

Upazila roundup

BARISAL

Vaccination campaign week observed

July 1: The national Vaccination Campaign Week-91 concluded in Barisal district on Thursday last, reports BSS.

According to Civil Surgeon Office sources, the programme of the week included meeting, seminar, and painting competition of children.

On the concluding day the Deputy Commissioner distributed certificates among the volunteers of different organisations and winners of the painting competition.

Children have been vaccinated in 30 different immunisation centres in the Pourashava areas of the district. A large number of volunteers and health workers took part in the vaccination programme, the source said.

About 800 children have been immunized in the last three days of the week.

Villagers said Osman Gani of Anantaram village in Pirgacha upazila lost all his household valuables in gambling.

On June 22 when Osman tried to sell his last moveable property goat to collect money for gambling his wife Falant Khatoon protested strongly. At this the gambler husband became furious and divorced her instantly.

The incident has created a sensation in the village.

NETRAKONA

10 children die of dysentery

July 1: At least 10 children died of dysentery and 500 others were attacked by the disease in the district during the last two weeks, reports UNB.

According to sources, the disease has broken out alarmingly at Bishnapur, Kamtala, Paherpur villages of Atpara upazila and in Kendua, Purbadhaha, Barhatta and Mohanganj upazilas.

FENI

Erosion by Feni river continues

July 1: A vast tract of land in south and north Langalmora villages of Ghopal Union under Chhagalnaiya Upazila was eroded by the Feni River during the last few weeks, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, Karighar School and a mosque have gone into the river. The erosion is still continuing.

Every year thousands of acres of land are devoured by the river. Local people urged the authorities concerned to provide relief and other help to the erosion affected people.

SATKHIRA

Children suffer from malnutrition

July 1: Malnutrition, eye and intestinal diseases have affected hundreds of children in seven upazilas of the district.

According to the health workers and doctors, about 50 per cent children are suffering from diarrhoea, dysentery and jaundice.

Scarcity of necessary medicines in hospitals and health centres have aggravated the situation, they added.

Body recovered

UNB adds: Police Thursday recovered the body of a man from near WAPDA embankment in Sadar upazila.

Family sources said the victim Babar Ali went out of his residence on Wednesday evening and did not return.

He is believed to have been killed by unknown assailants. The body bore some cut marks and was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy. A case was also filed in this connection.

JESSORE

'Govt aware of pre-election commitments'

July 1: State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs, Tariqul Islam has said the BNP government is fully aware of its pre-election commitments to the people. Most of the commitments made to the people have already been fulfilled by the government, he said, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing a rally of Chanchra Union Jatiyatadabi Jubo Dal at Pulerhat Girls School on Thursday.

The Minister said BNP had acquired popularity from all walks of people by dint of honesty and for keeping words.

Mr Islam said youth should build up their moral character in the spirit of taking future leadership. The government action plan and programme for unemployed youths were being implemented successively to accommodate them in private and public sectors, he added.

General Secretary of Jessore district BNP Advocate Nazrul Islam, Chairman of Jessore Municipality, Advocate Ishaq and President of Chanchra Union Jatiyatadabi Jubo Dal Abdul Salam also spoke on the occasion.

KUSHIA

3 injured in clash

July 1: At least three persons were injured in a clash between the members of Tiger Club of Arupara and Crescent Club of Thanapara on Friday last, reports BSS.

Police arrested 11 persons in this connection. The injured persons were admitted to Kushia Hospital. The clash occurred during depositing quotation documents to an autonomous body.

FARIDPUR

International day against drug abuse observed

July 1: International day against drug abuse and trafficking was observed in Faridpur district town Wednesday, reports BSS.

A seminar jointly organised by Narcotics Control Directorate and local unit of the Jaycee, Bangladesh was held at Pourashava auditorium. The seminar presided over by Md. Sadek, Assistant Director of Narcotics, Faridpur sub-zone was addressed by ADC (Rev) Faridpur, Syed Abdul Malek, Pourashava Chairman Raktibuddin Ahmed, Bar Association President Advocate Syed Mosharrif Hossain, Professor Md. Shahjahan, Dr. Nani Gopal Saha and Advocate Sarwarjan Mian. Speakers stressed the need for creating mass awareness to save the nation from drug menace.

