

Upazila roundup

BARISAL

Fodder scarcity

June 13: Fodder scarcity in five upazilas of the district has intensified following the April 29 devastating cyclone and tidal surge, reports UNB.

Sources said fallow lands with fodder have gone under water in Gourandi, Agolihara and Usirpur upazilas creating problems for the farmers. Cattleheads can no longer graze on these lands.

Besides, fodder production has been affected by the change of crop pattern and introduction of modern methods of cultivation in the district.

Growers fear shortage of fodder would diminish cattleheads and would eventually hamper crop output in the district.

GAZIPUR

2 get life-term in Gazipur

June 13: Two people under Tongi pourashava here were sentenced to life term in connection with a murder case, reports UNB.

Court sources said the convicts Almas Ali and Mujibur Rahman were fined Taka 20,000 each and in default will suffer rigorous imprisonment for three years more.

According to the prosecution story, Nasruddin, a student of Jagannath College, Dhaka and an inhabitant of Dattapara village under the Pourashava was knifed to death on a brawl over land dispute by the accused in 1989.

Following investigation, Police submitted charge-sheet against the criminals.

District and Sessions Judge after examining records and witnesses awarded the punishment recently to both the murderers.

3,537 tons wheat sanctioned

Government has sanctioned about 3,537 metric tons of wheat to implement about 53 uplift schemes in five upazilas of the district during the current fiscal year.

The schemes included reconstruction of roads, re-excavation of canals and ponds in the upazilas.

Of the schemes, 20 are being implemented with the help of an American humanitarian organisation CARE, 24 under World Food Programme (WFP) while the rest nine under general category, official sources said.

The schemes of CARE included repair and construction of 19 roads and excavation of a canal.

With WFP's sanctioned wheat, two canals and three ponds were re-excavated and 19 new roads constructed.

General category schemes included reconstruction of 9 roads, excavation of 7 canals and 2 ponds

MAULVI BAZAR

Poultry birds perish

June 13: Cattleheads and poultry birds worth about Taka 15 lakh were perished by the recent devastating flood in the district, according to a reckoning, reports UNB.

Livestock department sources said they are facing acute medicine shortage to vaccinate the sick birds. They, however, sent 12 medical teams to the affected areas to contain the growing menace.

The sources said they received medicine worth about Tk. 40,000 from the government which was inadequate to meet the demand.

The Director of the department recently visited some affected areas of the district and distributed five tons of fodder among the distressed peasants in Chadrighat union of Sadar upazila.

C' NAWABGANJ

Power failure hits industrial production

June 13: Frequent power failure has been affecting life and living of town dwellers and hampering production in mills and factories in the suburbs, reports UNB.

Residents complain that the town and its adjoining areas plunge into darkness paralysing the normal life almost at every sundown. Anti-social activities have also increased.

Water supply often remain suspended due to power failure enhancing the sufferings of the dwellers.

Besides, household electric and electronic gadgets have been rendered inoperative because of load-shedding and power failure.

Mill owners said they are incurring huge loss as production in their industrial units decreased following erratic power supply.

FARIDPUR

Ansar, VDP rally held

June 13: The annual rally for the district Ansars and Village Defence Party (VDP) members was held on June 10 at local Kabi Jasmuddin Hall, reports BSS.

The Commandant of Bangladesh Ansar Academy Lt. Col (rtd) Muhammad Harun Rashid attended the rally as chief guest.

Presided over by deputy Commissioner and District Commandant Md. Abdur Rahim the rally was addressed by Deputy Director (Range) of Ansars Munir Iqbal Hamid, Family Planning Deputy Director Rafael Gomez and District adjutant of Ansars and VDP Delwar Hossain Akhand.

On this occasion 20 members of Ansars and VDP donated their blood to local Red Crescent unit and ten female VDP members adopted permanent family planning method through operation. An exhibition on village sanitation was also arranged at local Ansar ground.

FENI

Tk 35 lakh for construction of 70 pry schools

June 13: Government has sanctioned about Taka 35 lakh for reconstruction of 70 primary schools in five upazilas here under flood rehabilitation programme, reports UNB.

According to local Government and Engineering Bureau, Taka six lakh was sanctioned to repair 12 primary schools in sadar, Taka 10,50 lakh for 21 schools in Porshuram, Taka 7.50 lakh for 15 schools in Sonagazi, Taka 5 lakh for 10 schools in Chhagalnia and Tk 6 lakh for 12 schools in Daganbhuan upazila.

