Upazila roundup

JHENIDAH

Carpenter beaten to death

From Our Correspondent

July 15: One Bimal Kumar Mondol (40), a poor carpenter of village Bagutia under Shatlkupa Upazila was Beaten to death by some unknown persons last Friday night.

It is learnt that after day's work the victim Bimal Kumar Mondol returned home at night. At around 9 p.m two persons called him out of his house and they brought him to the nearby high school. Later he was mercilessly beaten to death.

A case was recorded with Shailkupa police station in this connection.

KISHOREGANJ

Stolen railway slippers recovered

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, July 15: Bhairab railway police recovered a huge quantity of stolen railway slippers in a raid from village Madinach Para and Mirer para near Manikkhali railway station in Katiadi Upazila Thursday last. Police also took one Seraj Mia into custody for his alleged involvement in staling the rail slippers.

Acting on a tip a police team led by ASI Mozahar Ali raided the two villages and recovered 70 pieces of slippers weighing about 50 maunds from under the earth and from a pond. A gang of miscreants has been engaged in stealing the rail slippers in collusion with a section of dishonest railway employees for long, police said.

A case was registered with Bhairab railway police in this connection.

JHALAKATHI

Nawab Sirajuddowla's death anniversary observed

July 15: The 234th death anniversary of Shadhin Nawab Sirajuddaowla of Bengal was observed at the City Park here recently under the auspices of Jhalakathi City Club, reports

A discussion meeting on the life of Strajuddowla was held on the day. Presided over by Siddigur Rahman, President of City Club, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Professor Santosh Kumar Roy, Professor Yakub Ali, S M Shahiahan and Mr Nastruddin.

A Milad Mahfil was also arranged on the occasion. The discussion was followed by a film on the life of Strajuddowla.

BRAHMANBARIA

Hartal observed July 15: A half-day hartal

called by the SSC examinees of Brahmanbaria town to protest the cancellation of the examination was observed peacefully Saturday, reports UNB.

All shops and business establishments were closed and vehicles went off the roads excepting rickshaws during the hartal.

A procession was also brought out in the town chanting various slogans in support of their demand during the hartal hours.

Later, a protest rally was held near Sadar hospital road.

BOGRA

Sherpur.

Flood situation worsens

July 15: Flood situation has worsened in eastern Bogra as more areas in six upazilas went under water during the last

few days, reports UNB. Water levels of the two rivers Jamuna and Bangalee have increased alarmingly inundating low-lying areas. Road communication between Bogra

been disrupted. The worst affected upazilas are : Sonatola, Shibganj, Sariakandi, Gabtali, Dhunat and

and Sariakandi upazila has

Thousands of people of low-lying areas of Dhara barsha, Kazla, Nandiarchar, Kamalpurer char and Bohail villages remained water-logged.

Sariakandi telephone exchange and some schools of the upazila were also washed away by the strong current of flood water and standing crops of hundreds of areas of land have been damaged.

No arrangements have yet been made to supply drinking water and emergency relief materials to the affected people, it is learnt.

KUSHTIA

4 die of diarrhoea

July 15: Diarrhoea claimed four lives including two children and attacked 50 others in the district during the last two days, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as : Kalon Nessa (25), Merry (2), Rozina Khatun (8), of Daulatpur upazila and Darbesh Ali (40), of Sadar upazila. Local people alleged that

medical fecilities in the affected areas were inadequate. As a result new areas are being engulfed by the disease.

Doctors attributed scarcity of drinking water and taking of adulterated food to the spread of the disease.

MANIKGANJ

Flood affects thousands

July 15: The rising Jamuna wrought havoc on four unions of Daulatpur upazila here affecting several thousands of people over the last three days, official sources said, reports UNB.

Standing crops on about 5,000 acres of land were also damaged by the flood water, Agriculture Extension Department sources said.

The worst affected unions are Bachamara, Charcatari. Ziyanpur and Bagutia. Besides, about six hundreds familie's have lost their hearths and homes by the erosion of the mighty Padma and Jamuna in Daulatpur, Harirampur and Shivalya upazilas of the district.

Meanwhile, BIWTA have shifted the number-2 ferryghat at Nagarbari Friday. Earlier, the ferryghat was closed down by the authorities, as the connecting road went under

COMILLA

SSC candidates hold rally

From Our Correspondent

July 15: A protest procession of SSC candidates was brought out in Comilla town. The students chanted slogans protesting the cancellation of examination. The angry students broke some vehicles and ransacked shops. They tried to attack the education board and government offices.

Three students namely Saleh, Tofazzal and Swapan were arrested by the Kotwali

GAIBANDHA

Cinema ticket blackmarketeers, students clash

From Our Correspondent

July 15 : Four persons including three students were intured in a clash over the issue of selling ticket by black marketeers in the premise of local Hirak Tokkies at Gobindaganj recently.

According to reports, some students of Chhatra League (NS) went to local Hirak cinema for witnessing a picture. A quarrel took place with the ticket blackmarketeers. At the end of the show a clash ensued between the students and blackmarketeers that lasted an hour in which three students namely Antsur Rahman, Abdul Matin Hiru and a ricshawpuller Ansar Ali received injuries.

Protesting the incident the students later brought out a procession and held a meeting near Janata Bank alleging corruption of Hirak Tokkies. Police, however, brought the situation under control.

PABNA

2 medicine shops ransacked

July 15 : Two medicine shops in the town were ransacked by some miscreants during hartal hours on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Owners of two shops Roghmukti and Shampa Medical Hall said that some miscreants in the name of hartal damaged their shops badly and looted valuables.

District Chemist and Druggist Association protested the incident and demanded immediate arrests of the criminals. They also handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner on the following

The hartal was observed at the call of local Chhatra League (A-A) in protest against the arrest of its leader Sohel Hasan Shaheen, the newly-elected Vice President of the Pabna Edward College.



Flood water has engulfed vast areas in Sirajganj. Photo shows rickshaws carrying people on a road submerged by the flood water.

- Star photo

Salinity threatens Sundarbans: 75 lakh small plants destroyed

From Our Correspondent

Of the total 2315 posts of have no toilets. Many institu

SATKHIRA, July 15: Sundarbans have been threatened with salinity and its forest resources are dwindling due to lack of proper care and maintenance by the authority concerned According to the forest re-

search sources, the flow of water in the adjoining rivers Padma and Jamuna has fallen sharply due to high salinity affecting seriously the forest resources. With high tides of the Bay of Bengal, water surges into these rivers but in normal times saline water does not recede. As a result, bulk of saline water remains stagnant

FARIDPUR, July 15: About

95 per cent of the government

and non-government primary

schools in eight upazilas of

Paridpur district have been

facing manifold problems for a

and accommodation, lack of

necessary appliances like

blackboards, dusters, chalks,

furniture and irregular pay-

ment of salaries and paucity of

pure drinking water are some

of the major problems facing

Primary Education Department

source, there are 549 govern

ment and 164 non-govern-

ment primary schools in the

district. Of them 116 are

recognised and 48 are non

recognised. The total number

of students in government

According to a district

the education in the district.

Acute shortage of teachers

long time.

in the Sundarbans and its adjoining rivers which is affect ing the growth of Sundari, Garan trees resulting in gradual deforestation.

According to the salinity testing unit of Water Development Board at Bonorpota in Satkhira district, salinity now stands at 41.96 per cent. In 1985, it was 18,000 micro centimetre against normal salinity between 1500 and 2000 micro centimetres. Due to gradual increase in salinity 75 lakh small plants have been destroyed in the last 10 years on 14 acres. In Burigoalini,

Dilapidated school buildings

need immediate repair

From Our Correspondent

schools is 1.61.888 while the

non-government schools have

primary school teachers in the

district, 64 posts have been ly-

ing vacant for a long time.

Government schools have been

plagued with innumerable

problems hampering the uni-

versal primary education pro

gramme to a great extent

They lack requisite number of

benches and supply of neces

sary appliances including black

boards, dusters and chalk is

On the other hand non-gov

ernment primary schools

established under the local

initiative have not yet received

government recognition

although these institutions

have a good number of stu-

dents and other facilities. Due

to fund constraints payments

33471 students.

too inadequate.

Shandpi, Swarankhola and Khulna range. The estimated loss was Taka 40 crores. On the other hand one

crore plants have been affected by the saline water which brought decline in the procreation of Sundari, Garan, Khai, Baina, Gewa, Kokra, Pasuir etc. The loss was Taka 30 crore. The government earns nearly Taka 95 crore as revenue from the resources including wild life of Sundarbans per annum. Meanwhile, thousands of

fishermen and wood cutters in Sundarbans have no security in times of cyclone and tidal surge.

of the teachers are irregular

over the years. Except few

most of the primary schools

tions are being run in dilapi

dated buildings which may col

buildings have developed leak

ages. Water soaks through the

roof even after little rainfall

which forces the teachers to

suspend classes frequently.

Shortage of funds stands in the

way of repairing the school

buildings. Limited number of

teachers is another hindrance

have been damaged by floods.

cyclones, storms and other

natural calamities during the

last few years have not yet

been repaired or rebuilt in the

The primary schools which

for proper education.

rural areas.

The roofs of the school

lapse at any moment.

The devastating cyclone and tidal surge that lashed the Sundarbans in 1988 and 1991 left 20,000 fishermen missing and dead. The decision to construct at

least 12 cyclone shelters in Sundarbans and Char areas have been lying pending since last three years. People working in the forest areas have demanded ur-

gent steps by the authorities to implement the cyclone shelter construction project. They added that last year they paid about Taka 25 lakh

Govt employees urged to work with devotion

trict level government officers at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner here.

Referring to the establishdence of the people.

MAGURA, July 15: Khulna

Divisional Commissioner Aminuddin Chowdhury Thu-raday urged the government employees to work with dedication for the over all development of the country, reports UNB. He was addressing the dis-

Aminuddin called for gear ing up activities in increasing production in fields and factories and check population boom adding special emphasis must be given to check crime and raise literacy rate.

ment of the rule of law, he said police must win the confi-

as sales tax. Highway robberies increase

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 15 Highway robberies have increased alarmingly on different routes of Jhenidah district posing threat to passengers and pedestrians recently.

Five dacoities were committed on Jhenidah-Magura, Jhenidah-Jessore and Jhenidah-Chuadanga roads, in which dacoits decamped with the valuables worth Taka two lakh injuring 12 persons in last 40 days.

In a dacoity at Goalpara on Jhenidah Magura road the dacoits in the guise of passengers boarded a Jhenidah bound bus Jessore BA-1377 and looted goods worth Taka 50,000 at daggers point.

Another incident took place at Pirojpur on June 5 on Jhenidah-Jessore road. The dacoits numbering eight to ten on board a microbus stopped a Jhenidah bound bus Kushtia BA-7715. They looted valuables worth Taka 45,000 at gun point injuring two passen-

Another incident took place

on the same road at Taltala on July 7. The dacoits numbering 10 to 12 in guise of passengers boarded the Jhenidah bound minibus Kushtia BA-165 from Jessore and looted goods worth Taka 50,000 at daggers point. On the following day of July 7 at Keyabagan on the same road the dacoits decamped with the booty worth about Taka 50,000 and injured five passengers including the

At Baidanga on Jhenidah-Chuadanga road on June 29 dacoits looted Jhenidah bound bus and decamped with the valuables worth Taka 25,000 and injured five persons.

Passengers and local people complained that absence of regular vigil by highway police posted at night were the causes behind the bus dacoities in the areas.

Police Super, Jhenidah told this correspondent "we have on available manpower and vehicles for patrolling highways regularly."

Plan to rehabilitate cyclone-hit farmers

From Our Correspondent July 15

CHANDPUR. Agriculture Extension Department, Chandpur has undertaken a plan to rehabilitate the poor farmers who were badly affected by the devastating cyclone of April 29 For the purpose the gov-

ernment has sanctioned ar amount of Taka six lakh thirtyone thousand. Of this allocation so far two lakh forty thousand have been disbursed. Besides, seedlings, vegetables, seeds and fertilizers have been distributed free of cost among about two thousand poor farmers of different upazilas of the district. These agricultural inputs have been distributed to the farmers through the upazila agricultural rehabilitation committees.

The rest amount of Taka three lakh ninety thousand will be distributed among the farmers on the second phase. Meanwhile, government has sanctioned Taka one crore seventy five lakh, 10 metric tons of rice, 20 metric tons of wheat, four hundred pieces of sarees for the cyclone affected people of different upazilas of the district.

Erosion renders 2000 families homeless

About 2,000 families were rendered homeless in the district by the erosion of the rampaging river Meghna during the last few months, reports UNB.

Notes from **Faridpur**

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 15: Frequent power failure and load sheddings have become a regular feature in Faridpur town and its adjoining areas causing much inconvenience to the town dwellers and heavy loss to the businessmen.

According to the informed sources, not a single day is left with out power disruption. Almost every night electricity goes off plunging the entire town into darkness causing untold sufferings to the inhabitants specially the students.

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

Besides, fluctuations of voltage causes damage to electronic goods. Inadequate street lights pose sufferings to the town life.

Social worker killed

Sattya Babu, a social worker was killed by some miscreants at night recently at Faridpur It is learnt that three valu-

able rings have been snatched away by cutting the finger of the deceased. No one has been arrested so far.

Md Hamid Ali Kabiraj (65) of Bahirdia under Muchir upazila was electrocuted recently. It is learnt that the electric

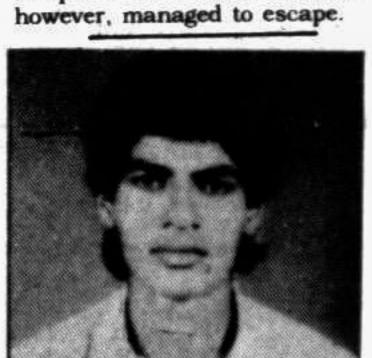
pillars of the Bahirdia village are in deplorable condition. even bamboo pillars were used in electric lines. It was also brought to the notice of the electricity authorities but no action has yet been taken.

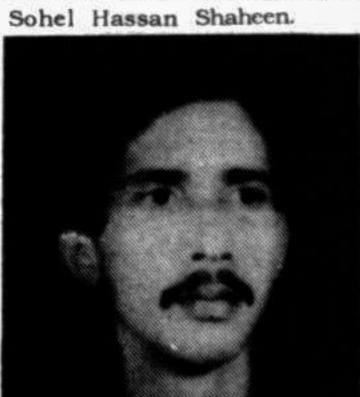
2 killed in road mishap

Two persons were killed and eight injured when trucks collided on Faridpur-Barisal road near Bakunda bridge recently.

It is learnt that the trucks collided while overtaking each other. Mafuza Begum (28) and

Rafaza Sultana (24), two sisters died on the spot while crossing the road. The injured persons were admitted to the Faridpur Sadar Hospital. The truck drivers,





Asraful Islam Babu.

BCL(A-A) sweeps Edward College union polls

From Our Correspondent PABNA, July 15: Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) bagged all the 22 posts in the Edward University College Student Union election held on June

Six panels of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Chhatra Moitri, BCL (N-S), JCD, BCL (A-A) and Islami Chhatra Shibir took part in the election.

The elected executives are

Sohel Hassan Saheen Vice

President, Jahangir Firoz pro-Vice President, Ashraful Islam Babon General Secretary, Abdul Basher Khaled Ziaul Shams Setu Assistant General Secretary, FM Shariful Islam Pinto and Shahidul Hasan Milon Recreation and Assistant Recreation Secretary. Khondakar Golam Sarwar Sohel and Shajada Al-Ameen **Cultural and Assistant Cultural** Secretary, Alauddin Sahikh and Tarikul Haq. Social Welfare and Assistant Social Welfare Secretary, Abdul Islam Raton and Mostak Ahmed Azad, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Students Common Room (male), Md. Ali Reza and Kazi Tarikul Islam Tarek. Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Annual Magazine, Md. Abdul Hossain and Md. Manjoor Alam, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Sports, Mustafizur Rahman and Moniruzzaman Dabir Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Gymnasium, Md. Arif Billah and Mujibur Rahman, Religious and Assistant Religious Secretary, Fatima Akhter Banu and Nadir Yasmeen Mukta. Secretary and Assistant

Secretary of female students

common room.

SHARIATPUR, July 15:

According to sources, some

one and a half kilometres area of Tarabania union in Bhedargonj upazila were devoured by the erosion.

Influenza spreading fast in Jamalpur Form Our Correspondent Dewanganj upazilas are facing have visited the affected vil-July 15: JAMALPUR. Influenza has been spreading Over 100 workers and leaders led by Ansar Alt. General Secretary of Communist Party

alarmingly all over Jamalpur district. According to a reliable source, about 70 per cent peo-

ple of the district have been attacked with the disease. The worst affected upazilas are — Madarganj, Dewanganj and Sharishabart. Almost every

season, change of weather and

consumption of adulterated

foodstuff. Some doctors of

Dewanganj health complex

on July 13.

present government. family was under the grip of Cattle lifting by Indian in fever, it is learnt. The doctors attribute sporadic outbreak of influenza to bad sanitation during rainy

of Bangladesh have joined Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) expressing their solidar ity with its programme and confidence in the leadership of

truders in connivance with BSF personnel has increased alarmingly in different border areas of greater Jamalpur dis-

of Nalitabari, Jhenaighati,

Sreebordi, Bakshiganj and

Due to the menace, villagers

difficulties in seasonal farming. According to reliable sources, at least 200 cattleheads were lifted in a week from greater Jamalpur district.

Local people alleged that the miscreants in collaboration with Indian BSF are engaged in lifting the cattle at regular intervals. