Upazila roundup

PATUAKHALI

Bauphal UZ chairman removed

July 7: Bauphal Upazila Parishad Chairman Shahidul Alam Talukder was removed from his responsibility recently by the Ministry of LGRD, reports UNB.

According to sources, he was sacked on charges of corruption, misuse of power and financial indiscipline.

It is learnt that the former chairman issued licences and work orders to his close associates and appointed his relatives to various posts violating the official rules and regulations.

He also caused financial loss to the government misusing his official position, the sources added.

JHENIDAH

BCL, JCD activists clash: 5 injured.

July 7: Pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League and BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal clashed at Kaliganj Friday evening leaving at least five people injured, reports

Police said both the student groups brought out processions in the upazila headquarters protesting the Jagannath University College incident and clashed at one stage when they faced each other.

Two handbombs were exploded during the violence.

FENI

5 held for duplicating question papers

July 7: Police yesterday arrested five people including one examinee from the town for their alleged involvement in duplicating question papers of the SSC examination, reports

The arrested were identified

as: Abdur Rahman (26), Yusuf (23), Wahidullah (20) Noor Nabi (16) and Jashimuddin (17). They were caught while

photocopying of the question papers. Police also recovered two

printed and 20 hand written question papers of mathematics which was scheduled to be held Sunday.

DINAJPUR

Eid reunion

July 7: Etd Reunion was ar-

From Our Correspondent

ranged at Dinajpur Zila Press Club with Nurul Amin Chhanda in the chair. Abdul Kader Mollah, former

Vice President of Dhaka Union of Journalists was present as Chief Guest while Azam Mir, Senior Staff Reporter of Dainik Sangram was present as Special

It was addressed, among others, by Nurul Islam Sarker Alhaj Abdul Majid, Sadakat Ali Khan, Maniruzzaman Babla Ekramul Haq Chanchal, Shahin Hossain, Anwar Hossain and Mrs. Nazmun Nahar Begum.

SHARIATPUR

Court building needs repair

From A Correspondent

July 7: The old court bhaban and residence of Chikandi Assistant Judge of Shariatpur are quite unfit for use due to absence of repair. These buildings are completely in a dilapidated condition. The doors and windows are broken and the floor and ceiling are damp. The valuable documents and furnitures are in danger of spoiling. The road adjacent to Mymensingh Medical College court bhaban also needs repair.

MYMENSINGH

Training course on fish farm management ends

A month-long international training course on 'Fish Farm Management' concluded at the Fisheries Research Institute (FRI), Mymensingh for the progressive fish farmers of Nepal, says a press release.

Dr. M.A. Mazid, Additional Director of FRI was the chief guest at the concluding day and distributed the certificate among the trainees. In his speech Dr. M.A. Mazid stressed the importance of training in transfer of aquaculture technology for the development of fisheries in different SAARC member countries.

He further said that FRI is planning to conduct two more training for the Fishery Extension Officers Bangladesh and Officers of the Nepal. He also mention the contribution of the Scientist FRI to the development of fisheries research in Bangladesh.

MADARIPUR

Jatiya Sangbadik Sangstha meeting held

From Our Correspondent

July 7: An extended meeting of Jatiya Sangbadik Sangstha. Madaripur district unit was held at the local Bartomar Eshara office recently w Forkan Ahmed in the chair.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Salim Faraz Khaledur Rahman, Muzidur Rahman and Abul Hasan.

Madaripur district unit Jatiya Party brought out procession here Wednesday demanding release of forme President Ershad.

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) bagged 1 seats out of 21 the Go Nazimuddin College Students Union on June 17.

The JCD nominated candidates Qumrul Hasan Badal and Enayet Hossain were elected Vice-President general secretary respective The two seats went to BCL (S-M) and BCL (JSD-INU).

GAIBANDHA

10 students injured in clash

July 7: At least 10 student were injured in a clash between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal an Chhatra Union activists Sundargani upazila here Frida reports UNB.