MYMENSINGH

Gas supply to start in Sept

June 13: Mymensingh town will come under Titas gas supply system from next September with the completion of the Taka 322 crore Brahmaputra basin project, official sources said here today, reports UNB.

The project funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) will also facilitate consumers in Jamalpur, Kishoreganj, Sherpur, Trishal and Gaffargaon.

Besides, proposed 100 megawatt power station in the district will also get energy from the project. In the 20 years perspective of the project 238 industrial, 874 commercial and 84,833 domestic lines will be installed.

The project taken up in 1989 has provision to supply gas to the western part of the county by setting up pipelines.

The project is now supplying gas to Jamuna Fertilizer Factory. The factory will go into operation in full swing from July next and consume as much as 40 million cubic feet of gas a day.

PATUAKHALI

WDB to build embankment

June 13: Water Development Board (WDB) has taken up a project to reconstruct 20 km embankment in Mirjaganj upazila under food for works programme, reports UNB.

According to the sources, government has also sanctioned 200 metric tons of wheat to rebuild the dyke damaged by the recent cyclone and tidal surge.

Besides contributing to production of additional food-grains of about 100 metric tons, water experts said the embankment will save about 4000 hectares of land from tidal surge and salinity.

Another report adds, reconstruction of five educational institutions got underway in Gopalganj district at a cost of about Taka 32.25 lakh.

In addition, 228 tubewells will also be installed in five upazilas of the district during the current fiscal.

About 80,000 people of the district will get benefit after the completion of the projects.

COMILLA

2 dacoits arrested

June 13: Two dacoits were arrested by the law enforcing agency personnel on Sunday, reports BSS.

According to police, the arrested persons are Abul Hossain (26), and Md Alamgir Hossain (28). Three ptepgans and two ram daps were recovered from their possession.



Flood water breaching Monu river embankment inundated a fishery project "Dewan Jantrik Mataha Khamar" at Kamarchak in Rajnagar upazila of Maulvi Bazar district.

Lower price hits mango growers

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, June 13: Bumper production of mangoes this year has caused fall in price of the item much to the detriment of the growers. In some places mangoes sell at throw away prices.

The available varieties of mangoes will continue to flood the markets for two to three more weeks with Fazli and Ashwina respectively.

At present the price of Gutli mangoes are within the reach of consumers. Big size Gopalbhog and Khirsapat are being

sold at Taka 150-250 per hundred. Lengra at Taka 200-300, small size mangoes of the above varieties are sold at Taka 80-125. Other Gutli mangoes are sold at a bit lower price.

According to the mango traders of Sadhughat in Chapainawabganj, the prices are low compared to the last few years. Different varieties of mangoes worth crores of Taka are being taken to Khulna, Chittagong, Barisal, Narayanganj, Feni by the traders of

Chapainawabganj and other areas.

The Aratdars realise Taka 10 as commission from each small basket of mango.

Following recent natural disaster the traders of southern parts are unable to sell their produce in the capital.

The prices of mangoes will not increase much this year as the production in the orchards of Chapainawabganj is three times higher than the previous year.

The mango traders of Bho-lahat and Shibganj upazilas alleged that the members of the law enforcing agencies are frequently seizing mango trucks and harassing them with the plea that the mangoes have been smuggled from India. They demand commission from each truck on refusal they are forced to open the basket which cause loss to them.

The mango traders demand an immediate end to harassment.

Ctg-Rangamati road link disrupted

CHITTAGONG, June 13: Road communication remained disrupted on Chittagong-Rangamati-Nazirhat route for nine hours till 2 pm yesterday at the call of All Party Student Unity (APSU) demanding restoration of academic atmosphere in the Chittagong University, reports UNB.

Witnesses said transports were off the route and shops remained partially open during the hartal hours in the area.

But police said some vehicles were seen plying on the Rangamati-Nazirhat road using an alternate route bypassing the university campus.

Transports heading towards the campus during hartal hours were checked at the University gate number 1 by APSU activists.

Tension was prevailing as Islami Chhatra Shibir workers continued their seige inside the campus while CUCSU-APSU activists blockading the exit points.

Campus sources said water and electric supply, snapped Sunday by APSU-CUCSU activists, were restored Monday afternoon but telephone lines still remained cut off.

