

Upazila roundup

SIRAJGANJ

Lightning kills one

June 6: Lightning struck to death a middle aged man and injured two others at Tetulia village in Sadar upazila, police said here yesterday, reports UNB.

Family sources said the thunder-bolt killed Shaheb Ali (40) and injured Osman Gani (30) and Aminul (8) while they were taking rest beside a roadside tree recently.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy while the injured were rushed to local hospital.

JHENIDAH

Anti-smuggling body formed

June 6: An anti-smuggling committee to check smuggling and black marketing in the district was formed in a meeting held at the chamber of the Deputy Commissioner recently, reports BSS.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah, the meeting in a resolution urged upon the people of all walks of life to come forward to help check smuggling and black marketing.

NANDAIL

Seminar on Quranic edn held

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A seminar on 'Necessity of Quranic education in childhood' was held at the premises of Babul Janna T Jam-e-Masjid under Nandail upazila recently.

Presided over by Ma ulana Golam Mawla, the seminar was addressed by Maulana Abdul Qatum, BNP leader Abdul Jani Bhuiyan, Monir Hossain, Arab Ali Prohan, Abdul Qadir and Akbar Ali.

The speakers emphasised the necessity of Quranic education in the childhood. They discussed the role of the Holy Quran in building a happy society free from misdeeds and exploitation.

In this regard the speakers urged the government to take immediate step to resume the Moktab based Quranic education in all 'Masjids' of the country on the basis of the financial support of the government.

An 11 members executive committee for taking necessary steps to resume the functions of local Ebtodal Madrasa was formed with Musharrif Hossain Akhand, founder of the Madrasa in the chair.

MADARIPUR

Street lights inadequate

June 6: Lack of adequate number of street lights in pourashava areas here has been causing inconvenience to the dwellers, reports UNB.

Sources said most of the light posts have no bulbs creating problems to the pedestrians as well as vehicular movement.

Besides, most of the time the town plunges into darkness after sunset due to frequent power failure and load shedding giving rise to anti-social activities.

C' NAWABGANJ

One gets life-term for killing wife

June 6: Jalaluddin, who killed his wife for dowry, was sentenced to life-term, court sources said here today, reports UNB.

The convict was also fined Taka 5,000, in default, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for another six months.

District and Sessions Judge passed the verdict recently.

According to the prosecution story, Jalal (26), of Padmapukur village in Nachole upazila beat his wife Abron Bibi (20) to death following a quarrel over dowry. Babu, a six month old baby, who was in Abron's lap, was also died in the incident.

The Abrons' family members said Jalal had been pressing for dowry and used to torture her since their marriage. The bodies were thrown into a pond after the murder, villagers said.

Police charge-sheeted Jalal and the Judge after examining the records and witnesses awarded him the punishment.

PIROJPUR

Tiger kills 2 in Sundarbans

Two woodcutters fell prey to a Royal Bengal tiger in the mangrove Sundarbans, police said here today, reports UNB.

The victims identified as Habibur Rahman (49) of Chenabunia village and Berekma (42) of Shohadgol village of Nesarabad upazila were attacked by the tiger when they went to chop trees at Harbani in the forest last week.

Later forest personnel recovered the bodies and sent them to the sadar hospital for autopsy.

A case was filed in this connection.

SHERPUR

Flood situation improves

June 6: The overall flood situation in the district has improved with the recession of water during the last 24 hours, officials said, reports UNB.

The flash flood which hit the district since May 25, had so far damaged crops on 35,000 acres land.

Relief activities have been geared up in the affected areas, officials said.

TANGAIL

One killed, 30 hurt in road accident

June 6: Wife of the Imam of Tangail court mosque was killed and 30 other passengers were injured in a bus accident Monday night near Pakulla on Tangail-Dhaka highway, reports BSS.

She was coming to Tangail to meet her husband Hafez Mohammad Ibrahim from Roppura Noakhali.

