

National

Upazila roundup

MAULVI BAZAR

Vaccination programme for livestock

June 9: The district livestock department has taken up a massive programme of vaccination for livestock and poultry birds in the district, reports UNB.

According to officials, 21,226 cattleheads and 1,70,000 poultry birds were vaccinated during the last month.

Meanwhile, cattle diseases have broken out in the district after the onslaught of devastating cyclone and flood. Fodder crisis is the main reason behind the outbreak of the diseases, livestock officials said.

The vaccination programme is being carried out in every union of the district to check the spread of the diseases.

PATUAKHALI

Erosion threatens two villages

June 9: The Khalishkhali and Laukati villages near the district headquarters are threatened by erosion of the river Loholia, reports UNB.

The river which flows by the township has already washed away a part of the town area.

Water Development Board took necessary steps to control erosion but the river turned to devouring the opposite side threatening the two villages.

There are seven food godowns on the other side of the river which are in danger of being eroded.

If urgent measures are not taken, these godowns having storage capacity of about 3500 metric tons of foodgrains each may be destroyed causing a total loss of at least Taka one crore.

NETRAKONA

Father, 2 sons drown in boat capsized

From Our Correspondent

June 9: Three members of a family were drowned when a boat capsized in the Badshaganj haor in Dharmapasha upazila on Friday. The tragic incident occurred when the boat carrying five passengers suddenly was caught by a gusty wind and capsized.

The victims are Sudher Das (40) of village Hasenagar in Dharmapasha upazila and his sons Parimal (7) and Joy (5). They were returning home from their relatives house of village Kundapara. The bodies were recovered on Saturday.

BRAHMANBARIA

A victim of dowry

June 9: Housewife Hasina has been divorced as she failed to meet the dowry demand of her husband, reports UNB.

The only daughter of late Charu Miah of village Talukandia under Banchampur upazila was married to Kamal Hossain of Jhagr Char on payment of Taka 2000 as dowry.

After the death of her father, the husband started assaulting Hasina for more dowry.

Unable to bear the torture any longer, she left her husband's house and started living in her father's house. Kamal sent her letter of divorce.

RAJBARI

Prostitutes hold rally

June 9: Some 500 inmates of a brothel demonstrated in the town today and wrest home their matron from police custody, reports UNB.

Showing slogans they came in buses and trucks from their riverbank squatters at Daulatdia in Golaconda upazila and drove through the thoroughfare of the district headquarters, demanding release of their 'Mash', Moni (45).

They then gathered at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, where ADC (general) Mujibur Rahman arranged the release of Moni on bail in absence of the DC.

District railway police picked up Moni, said to be headwoman of the inmates of the brothel, early Saturday morning on charge of creating public nuisance at the Rajbari railway station.

The demonstrators first went to police station and UNO of Goalundo upazila. Being unsuccessful, they arranged the march towards the district headquarters.

The hearing of the case will be held on June 13.

More than 2,000 inmates are reportedly quartered in this one of the oldest brothels.

JHENIDAH

One beaten to death

From Our Correspondent

June 9: One Tofazzel Hosain aged about 55 of village Ghoramara under Jhenidah Sadar upazila was killed last night. Tofazzel accompanied by his son and other neighbours were returning home from Goalpara Hat. On the way a group of people attacked them with lathes and Tofazzel was beaten to death on the spot while other three received injuries.

Later they were rushed to Jhenidah Hospital. A case was lodged with Jhenidah thana and police took two persons into custody in this connection. Village enmity is said to be the cause of the murder.

COMILLA

Seminar on natural disaster

June 9: A seminar on "natural disaster in Bangladesh" was held at BARD auditorium under the joint auspices of Engineering Institute of Bangladesh (IEB) Comilla and Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) on June 5, reports BSS.

Syed Murgub Murshed, Director General of BARD was present at the seminar as chief guest. The seminar was presided over by Director, (project) of BARD Muhibur Rahman. A. Bassey Sarkar, Chief Engineer, Water Development Board and President IEB, Comilla presented a key note paper.

JAIPURHAT

211 villages electrified

June 9: Rural electrification programme is going on in full swing in Jaipurhat district at a cost of Taka 25 crore, reports BSS.

An official source said, so far 9,620 connections were given to 211 villages of five upazilas of the district. Of the total connections, 7,970 were household, 584 commercial, 174 industrial, 699 irrigation and 193 for other purposes.

So far 844 kilometres of electric lines were erected, the source said.

MUNSHIGANJ

BNP firm to uphold democracy: Badruddoza

June 9: Education Minister Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury said here yesterday the unprecedented response of the international community to the appeal of the BNP government for the succour of the cyclone-hit people was a victory of democracy and the people of this country, reports BSS.

Addressing public meetings at different places of Srinagar under this district, the Minister said establishment of democracy after a long drawn struggle against autocracy had enhanced the image of the country in the outside world.

The present government is determined to consolidate the process of democracy at any cost, he stressed.

He said the people had supported the policies of BNP in the last general election and sought the cooperation of all to reach the benefits of the democratic process to the people.

SIRAJGANJ

Body exhumed after 23 days

June 9: Police on Saturday exhumed a corpse after 23 days from Pipulbaria village in Sadar upazila and sent to hospital for postmortem, reports UNB.

The body of Abdul Quddus (26), son of Fazal Ali, was dug out in presence of magistrate Abdul Maleq, police said.