Sub-registrar suspended for corruption

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 13: Abdul Berek Miah Sub-Registrar of Katiadi upazila has been under suspension for his alleged involvement in corruption, misuse of power and for taking bribe from the clients, official sources said.

Earlier, a written allegation was sent to the higher authorities by the President of Katiadi

Deed Writers Association following which Inspector General of Registrar paid a sudden visit to the Sub-Registry Office. On enquiry, the allegation was found true.

Later he ordered to place the Sub-Registrar under suspension. This incident has created sensation among the local people.

Kishoreganj police arrested a gay girl and two pimps from an abandoned building of Haor Development Board on May 28 night. According to police they were engaged in immoral activities. The arrested persons are Jahangir, Lal Miah alias Badal and Sweetey.

A case was registered with Kotwali police in this connection.

It is learnt that a Gopalganj-Takerhat bound bus Jessor Ba-525 bound for Gopalganj from Takerhat while reached Chamtia the dacoits stabbed the driver and stopped the bus.

They looted cash Taka 80 thousand, 20 wrist watches and 12 gold rings from the passengers.

Four passengers were injured by the robbers. Md Akramuzzaman DC and Fazul Haque, SP Gopalganj visited the spot.

Pests damage 40 pc crops in Madaripur

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, June 13: Standing Aus crops on 10,000 acres of land in Madaripur and Shariatpur district have attacked by pests.

According to the sources pests like Pamri and Mazra have already damaged 40 per cent Rabi crops including wheat, pulses and potato in 24

unions of the two districts.

On the other hand the farmers are unable to use the insecticides as the medicines available in the local markets are found to be adulterated.

The price of the insecticides is also beyond the purchasing capacity of the farmers, the sources added.

Farmers alleged that inspite of repeated appeals no step has yet been taken to spray insecticides on the affected crop lands to combat the growing menace.

Official sources said, of the total, 25,800 kgs will be sold in Faridpur, 11,600 kgs in Rajbari, 11,590 kgs in Madaripur, 7,850 kgs in Gopalganj and 23,750 kgs in Zonal seed store.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other commercial banks will disburse necessary loans among the farmers to make the jute cultivation programme a success, it is learnt.

Work on 2 market uplift projects on

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 13: Work for the development of two markets under rural development project-7 in two upazilas of the district is going on in full swing at a cost of Taka 2349000, an official source said, reports BSS.

Under the supervision of Local Government Engineering Bureau, the work of the projects being implemented with the financial assistance of World Bank.

Taka 10,49000 is being spent for the development of Naohiata market under Paba upazila and Taka 13,00000 for Gollapara market under Tanore upazila.

Absconder arrested

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 13: A convicted fugitive was arrested recently by Sreepur police under Magura district after six years.

It is learnt that Yakub Ali (60) of village Chorudash under Sreepur upazila killed his wife Sundari Bibi (40) following an altercation. Consequently she died on March 7, 1985 and since then Yakub Ali was absconding. A case was also registered with Sreepur thana.

Akmal Hossain, ASI of Sreepur police station acting on a secret information arrested Yakub Ali from the village Majhed under Sholkupa upazila of Jhenidah district recently.

A.S.A. Samad the district and sessions Judge, Magura convicted the accused and sentenced him to death.

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Patients return without treatment from hospital

From Our Correspondent

NANDAIL, June 13: Hundreds of patients are deprived of proper medical facilities due to absence of essential drugs, X-ray machine, ambulance and blood supply at Kendua Upazila hospital.

Patients are forced to purchase life saving medicines from outside at exorbitant price.

Many poor patients go back disappointed without medicines from the hospital out door.

causes difficulties in treating numerous patients. In case of emergency on patient can be shifted to the district hospital as there is no ambulance available at the hospital.

Though infusion of blood becomes very essential to save the life of the patient in some cases but in absence of blood bank patients meet death.

The suffering circle, urged upon the relevant authorities to take necessary steps to upgrade the present condition of the hospital to lessen the woes

Wife beaten to death by husband

From A Correspondent

SATKHIRA, June 13: Jobeda Khatoon (20), was beaten to death by her husband Noor Ali Biswas of village Parulia Debhata upazila recently. It is reported that Noor Ali married Jobeda nine years ago. She fell victim to her husband's vengeance for her effort to refrain her husband from making illicit relation with another woman.

Later Noor Ali suppressed the killing as suicidal by pouring poison in her mouth. Police sent the dead body to Satkhira Hospital for autopsy. A case has been lodged with Debhata police.