The clash ensued following mounting tension between groups on a trifling matter which one Chhatra Union activist was manhandled.

On the fateful day, Chhatra union activists attacked Chhatra Dal members injuring 10 of them. Four of them wer admitted to the Sundargar Health Complex.

Four Chhatra Union activist were also arrested in this connection.

MYMENSINGH

Housewife killed

July 7: A young housewife was killed at her residence Senbari road here on Thursda last, reports UNB.

Mursheda Parveen (35), wil of Assistant Public Prosecuto Advocate Mofazzal Hossain, bor cut injuries on her throat and

The victim's husban informed the police at 3 that he came home at midnight and found her dead.

Mursheda was seven month Her body was sent

Hospital for autopsy.

Erosion threatens flood control dam

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, July 7: About 500 feet areas of Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment have been washed away by the widespread erosion of the river Brahmaputra Kamarzani Bandhar under Gafbandha Sadar Upazila.

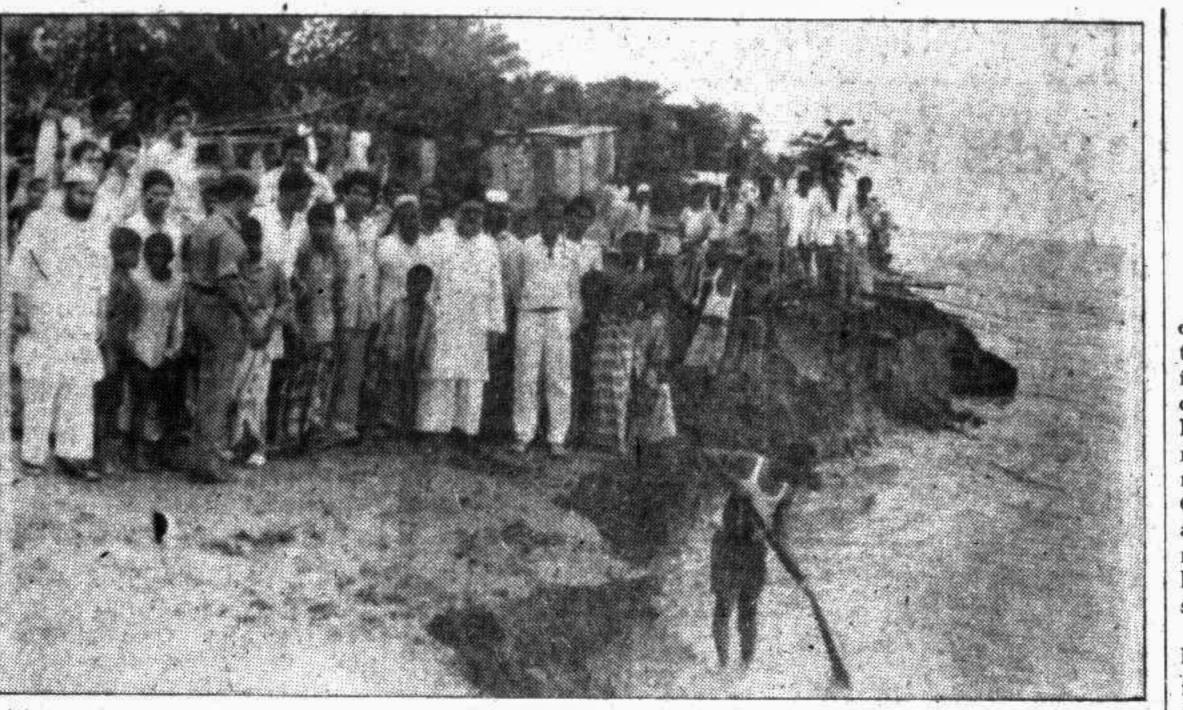
Banks, offices and other business enterprises are being threatened seriously in the

market. The erosion of the river Brahmaputra has taken a serious turn at Kamazani area and a large portion of the embankment has already been eroded by the surging water.