The accident occurred when the bus 'Jhatica' fell down to a road side canal. Ten injured persons were admitted to Tangail Sadar Hospital. The rest were given first aid.



This forlorn girl sitting on an uprooted century-old banyan tree perhaps looking for succor after the May 29 catastrophic cyclone that swept Moheshkhali : —Star photo

No plan to extract hard stones at border belt

JAMALPUR June 6: The government is being deprived of huge revenue every year due to absence of planned extraction of hard stones along the border areas of Jamalpur and Sherpur districts.

It is gathered that stones lifted from Jamalpur and Sherpur border areas meet 80 per cent requirement of hard stones of the country for the purpose of development and construction work. Hard stones, the natural wealth, are abundantly available at Sherpur below a depth of two to five feet. Stones are found even in hilly rivers. The best quality

stones like boulders, chips and gravel are also found here. According to knowledgeable sources, about 10 crore cubic feet of stones are available in hilly rivers.

Besides, silica sands used in the glass factories are abundantly available here. Hundreds of people including poor women are engaged in lifting stones by the owners of the land here.

It may be mentioned here that about 16,000 cft of different varieties of stones are supplied to different parts of the country every day. There is a bright prospect

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to instal stone and sand based industries at Sherpur through government patronisation. Now the hard stones are being smuggled into India from these places.

Local people urged the higher authorities to take immediate steps to save national property.

Tributes paid to Zia

Speakers at a discussion meeting here on Thursday paid tributes to late President Ziaur Rahman for what they said his contribution to save the nation. The discussion was ar-

ranged by Jamalpur district unit of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) in observance of the 10th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman with the party's district unit Convener SM Khairul Bashar Chisty in the chair.

Local BNP leaders Advocate Abdul Khaleque, Serajul Haque, MP, Mahburur Rahman and Siddique Rahman took part in the discussion.

The speakers said the present economic crisis could be overcome only by strengthening the governments efforts by opposition parties. Quran Khwani, special

prayers were held at its party offices.

JCD confce

The biennial conference of Bangladesh Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal, Islampur Upazila unit was held at local Public Hall with Md Asrafuzzaman Khan Liton in the chair recently.

Serajul Haque, MP, and Rahima Khandakar, MP, attended as chief and special guest respectively.

The meeting was addressed by Shaiful Alam Khaja, Nur-e-Alam Talukdar and Abdur Rahman.

Notes from Satkhira

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SATKHIRA, June 6: Cyclone and tidal surge which caused colossal damage to the coastal belts have also brought price hike of essential commodities resulting in the sufferings of low income group in particular.

During the last one week price of rice has increased upto Taka 20, flour upto Taka 30 to 40 and salt upto Taka 40 per maund. Besides, prices of essential commodities like edible oil, onion, pepper, potato and coconut oil have marked sharp rise. Saree and lungi are also being sold at an increased price of Taka 20 per piece. Prices of baby food also increased upto Taka 20 per kg packed tin. Prices of mutton and beef have also shot up to Taka 20 or more per kilogram.

Sub-registrar's office in bad shape

The sub-registrar's office in seven upazilas of Satkhira district have been facing accommodation problem and waiting rooms. Due to absence of waiting rooms deed writers and clients have been facing enormous difficulties.

Everyday hundreds of people come to the office from remote areas for getting back their documents and executing sales and purchase deeds. But in absence of waiting rooms they are to loiter in the offices hampering the normal office work.

In the rainy season people are to take shelter in the verandah of the office building. The office buildings are also in a deplorable condition. Records kept on the floor of the office are destroyed due to rain water. The files, necessary papers and important deeds are piled up in records rooms unprotected.

Suicide bid foiled

UNB adds: An undertrial prisoner tried to commit suicide in the courtroom of Sadar upazila magistrate Sunday.

Court sources said Abul Kasem (35) detained in Satkhira sub-jail for 26 months on charge of woman trafficking, was produced before the court on that day.