One Sirajul Islam (16) was killed in a road accident at Kalaro bazar on Satkhira-Jessore road recently. It is reported that the victim while crossing the road, a minibus No. Jessore BA 25 knocked him down resulting in his death.

The body was sent to Satkhira hospital for post mortem. The driver, however, managed to escape with the vehicle.

A case was filed with the Kalaroa police in this connection.

Pipegun recovered

According to another report, an Indian made pipegun was recovered from Village Panchani under Sadar upazila recently.

Power failure hits normal life

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 13: Frequent power failure and load-shedding have become regular feature in Bajitpur Pourashava town and its adjoining areas causing much inconveniences to the town dwellers and heavy loss to the businessmen and industrialists.

According to informed sources, not a single day is left without power disruption. Almost every night electricity goes off plunging the entire town in to darkness and causing untold sufferings to students.

Erratic power supply has also affected production in the local mills and workshops. Irrigation in the IRRI-Boro blocks with power connections is also affected due to frequent power failure.

The price hike of foodstuff in the market is largely attributed to frequent power failure. Farmers are unable to crush paddy and wheat due to power disruption.

Besides, fluctuation of voltage causes damage to electronic goods. Inadequate street lights have also affected the town life.

Police acting on a tip went to Panchani and recovered the gun from the heap of straw beside the house of Abdullah.

A case was lodged with the Satkhira police none was arrested in this connection.

Ctg Association of NY donates \$ 4000 to cyclone affected people

CHITTAGONG, June 13: The Chittagong Association of New York has donated a US dollar 4000 for the rehabilitation of cyclone hit people of Chittagong district, according to a press release.

The Association has already remitted the money to National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam who is an Advisor to the Association.

Professor Islam, Chairman of the Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS) distributed the entire amount on June 9 among the cyclone hit people of four upazilas of the district.

The upazilas are Paharooly, Raozan, Chandanash and Anwara. He also distributed 12 cartons of old cloths donated to the Islamic Medical Mission Bangladesh by International Relief Friendship Foundation Inc. of Japan.

During the visit Prof. Islam was accompanied by Prof. A Wadud, Shah Alam Chowdhury, a senior banker and Abul Kashem, Secretary, IAHS and Dr. Afasul Amin.

Prof. Islam personally visited the houses of the affected people at South Kattail under Paharooly upazila.

Notes from Nandail

From Our Correspondent

NANDAIL, June 13: The Shetu Textile Mills, an industry in private sector is on the verge of extinction due to shortage of fund.

The Textile Mills, established at Chawrasta under Nandail upazila is lying closed as the bank locked it for non payment of loan taken in 1989.

It is learnt that workers of the mill have been passing their days amid untold distress.

According to the Managing Director of the mill, the industry was established in 1987 with an investment of Taka 60 lakhs. Of the total investment, Taka 33 lakh were taken as credit from Agrani Bank Kishoreganj. Later the owner applied for more loan against the project. The money was not repaid due to decline in production of the mill.

The bank authority then registered a case against the mill owner and locked the mill in 1989. As a result, raw materials worth about Taka five lakh were fully damaged and the machineries of the mill worth Taka 10 lakh turned inoperative.

The mill also incurred a loss of Taka 20 lakh, it is alleged.

The owner of the mill sought immediate inquiry into the matter and essential steps to remove the dead lock.

Diarrhoea claims three lives

Diarrhoea claimed three lives leaving about 100 others affected at Moheshkhali area under Gafargawn upazila recently.

It is gathered that no initiatives were taken to combat the situation. People were quite helpless as the government dispensary located at Moheshkhali lack anti-diarrhoeal drug. Moreover, the post of the physician in the dispensary has been lying vacant.

On the other hand Rehana Begum (35) died and some others learnt to be affected as diarrhoea broke out in an epidemic form at village Moadanga under Gouripur upazila.

Teacher sued

Assistant Teacher of Barilla K A High School was sued for misappropriation of science apparatus.

It is gathered that Abdul Malin, an Assistant Teacher of Barilla K A High School under Nandail upazila was sent to the Mymensingh zonal office to collect the science apparatus on behalf of the school. But the teacher did not deposit the same with the school.

At last finding no other alternative the Headmaster of the school registered a case with the Nandail Upazila Magistrate Court.

Later acting on a secret information, Nandail police recovered the apparatus from a shop at Nandail market.