Gaibandha Sadar Upazila Parishad, however, has taken a temporary measure erecting a ring embankment along the affected area but the step is not

Water Development Board could not take initiative due to non-allocation of fund to save the embankment.

Meanwhile, local political leaders, district administration and agriculture officials have been visiting the affected area and urged the government to take emergency measure to combat the continued erosion.



Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami, MP and Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh seeing for himself the erosion affected Nakalia Bazar under Bera Upazila recently.

Withdrawal of Upazila Edn Officer demanded

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, July 7: All government primary school teachers of Chowgacha upazila in Jessore brought out a procession in protest against alleged malpractice corruption, misbehavior and high handedness of Upazila Education Officer Badruddin recently, and chanted slogans for his removal and restoration of healthy atmosphere in primary schools of the upazila.

According to the reports, Mr Badruddin joined his office in October last year and started trequent visits to schools. He visits schools even after school hours and the -Star photo teachers absent at that time

pelled to respond to the call of

nature on roadside places pol-

Power failure

nience of the business com-

virtually plunges into dark-

The market in the town is

luting the environment.

arbitrarily called for explanation. He even issues order to the Bank Manager to stop their payments for the previous He also allegedly extorted

bribe from the teachers in different ways either by creating problems during the disbursement of salary. Besides, he forced many teachers to pay advance for their time scale arrears and also for their transfer and for getting visit

It is further learnt that he used the teachers to serve his personal interest polluting the entire academic atmosphere. When contacted, Upazila

Chairman told this correspondent that all allegations against Badruddin are true. He appears far above upazila manual, the Chairman added. He did not respect Upazila Parishad nor cared for it in any account he further added.

The Chairman said that on receipt of complaints against him, a wire was sent to DG (Primary) with a copy to

Frequent power failure has Γk 20.08 cr BAU become a regular feature in the town much to the inconvebudget approved munity and students. The town

AGRI-VIRSITY (Mymensingh), July 7: The annual recast recurring budget of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the fiscal year 1991-92 amounting to Taka 20.08 crore was approved by the Syndicate in its 191st meeting held here recently, says a press release.

The budget was prepared on the basis of ceiling fixed by the University Grants Commission against an original demand allocation of Taka 26.70 crore only as was recommended by the BAU author-

The meeting also approved the revised recast budget of BAU for the year 1990-91 amounting to Taka 18.80 crore only against the revised demand allocation for Taka 23 crore three thousand only.

The meeting was presided over by Prof. M. Asadur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of BAU Syndicate and it had also arrived at the decision to immediately take up appropriate measures to enhance the internal income sources of the University.

Train link suspended

RANGPUR, July 7: Train communication between Lalmonirhat and Parbatipur remained suspended for 10 hours Thursday due to derailment of three bogies, official sources here said, reports The Parbatipur bound local

passenger train defailed near Badarganj railway station at 11 am injuring five people. A relief train from

Lalmonirhat salvaged the derailed bogies of the train at 9 pm. The injured were admitted to the upazila health com-

2 killed

Two people were killed in two separate road accidents in the district Thursday, police

In one incident, a speeding truck knocked down pedestrian Samiruddin (50), at Boldipakur on Rangpur-Bogra highway. He died on the spot. The driver fled with the vehi-

In another mishap, a speeding minibus dashed one Gousul Azam (20), killing him instantly near Sadar bus stand on the same day.

The bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy. Two cases were filed in this connection.

Kidnapped student rescued MYMENSINGH, July 7:

Kotwali police have recovered kidnapped Mafizuddin, a student of class VI of Khuksia High School under Muktagacha Upazila from a jute field of village Suhila under Sadar upazila on Friday, reports BSS. in this connection police

arrested 11 persons including two women from Ghagra and Suhila villages and recovered one pipe gun, one ram dao and one bullam from them.