The accused took the abortive attempt injuring himself with the 'seven up' bottle saying that he had been detained without trial for a long time. Kasem's suicide attempt was, however, foiled by police on duty.

The Magistrate later fixed another date for hearing of the case.

Suicide

Six persons committed suicide by consuming poison in Satkhira Sadar upazila recently.

It is reported that Lili Begum (20) of Alipur, Jahira Khatoon (22) of Pujjala, Sher Ali (70) of Khejurdanga, Farida Begum (21) of Berubar, Jabeda Khatoon (20) of Chadpur and Arun Kumar Bachhar of Kasempur all of Sadar upazila consumed poison due to family trouble during May 20 to 26.

Separate UD cases were lodged with Satkhira police station. Meanwhile, a total of 76 persons committed suicide by taking poison during January 1 to 26 this year.

6 injured in house collapse

Six persons were injured when a house collapsed due to erosion of the river Kabodak of Majhiara village under Tala upazila recently.

The erosion intensified during the last one week and Majhiara village is under the threat of total extinction. More than 60 dwelling houses, commercial establishments and shops were eroded causing destruction of properties worth lakhs of Taka.

Jethna, Kanadita, Islamkati and some other important places are threatened with the erosion.

Diarrhoea claimed four lives and attacked several others in Kaliganj upazila during the last one week.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea claimed 30 lives and attacked 1500 others in the district in last one month. The worst affected upazilas are Debhatta, Kaliganj, Shyamnagar, Assassuni and Tala.

Training on health

COMILLA, June 6: A training programme on health and sanitation was inaugurated recently at Muradnagar by UNICEF Programme Officer, Endro Shaly.

Engr. Bazlur Rashid of Public Health Engineering Department was present on the occasion. The inaugural function was presided over by UNO, Muradnagar, Md Lutfur Rahman.

The two-day long training programme was addressed by Md Abdur Razzak and Momtaz Hoque. The programme was sponsored by the UNICEF and the Public Health Engineering Department, in collaboration with the Ansar and VDP.

Foodgrains worth Tk 21 lakh missing from govt godown

NETRAKONA, June 6: Huge quantity of foodgrains and salt worth about Taka 21 lakh have been found missing from two government godowns, official sources here said.

The District Controller of Food on enquiry found at least 10,604 metric tons (MT) of wheat, 7,270 MTs of rice and 4,966 MTs of salt short of the total stock in Purbadhala Upazila food godown. Another 67 MTs rice, 167 MTs of wheat were found missing from Lepsia food godown under Khaliazuri upazila of the district.

The controller said that the matter should be probed and action should be taken against persons responsible for the pilferage.

According to informed sources, the officials who were in charge of the godowns

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are trying to hush up the matter saying the commodities had been supplied short from the central supply depot.

16 die of diarrhoea

Sixteen people died of diarrhoea and more than 350 have been attacked with the disease in the three days beginning from May 19.

Gourang (30), an unknown girl (14) of Jamdhala under Purbadhala Upazila, Baby (3), Sunetri (50) of Sadar Hospital, Kalamia (40), Shafiqul (17) of Dautukona under Durgapur upazila and 10 others of Nilambarkhila under Kendua upazila of the disease during 3 days.

An officials source said diarrhoea has so far taken 30 lives and more than 150 were attacked since the water borne

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disease broke-out in the district in April last but the unofficial figure was higher. A total of 22 medical teams have been working in the epidemic affected upazilas.

25 school damaged

A nor'wester accompanied by heavy downpour lashed Sadar, Barhatta and Durgapur upazilas recently completely damaging at least 25 educational institutions.

The classes of all the damaged schools are taken in open square amid scorching heat of the sun and are dissolved whenever it rains.

Meanwhile, The Jatiya Sangsad Whip Advocate M.A. Karim MP Tuesday visited the damaged schools and affected areas of sadar, Durgapur Atpara Upazila.

Downpour disrupts normal life

NETRAKONA, June 6: Netrakona district town and its adjoining areas experienced widespread rainfall with gusty winds for six hours ending 2 pm yesterday, reports BSS.

Normal life was totally disrupted as the rain forced the town dwellers to remain indoors. Many commercial establishments remained closed during the period.

According to Netrakona district Water Development Board source, 47 millimetres of rainfall were recorded during the six hours. River Mogra registered a sharp rise at Netrakona town points during the period.

Ansars, VDPs asked to work sincerely

MYMENSINGH, June 6: The annual rally of the district Ansars and Village Defence Party (VDP) was held at the local Public Hall on Friday, reports BSS.

The Director General of Ansars and VDP Major General Muhammad Mahburur Rahman attended the rally as chief guest.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner and District Commander Muhammad Ashraf the rally was addressed by Deputy Director (Central Region) Mr. Munir Iqbal Hamid, Col. Zahiruddin, Director, Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, District Adjutant of Ansars and VDP, Rahmatullah and Deputy Director, Family Planning, Harun-or-Rashid.

The chief guest in his speech called upon the members of Ansars and VDP to discharge their duties and responsibilities sincerely and honestly.

The chief guest distributed gold and silver medals, cash donation, televisions, radio, sewing machines among the members of Ansars and VDP in recognition of their commendable services in this locality.

On this occasion some members of Ansars and VDP donated blood to the blood bank of 'Shandhani'.

Zia's contribution recalled

The 10th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman was observed here in a befitting manner.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its front organisations including Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal, Jubodal, Srantik Dal and Mahila Dal chalked out an elaborate programme.

Agri-rehabilitation plan in Maulvi Bazar

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MAULVI BAZAR, June 6: The flood that hit the district following 43 breaches occurred in the Monu, Dholai, Sunai and Juri river embankment inundated 743 square-mile area damaging Aus, Aman, Boro and seedbed. A large number of livestock was killed by the flood.

District Agriculture Extension Department sources said, in Maulvi Bazar district, 42 thousand 100 acres land of broadcasting Aman and Boro crops, 1 thousand 533 acres land of vegetable and 2 thousand 500 acres land of seedbed were damaged by the recent devastating flood. The total loss of agricultural products stands at Taka 21 crore 19 lakh 55 thousand.

According to the sources, to combat the situation, Agriculture Extension Department has taken up an agriculture rehabilitation programme. They have already been taken steps for boosting production of Aman crops to targeted area of 2 lakh 43 thousand acres of land.

Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension, Maulvi Bazar told The Daily Star that his department proposed to the government for allotting Taka 7 crore 75 lakh 35 thousand to rehabilitate the flood affected farmers. In order to establish the distressed peasants it has

recommended to the government for allotting Taka 4 crore, 65 lakh 4 thousand 500 as grant for purchasing cattle, seeds, fertilizer and agricultural equipment and another recommendation of Taka 3 crore 87 lakh 76 thousand 500 as easy term loan.

According to District Livestock Department, in Maulvi Bazar district cattlehead and poultry birds worth Taka 15 lakh 5 thousand 376 were killed by the flood.

District Livestock Officer told The Daily Star that anti-epidemic drive started through out the district with 12 medical teams of livestock officials. The department received preventive medicine of Taka 40 thousand only from the government. But medicine of Taka 2 lakh 50 thousand are needed for the district, he added.

At least 500 metric tons of fodder needed for the affected areas but the government allotted only 70 metric tons which is quite insufficient to meet the demand, he further added.

The Director of Livestock Services Bangladesh Dr Nazir Ahmed visited some flood affected areas of Maulvi Bazar and he distributed five tons of fodder among the affected peasants in Chadnighat union under Sadar upazila.



Secretary of Narayanganj Press Club, Fazlul Haque distributing relief materials among the cyclone affected people of Matar Bari Union under Cox's Bazar recently. —Star photo

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