A colourful procession was brought out in the town to mark the day. The perfectionists carried placards containing anti-drug slogans.

RANGPUR

Gambler indeed

July 1: A gambler here divorced his wife when she protested his selling of the only goat for gambling, reports UNB.

Tk 105 cr rehabilitation plan by 35 NGOs

BARISAL, July 1: Thirty-five non-government organisations (NGOs) have taken up post-cyclone rehabilitation programmes at a cost of Taka 105 crore in the affected coastal areas, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the NGOs had already distributed relief materials worth about Taka 59 crore on emergency basis in the cyclone affected areas.

The rehabilitation projects to be implemented in various sectors included construction of embankments, dwelling houses, multipurpose cyclone shelters, installations of tubewells, afforestations, supply of

agriculture inputs and fishing nets in the off-shore areas of southern districts.

Besides, the government will take up a post-cyclone rehabilitation programme at a cost of Taka 100 crore in the affected districts. Barisal zonal relief co-ordination committee sources said.

The government programme included construction or reconstructions of embankments, dwelling houses, multipurpose cyclone shelters and primary schools, installation of tubewells, afforestations, supply of slub latrines, agriculture inputs and fishing nets and mechanised boats, the sources added.



The boat people who have no permanent shelter move from one place to another in quest of livelihood. During monsoon they earn better than in the lean summer. Photo shows an elderly woman washing small fishes, which only she could collect for the noon meal, while her daughter looks on. — Star Photo

Hats, bazars need care in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, July 1: At least 50 hats and bazars in nine upazilas of the district are in pitiable condition due to lack of proper maintenance.

Except a few ones, the hats and bazars do not have enough space to accommodate the buyers and sellers because these were not expanded according to the growing population.

Besides, rampant erection of unauthorised shops has further narrowed the space. On the other hand water remains stagnant in absence of drainage

system. Moreover, hats and bazars settled on the main roads create traffic jam frequently. Atiakula Hat, Pushpapara Hat, Tebunia Hat, Banagram Hat are of the same nature.

Power supply erratic

Erratic power supply has affected production in small mills and factories.

Frequent load shedding and power failures have become a daily routine. Ensuing HSC

candidates, patients in hospitals and public in general are the worst sufferers.

Most industrial units are incurring financial losses they have to pay wages to the workers and employees for the idle hours caused by irregular power supply.

Lanterns which are obsolete in town areas are again gaining popularity and candle businessmen are also making good profits taking the advantage of erratic power supply.

Widespread smuggling of Indian clothes has thrown

weaving factories into utter distress.

Despite vigorous operations conducted by BDR personnel regularly the smuggling has not been curbed totally.

It is learnt that 60 per cent markets of the district have been occupied by Indian clothes for cheaper price.

A section of women is carrying on this business by moving door to door to attract housewives by selling these cheaper cotton sarees and are earning good profits.

Call to create social awareness against drug abuse

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, July 1: The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed at Chandpur on Wednesday last.

A colourful rally was held in observance of the day which started from Chandpur Press Club and ended at Rotary Bhawan. The processionists paraded the main streets of the town carrying banners, festoons and chanted slogans against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking. Different Government, non-government, social and voluntary organisations took part in the rally.

Later, a seminar on "Drug Abuse and the youth of Bangladesh," organised by the Department of Narcotics in co-operation with district administration and other social organisation. The seminar was presided over by Dr. Noor Rahman and addressed by Md. Abul Kashem, D.C., Chandpur, M. A. Maleud, S.P. Prof. Khurshedul Islam, Prof. Mohammad Hussain Khan, Kamruzzaman Chowdhury, President Chandpur Press Club, Ziaur Rahman Belal and Arun Kumar. The speakers at the seminar called for waging a war against drugs

to save the young generation from the deadly menace.

Our Meherpur Correspondent adds: The International Day against drug abuse and its illegal trafficking was observed in the district with set programme on June 26.

A procession carrying banners and festoons inscribing slogans on drug abuse paraded the main streets of the town.

A seminar on drug abuse and its illegal trafficking was held in the office chamber of Md. Mamtazur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Meherpur who presided over the seminar.



CHANDPUR: A procession brought out against drug abuse and illicit trafficking parading the town streets recently. — Star photo

Teacher shortage in medical college

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, July 1: Students of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College is facing utter problems due to shortage of lecturers and professors since long.

