoreganj

J /rom Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 1: A 3-year-old girl drowned on a pond at village Ranpur under Hossainpur upazila of the district recently.

The victim Runa, daughter of one Tajul Islam went out of the house without the knowledge of her parent. Later, her body was recovered from a pond behind the house.

JCD conference

The conference of Katiadi College unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was held recently with Azizul Haque Shahjahan in the chair.

In the conference, a 31member committee formed with Jasimuddin and Shahjahan as President and General Secretary respectively.

Karimganj

The annual conference of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Karimganj upazila unit was held recently with Harun-er-Rashid in the chair.

elected with Harun-er-Rashid and Ziauddin as President and Secretary respectively Welfare Assoc

meeting

A new committee was also

The annual meeting of Katiadi upazila Government **Employees Welfare Association** was held with Abul Hossain Bhuiyan in the chair recently.

The meeting expressed deep shock and grief over the colossal loss of lives and property due to the recent cyclonic storm and tidal surge in coastal belts and off shore islands. In the meeting Abul Hossain

Bhuiyan and Golam Faruk were also elected President and General Secretary respectively of the Association.

Discussion meet

A discussion meeting and prize-giving ceremony jointly organised by local Pathakali Shishu Kalyan Bidyalay and Islamic Foundation, Kishoreganj unit was held in the premises of the school re-

Kazi Nasirul Islam, Deputy Commissioner attended the function as chief guest while Alhaj Mazharul Islam Bhuiyan, Chairman, Kishoreganj Pourashava was the special guest.

The function was presided over by Syed Sadrulla Maju, head master, Pathakali Shishu Kalyan Bidyalay and addressed by Md. Abul Kashem, Md. Alamgir Kabir, Dr. S.M. Mostafa Khan Pathan, Sultan Ahmed and Dr. Abu Yousuf Kutubuddin Ahmed and the function was conducted by M. A. Hanif Chunnu.

BAU admission test June 19

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), June 1: The written admission test for those who applied for getting admission into the 1st year B. Sc. classes under six faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University for the session 1990-91 will be held on the University campus on June 19 form 10 am to 12 noon, according to a notification signed by the Registrar of BAU, says a Press

The notification further says that the applicants who had, on preliminary scrutiny on the basis of total marks obtained in SSC and HSC examinations and of fulfillment of faculty requirements as mentioned in the admission guide, been considered eligible to sit for the written admission test, have in the meanwhile been issued with their admit cards sent by post to their respective ad-

dresses It may be mentioned here that the candidates, having the minimum total marks of 1157 (eleven hundred fifty seven) in the SSC and HSC examinations, have all been allowed to take part in the above mentioned

written admission test. Top priority to village development

DOHAR(Dhaka), June 1 State Minister for Food Nazmul Huda has said the government would give the highest priority for the development of villages by involving the rural masses in production oriented activities. reports BSS.

The State Minister was addressing as the chief guest a public meeting during the foundation laying ceremony of Radhanagar bridge here on Thursday last.

He said the BNP government would make allout efforts in strengthening the rural economy by providing all possible help and assistance to it, aimed at boosting agricultural production, expansion of agrobased industries and in constructing roads, bridges and culverts.

Mr. Huda said the BNP government would fulfil all of its pledges to the people before the elections.

He said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has engaged all available resources in relief operation.