Mafiz, son of Maniruddin was kidnapped from his home under village Shasyamala of Sadar upazila at the night of June 28. The kidnappers demanded ransom amounting to Taka 2.80 lakh from Mafiz's fa-

Having an information from secret source, the Kotwali police arrested nine persons including one woman on Thursday. According to their confession police recovered Mafiz and arrested two others including one woman from the

A case has been registered with Kotwali thana.

Secretary, Ministry of Education and Minister incharge of Education on May 24 and details were supplied sep-

arately to them on May 26 last. Again when the activities of the Education Officer exceeded the limit, he sent another wire to the DG (Primary) on June 12 for immediate withdrawal of this officer. Deputy Director (Primary) of Khulna Division accompanied by DPEO, Jessore met the Upazila Chairman on June 15. He briefed them about the prevailing situation in primary education arena of the upazila seeking their best co-opera-

610 deep tubewells will be installed in Patuakhali

tion to get rid of it.

PATUAKHALI, July 7: Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) has undertaken a scheme to install 610 deep tubewells in six upazilas of the district to facilitate drinking water supply and irrigation, reports UNB. Funded by UNICEF the

scheme will involve an amount of Taka three crore. At least two lakh people of

the district will get safe water supply after the completion of the project, official sources Meanwhile, a Taka -22 crore programme is underway

Work on the project known as Barisal-Patuakhali electricity transmission line is expected to be completed by this year.

to install 132 KV line in the

Hundreds of vehicles stranded at Aricha ghat

MANIKGANJ, July 7: Road communication between Dhaka and 36 northern and southern districts has been hampered seriously due to ferry problems with hundreds of trucks and coaches stranded in Aricha, Nagarbari and Daulatdia ghats, reports UNB.

BIWTA officials at Aricha said river traffic in Aricha-Daulatdia and Aricha-Nagarbari routes had been retarded for the last couple of days by shortage of ferry, rush of vehicles and strong current in the mighty river Padma and the

Sources said ferry services in the routes were being maintained with only 13 ferries while one Ro-Ro ferry-vessel has been lying in the workshop at Aricha ghat for there last

four days. Interdistrict Truck Drivers Union leaders said the ferries were taking three times more than the normal time-span, in long-distance trips to and from

the three ghats due to strong currents in the rivers. As a resul, goods trucks are to wait for at least 48 hours before starting towards destinations from the ferry ghats. Everyday 300-400 trucks

loaded with perishable items have to wait for long at the Sources said over 1000 goods-loaded trucks had been waiting at Aricha, Nagarbari

and Daulatdia for the last 48

Low-lying areas in DND project submerged NARAYANGANJ, July 7:

The low-lying areas of Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra Irrigation Project (DND) have been submerged following incessant rains during the last three days, reports BSS. The standing Aus paddy and

new Aman plants have been badly affected due to the water

According to DND Project sources, the lush green irrigation project has turned into a vast sheet of silvery water covering areas of Jatrabart. Dhania, Pagla, Matuail, Mizmizi, Simralic, Sidhirganj, Jalkuri, Hajiganj, Fatuliah and Kutubkhali.

The dwelling house and wayside shops have also been affected by the rain waters. The source said 12 drainage

canals and 10 lateral canals have been filled up with water hyacinth and causing inconvenience in the normal flow of water in the project. The source said the dis-

charge of excess water from the project through intake channel is being hampered. Four pumps at irrigation site project are working round

the clock to discharge the excess water. Each pump of 300 horse power capacity can discharge 128 cusees of water per day.

The DND Project, a concern of Water Development Board, covers an area of 20,600 acres out of which 10,803 acres are cultivable.



CHAPAINAWABGANJ : Seventy-three persons including minor boys belonging to Homna Upazila of Comilla and Bancharampur upazila of Brahmanbaria were rescued by the BDR personnel from Bakhor Ali under Sadar Upazila while they were being smuggled into India recently.

