

## 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 UNB.

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 UNB.

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

From Our Correspondent

July 7: Eid Reunion was arranged 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 Guest.

It was addressed, among others, by Nurul Islam Sarkar, Alhajj 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 bhavan 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 furniture are in danger of spoiling. The road adjacent to court bhavan also needs repair.

## 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 at Kamarzani Bandhar under Gaibandha 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 Kamarzani area and a large portion of the embankment has already been eroded by the surging water.

### 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 of Bangladesh and Officers of the Nepal. He also mention the contribution of the Scientist of 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 Bartoman Eshara office recently with Forkan Ahmed in the chair.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Salim Farazi, Khaledur Rahman, Muzibur Rahman and Abul Hasan.

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

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) bagged 19 seats out of 21 the Gorkh Nazimuddin College Students Union on June 17.

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

### GAIBANDHA

#### 10 students injured in clash

July 7: At least 10 students were injured in a clash between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Union activists at Sundarganj upazila here Friday, reports UNB.

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

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

Four Chhatra Union activists were also arrested in this connection.

### MYMENSINGH

#### Housewife killed

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

Mursheda Parveen (35), wife of Assistant Public Prosecutor Advocate Mofazzal Hossain, bore cut injuries on her throat and head.

The victim's husband informed the police at 3 am that he came home at 11 midnight and found her dead.

Mursheda was seven months pregnant.

Her body was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for autopsy.



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

## Artisans face unemployment in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 7: Local cottage 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 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, etc. are having bright economic prospects.

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

The Upazila Parishad, Mahila Samity and voluntary 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 communities 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 beggars.

The market in the town is also in a bad shape. Besides, there is no recreational facilities hampering proper growth of children. Adulterated food-stuffs are being sold with impunity in hotels and restaurants before the nose of law enforcing agencies resulting in the outbreak of the gastro-intestinal and skin diseases.

## 79 SSC examinees expelled in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, July 7: Seventy-nine SSC examinees were expelled from ten centres of Chuadanga and Meherpur districts.

It is learnt that 792 students appeared from government V J High School, Chuadanga and five of them were expelled while 414 students appeared from Government Girls High 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 appeared from Damurhuda exam-

ination centre and of them four were expelled. In all 1,240 students appeared from Meherpur examination centre, of them 35 were expelled.

On the whole, examinations were held peacefully with strict vigilance in both districts.

## Electric goods worth Tk 10 lakh stolen

PABNA, July 7: Electric goods worth about Taka 10 lakh were stolen from nine upazilas of the district during last one year, official sources said, reports UNB.

The stolen goods include 82 transformers, 512 electric poles, 1000 metres of electric wire, 223 main switches.

It is alleged that an organised gang with the collaboration of some dishonest officials of Power Development Board are engaged in this heinous act.

A total of 566 cases were lodged with different police stations and only seven people were arrested in this connection.

## Indian sarees worth Tk 65,000 seized in Feni

FENI, July 7: Police seized Indian sarees worth about Tk 65,000 from a truck from Feni by-pass road near Koska here and arrested the driver last week, reports UNB.

Acting on a secret information, police stopped the truck at the point and seized 209 pieces of Indian sarees.

A case has been filed with local police in this connection. In another drive police also recovered a stolen motorcycle from Trunk road in the town recently.

Stabbed to death

A mother of four children was stabbed to death by her husband at village Motob in Sadar upazila, police said here today.

Family sources said the victim Aysha Khatun (35) was killed by her husband Mahbubul Haque on June 28 on the basis of the allegation that she had an affair with a man while he was in service in Middle East.

Members of the Village Defence Party (VDP) handed over the killer husband to the police.

A case has been filed in this connection.

## 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 frequent visits to schools. He visits schools even after school hours and the teachers absent at that time

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

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 notes.

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

## Tk 20.08 cr BAU budget approved

AGRI-VIRSIY (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 authorities.

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 Parbatpur remained suspended for 10 hours Thursday due to derailment of three bogies, official sources here said, reports UNB.

The Parbatpur bound local passenger train derailed 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 complex.

## 2 killed

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

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

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 Khukhsa 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 Shashyamala of Sadar upazila at the night of June 28. The kidnappers demanded ransom amounting to Taka 2.80 lakh from Mafiz's father.

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 spot.

A case has been registered with Kotwali thana.

## Jamuna erosion makes one lakh homeless

SIRAJGANJ, July 7: Some 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.

More than 500 families have lost homesteads in the last 24 hours, raising the number 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 homeless in 20 villages of Sirajganj Sadar, Kazipur, Belkuchi and Shahazadpur Upazilas in the last 24 hours, according to local chairmen.

Witnesses said about one lakh homeless people were passing rainy days and nights in the open on the four-mile long WDB embankment between Pakpara and Baotpara.

Local administration informed an estimated 5,000 acres of land alongwith standing 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 been totally eroded by the Jamuna.

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

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 7: 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 problems.

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, indiscriminate 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 compelled them to leave their pro-

## Power failure

Frequent power failure has become a regular feature in the town much to the inconvenience of the business community and students. The town virtually plunges into darkness after sunset giving rise to anti-social activities.

The market in the town is also in a bad shape. Besides, there is no recreational facilities hampering proper growth of children. Adulterated food-stuffs are being sold with impunity in hotels and restaurants before the nose of law enforcing agencies resulting in the outbreak of the gastro-intestinal and skin diseases.

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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. —Star photo