It is learnt that out of a total 84 posts of professors of different ranks 26 posts are lying vacant for a long time in the medical college.

Besides, students are facing acute shortage of accommodation. For over 1000 students only 603 seats are allotted for male and 188 seats for females students in their respective hostels.

Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital which provides treatment for lakhs of people of six southern district of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Borguna, Jhalakhati and Madaripur is beset with manifold problems. Irregularities in duties and administrative

lapses which hamper the normal functioning of the college should be eradicated immediately, it is widely felt.

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing a meeting at Barisal Circuit House said that the recent budget has reflected desires of the people and if necessary it may be a mended for the welfare of the nation. He added that more discussion will be held on budget in the Sangsad and assured that those decisions taken in 1989 will be implemented gradually which will bring all round development in the vast southern areas of the country.

Earlier the Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas with the local BNP leader visited Kasimpur, Karapur, Raipasha and exchanged views with the local people.

Peer Matiur's bail rejected

JEHENIDAH, July 1: The bail petition of Peer Matiur Rahman (rid Major) was rejected by the Additional District Magistrate, Jhenidah when he was produced before the court on Thursday in connection with an abduction case, reports BSS.

Mofazzal Hossain, another accused in the case was also refused bail, while Abdul Mannan, a co-accused was granted bail.

Charges were formed against them under section 368 and 365 BPC. The date for hearing the case has been fixed for July 7.

The case in brief is that the so-called 'peer' and six others allegedly abducted and concealed a minor boy named Debabrata Ghose of Kanchannagar of Jhenidah town.

Advocate Rajab Ali and Advocate Amirul Islam appeared for the accused

43 injured in Feni, Chandpur clashes

FENI, July 1: At least 30 people were injured, five of them seriously in a clash between two rival groups over possession of Feni Sandmahal at Chhagalnaiya upazila in the early hours of Friday, police said, reports UNB.

Seriously injured Habibur Rahman (30), Mostafa (25), Monal Mia (45), Kamal Uddin (22), and Ohidur Rahman (50) were rushed to the Sadar hospital and Chhagalnaiya upazila health complex.

The clash ensued between chairman of Gopal and Hinguli union parishads of Chhagalnaiya and Mirsharai upazilas of Feni and Chittagong districts respectively claiming right over the leased Sandmahal.

The clash escalated following a group of people led by Hinguli upazila chairman picked up six people of rival group who were engaged in sand digging.

On receipt of this information, some villagers of Gopal union of Chhagalnaiya upazila put up barricade at Feni by-pass road from 5 am to 12 noon and stopped vehicular movement.

Later, at the intervention of the Deputy Commissioner, the barricade was lifted.

Joint police patrols from Mirsarai and Chhagalnaiya police stations were keeping vigil over the disputed Sandmahal.

Shantibahini leader surrenders

RANGAMATI, July 1: One so-called Shantibahini leader surrendered to the security forces at New Lanker Camp of Marishya Zone under Rangamati region Sunday, reports UNB.

Officials said, Nan Chakma of Panchari surrendered with 79 rounds of bullet.

Ex-UP chairman killed in Nandail

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 1: Azizul Hoque Akanda (40), ex-Chairman of Moazzempur Union Parishad in Nandail Upazila was killed by miscreants on June 26.

According to the police, Azizul Hoque Akanda along with his two brother-in-laws was returning home at village Duttapur from his father-in-law's house of the same village at about 9 p.m. A group of miscreants armed with dao, kirich and axe suddenly attacked them at a place about 300 yards away from the house of the victim and killed him on the spot. The deceased Azizul Hoque Akanda was the main accused in a murder case, police said. A case was registered with Nandail Police in this connection.

Killing condemned

Meanwhile, Speakers at a meeting held under the auspices of Nandail Upazila unit of BNP at the Nandail bus stand on Friday last condemned the killing of Azizul Hoque Akanda, ex-Chairman and President of Moazzempur Union unit of BNP.

Presided over by Anwar Hossain Khan Chowdhury, MP the meeting was addressed, among others, by Abdul Hamid, Omar Faruq Noman and Abdul Momen Master.