Artisans face unemployment in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 7: Local The Upazila Parishad, inconvenience to the pedestricottage industry is on the verge of extinction for lack of incentives and patronisation. This has left a vast magnitude of people mostly women under threat of unemployment. It is learnt that women

79 SSC examinees

expelled in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

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make fancy articles from bamboo, cane, jute, skin, coir, rope and fibres. Their products have glorious past but now it is merely a tale. A vast majority of elderly people and women are left

unemployed. On the other hand rice, flour and saw mills, brick field, fish, poultry all are facing shortage of working capital and patronisation. Traditional products like dolls. shikas, clothes, embroidery quilts, chairs, footpads, et cetra have bright economic prospects.

CHUADANGA, July 7:

Seventy-nine SSC / examinces

were expelled from ten cen-

tres of Chuadanga and

dents appeared from gow

ernment V J High School,

Chuadanga and five of them

were expelled while 414 stu-

School centre and two of them

were expelled. Nine hundred

fifty-seven students appeared

from Alamdanga examination

centre from which 33 were

expelled while 516 were ap-

peared from Damurhuda exam-

Electric goods

worth Tk 10 lakh

stolen

goods worth about Taka 10

lakh were stolen from nine

upazilas of the district during

last one year, official sources

82 transformers, 512 electric

poles, 1000 metres of electric

ised gang with the collabora

tion of some dishonest officials

of Power Development Board

are engaged in this heinous

lodged with different police

stations and only seven people

were arrested in this connec-

Indian sarees

worth Tk 65,000

seized in Feni

Indian saces worth about Tk

65,000 from a truck from Feni

bypass road near Koska here

and arrested the driver last

tion, police stopped the truck

at the point and seized 209

local police in this connection.

recovered a stolen motorcycle

from Trunk road in the town

Stabbed to death

was stabbed to death by her

husband at village Motobi in

Sadar upazila, police said here

tim Ayesha Khatoon (35) was

killed by her husband

Mahbubul Haque on June 28

on the basis of the allegation

man while he was in service in

Defence Party (VDP) handed

over the killer husband to the

Members of the Village

A case has been filed in this

that she had an affair with a

Family sources said the vic-

A mother of four children

Acting on a secret informa-

A case has been filed with

In another drive police also

week, reports UNB.

pieces of Indian sarees.

recently.

Middle East.

connection.

FENI; July 7: Police seized

A total of 566 cases were

It is alleged that an organ-

wire, 223 main switches.

The stolen goods include

said, reports UNB

PABNA, July 7: Electric

It is learnt that 792 stu-

Meherpur districts.

dents appeared

Government Girls

Mahila Samity and voluntary ans and vehicular traffic. Water organisations can play their due role in this regard Training in tailoring, embroidery, Batik print, cooking and poultry can be patronised to augment our rural communi ties and arrest unemployment problem to a great extent. Decline in the production

of those items has caused acute economic hardship to a large number of artisans engaged in the profession. Many have, switched over to different jobs or simply turned beg-

The Kalaroa upazila town is beset with manifold problems due to lack of civic amenities. The upazila roads have developed many cracks and pot

holes at many points causing

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peared from Meherpur exami

nation centre, of them 35

tions were held peacefully

Maulvi Bazar

Correspondent adds: At least

18 SSC examinees were ex-

pelled from five examination

centres in Maulvi Bazar town

for adopting unfairmeans on

tions. The expelled students

were private candidates, it is

tion centre sources, total

1,483 students appeared in

the SSC examination under

five centres of Maulyi Bazar

town Sadar upazila this year. Of

them, 880 are male and 603

are female and 32 were absent

in Sadar upazila have been set

up in Maulvi Bazar town. The

centre was set up in

Government Boys High School

and four sub-centres were set

up in other boys and girls high

schools. Strict measures have

been taken to check the un-

fairmeans in the examination

Habiganj

least 3.3 SSC examinees wer

expelled from different cen

tres in the district during last

two days of examinations for

them, 13 examinees were ex-

pelled from Sadar, six from

Nabiganj, four from Bahubal,

nine from Chunarughat and

which started under Comilla

Board on June 30 have been

going on peacefully in eight

centres of the district:

The SSC examinations

one from Madhabpur centres.

sources said. of

adopting unfairmeans.

UNB from Habiganj says: A

All the examination centres

on the first day of the exam.

According to the examina-

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Our Maulvi Bazar

in all 1,240 students ap-

On the whole, examina-

strict vigilance in both

four were expelled.

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districts.

learnt.

side ditches, filled with filths and garbages, are not cleaned regularly causing breeding of mosquitoes. Bad drainage system has further aggravated the situation. Mosquito menace Mosquito menace has assumed an alarming proportion in the upazila town making

remains stagnant even after a

slight rainfall making the roads

muddy and slippery. The road-

ticularly students miserable. Upazila authorities after repeated appeals failed to take any initiative to eradicate the menace, local people alleged.

ness after sunset giving rise to anti-social activities. also in a bad shape. Besides, there is no recreational facilithe life of the dwellers, parties hampering proper growth of children. Adulterated foodstuffs are being sold with im-

punity in hotels and restaurants before the nose of law enforcing agencies resulting in In the absence of public toilets floating people are com-

the outbreak of the gastro-intestinal and skin diseases. Jamuna erosion makes one lakh homeless

SIRAJGANJ, July 7: Some passing rainy days and nights 100,000 people are living under the open sky losing their homes and hearth in an unabated erosion by the swelling Jamuna amid heavy rains, reports UNB. acres of land alongwith stand-More than 500 families

ber of homeless families to nearly 20,000 during the last two months, local leaders and Water Development Board sources said yesterday. Intensified erosion by the mighty river has rendered more than 500 families home-

have lost homesteads in the

last 24 hours, raising the num-

less in 20 villages of Siraiganj Sadar, Kazipur, Belkuchi and Shahazadpur Upazilas in the last 24 hours, according to lo-

cal chairmen. Witnesses said about one lakh homeless people were in the open on the four-mile long WDB embankment between Paikpara and Baoipara. Local administration in formed an estimated 5,000

ing crops had also been devoured by the erosion over the couple of months. During the period 17 villages - 12 in Sadar, two each in Kazipur and Shahazadpur and one in Belkuchi - have

The destruction also included 20 mosques, 20 primary schools, seven madrashas and a police station.

been totally eroded by the

River Jamuna has marked a significant rise in the last 24 hours ending 6 pm today, but was flowing well its danger

mark, WDB sources said.

Woes of fishermen

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, July Fishermen in the district have been facing manifold problems since long. Short supply of fishing materials, grabbing of funds by a section of powerful and influential people and exorbitant prices of fishing materials are some of the prob-

The vast haor, beels and rivers were once famous for different varieties of fish but situation has turned entirely opposite now. Accumulation of silt during flood and unplanned irrigation projects

have aggravated the situation. On the other hand, indis criminate fishing by the non professionals is posing threat

to the fish resources. It is learnt that the traditional fishermen have either left the country or scattered in the district for survival. They alleged that scarcity of fish and other problems have com-

fession. Non professionals have made monopoly over the whole fishing profession causing con-

cern to genuine fishermen. There is a provision to lease out the haors, beels and jalma hals to the genuine fishermen but some ljaradars in collusion with the local vested groups are giving sub-lease to some fake fishermen. As a result real ones cannot fish normally even after getting lease because non-professionals catch fish by force and take away their nets and other fishing appliances.

They alleged that they did not get proper treatment even after informing law enforcing agencies. On the other hand for want of necessary funds they are unable to purchase fishing appliances. Price hike of nylon and high charge of carpenters and labourers have contributed much to their financial constraints. They have to borrow money from the local mahajans at high rate of inpelled them to leave their pro- terest.