Quddus was injured in a clash on May 15 and died at the Sadar Hospital on May 17.

Quddus was injured when a group, allegedly led by Moktak Sheikh and Sukur Sheikh, attacked his house. The attack was in a backlash to a feud between two villages, local people said.

Village chiefs (matbars) settled the dispute as the opponents agreed to pay Taka 5,000 in compensation to the father of Quddus, they said.

But they did not fulfil the commitment. Idris Ali, uncle of the victim, then lodged a case.



PABNA: A house ravaged by the recent tornado at the outskirts of the town.

—Star photo

Dewanganj embankment not completed in 20 yrs

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 9: Dewanganj town protection embankment needs immediate completion to save Dewanganj town from the erosion.

The scheme undertaken 20 years back spending 20 lakh Taka is yet to be implemented.

According to a local Water Development Board source the entire embankment was under the grip of the Brahmaputra erosion.

During the last 20 years about 200 feet area of the embankment was devoured by the erosion. The embankment has faced a serious set back due to this year's catastrophic erosion.

Meanwhile, the temporary bamboo pilings erected at the side of the embankment has been washed away by strong currents of the river water.

It is learnt that numerous cracks have developed at the embankment following heavy pressure. Experts of local WDB are unable to take any survey operations on the embankment due to strong water currents.

A case has been registered with Dewanganj upazila courts and the police investigation is going on.

Gay girls

Floating teen aged gay girls have posed a serious problem

to the passers-by and public in the town.

2 sisters raped

Fulpuri (15) and Sharifa Khatoon (14), two sisters of Hatibandha High School under Dewanganj upazila were raped by Kabirul Islam Badsha and Manjurul Haq Khaja in a house of railway colony. The local people caught them when they were outraging the modesty of the girls hearing hue and cry for help. On the day of the incident, the girls came to Dewanganj when the miscreants forcibly caught and took them to Dewanganj railway colony.

The gay girls move freely even in the day time in the important centres of the town. Sometimes they demonstrate ugly postures to draw the attention of the passers-by. Mostly youngsters become the victims which has caused concern of the guardians.

Cow lifters active

Cowlifters has increased all over Jamalpur district. Within a fortnight over 200 cattle heads were lifted from different villages in the district.

Competent sources said, some organised gangs of miscreants were carrying on this notorious activities.

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It is learnt from the mango traders that they sustain huge loss every year owing to multifarious problems including lack of adequate number of wagons to carry mangoes and unnecessary halts and shunting of the mango loaded wagons at different stations created by a group of dishonest railway employees to earn gratification from the mango traders. Chapainawabganj has produced bumper mangoes this year and the railway employees are taking advantage of earning illegal profits.

Syed Manjur Hossain MP of Chapainawabganj urged the railway authority to remove the prevailing problems and demanded punishment and transfer of the employees involved in this ill practice.

This year the government sanctioned Taka 20 lakhs for the purpose but the construction work is still pending.

Two persons were drowned and three others missing in a boat capsized in the Brahmaputra river under Jamalpur town recently. The victims named Mansoor (40), Rustom (50) while coming from Nandina by a boat suddenly it capsized in deep water.

Despite huge profit earned from mango transportation, the railway department ignores the problems and harassments faced by the mango traders.

However, the higher officials gave the assurance to mitigate the problems but no step has yet been taken in this regard.

The Mango Traders Association, Chapainawabganj had a discussion with the high level railway officials of Paksey division, western zone on problems of mango transportation.

It is learnt that seven persons died of the disease in Badshiganj upazila alone.

Local doctors said that the toll may rise rapidly as there is no proper measures to ensure sufficient treatment and provision of pure drinking water in the upazila.

About 50,000 people were rendered homeless in seven upazilas of the district by the Jamuna-Brahmaputra erosion. The shelterless people are

BAU exams suspended

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), June 9: As per notification issued here recently by the Controller of Examination of BAU all examinations which were scheduled to be held on June 1 and on the subsequent dates in all the centres under BAU and all practical examinations as scheduled to be held only at the BAU centre, had been suspended sine die in pursuance of the decision taken in the emergent meeting of BAU Syndicate on May 31, says a press release.

However, the practical examinations of B. SC. Ag. (Hons) Final Examination for the year 1988 will continue on and from June 2 at the Bangladesh Agricultural Institute centre and from June 8 at the Potukhali Krishi College Centre as per schedule.

The party flag was hoisted at half mast at party office. The programme included Quran Khwani, Milad Mahfil and discussion meeting.

The discussion meeting was presided over by the convenor of the district BNP addressed by Moshtir Rahman MP and Advocate Abdul Majid, Advocate Alau Haq Abubakar and others.

It is learnt from a reliable source that the government is yet to sanction loan or relief to the erosion victims.

On the other hand many people are facing problems to erect their houses due to high prices of house building materials. Prices of bamboo and ropes have increased so much that erection of a thatched house involves more than Taka 4000.

Jamalpur District Administration has made a call to the higher authorities to shift important offices from Madarganj town. The Upazila Chairman, Siraj Taradar said that over 15,000 homeless people of the eroded villages have taken shelters on the embankments and beside roads and are suffering from the intestinal diseases due to consumption of impure water and low quality food.

Another source added, that the erosion victims had migrated to the nearby newly emerged chars of the district.

The sources alleged that despite several representations to higher authorities none of them have been given khas land.

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