Indian sarees worth Tk 50,000 recovered

FENI, July 1: Police seized a carload of Indian sarees worth about Taka 50,000 from Feni-Porshuram road in Porshuram upazila and arrested one person in this connection, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, police challenged the car on June 21 and nabbed passenger Abdul Hoque with the contraband.

40 injured in clash

At least 40 persons were injured, three of them seriously in a clash between two groups of people at village Chanpur in Karimganj Upazila recently. Lethal weapons like dao, lathi and spear were used in the clash that ensued following an altercation between two groups of villagers over a trifling matter.

Of the critically injured, Bazlu Mia (18) and Tara Banu (60) were rushed to My-mensingh Medical College Hospital while Mannaf (30) was admitted into Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital. Eleven others are now undergoing treatment in Karimganj upazila health complex.

The rest injured persons were released after first aid.

Notes from Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, July 1: Alamdanga police recovered 18 illegal arms and 267 rounds of ammunition from various areas in different raids during January to June this year.

The recovered arms include one stengun, three rifles, four pistols, one single barrel gun, nine pipe guns, over 200 rounds of rifle ammunition, 51 rounds of stengun ammunition and 16 cartridges of gun.

Vigorous drive to recover more illegal arms in going on by the Alamdanga thana police, it is learnt.

Motorcycle recovered

Acting on a secret information Chuadanga thana police in cooperation with the Sirajganj police recovered one stole motorcycle from the river Nabaganja area, eight miles away from here on June 17 last.

It is learnt that the miscreants who stole the motorcycle are engaged in such offences in Damurhuda Upazila.

Wheat seized

Besides, the police also seized a truck loaded with 100 bags of wheat near the godown of Sirajganj bazar on the same day.

It is learnt that wheat sanctioned for the implementation of Food for Works Programme in Itadah Union Parishad under Chuadanga Sadar Upazila was sold to a wheat trader Tayeb Ali of Chuadanga. The police caught the truck driver red-handed. Investigation is going on.

Eight VCP's worth about Taka 88,000 were seized from a compartment of Intercity train in Chuadanga railway station on June 18 last. Mohboob Ahmed, Magistrate, Chuadanga conducted the operation.

29 schemes nearing completion

Implementation of 29 schemes under Food for Works Programme in four upazilas of Chuadanga district is going on in full swing and are expected to be completed within a week.

About 1800 metric tons of wheat are being used for the purpose. Of the total, 15 schemes are being implemented by a Canadian help while the rest 14 schemes are being implemented by CARE. Of the total, five are being implemented in Chuadanga Sadar Upazila, nine in Alamdanga Upazila, four in Jibannagar Upazila and 11 in Damurhuda Upazila.

The schemes include repair of 24 roads, digging of two canals and river in two places and construction of bank road. Besides, five schemes of the same nature are also being implemented in four upazilas of the district under growth centre programme at a cost of 250 metric tons of wheat which are also expected to be completed soon.

Discussion meet

A discussion meeting was held at the local Bar Association Hall under the joint auspices of Chuadanga district Bar Association and Gana Shahazzo Sangstha (ANGO) on June 21 last.

The meeting was presided over by Abdus Sattar, President, Chuadanga district Bar Association. The meeting was addressed by Anwar Hossain, Editor, local weekly Darpan, peasant leader Azrul Haq and Advocates Azzur Rahman, Nasiruddin Monju, Abdul Wahab and Tashirul Alam Malik.

Abul Hasan Advocate and President of Central Committee of Advocates' cell of the Snagstha was the chief guest while Saiful Pitu, Chairman, Chuadanga Sadar Upazila Parishad was the special guest.

Work on 35 projects in progress

PATUAKHALI, July 1: At least 35 projects are being implemented on priority basis involving an expenditure of Taka 25.80 lakh in six upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the projects include construction of bridges, culverts and expansion and renovation of roads for the improvement of communication system.

The projects are expected to be completed by December next. Another report from Pirojpur adds that works on at least 89 projects taken up by the pourashava under its annual development programme during the current year are progressing fast.

Official sources said Tk 45.00 lakh would be utilised for implementation of the projects.



AGRI VARSITY: Prof. M. Asadur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University distributing certificates among the participants on the concluding session of the training on agricultural journalism recently at Graduate Training Institute. — Star Photo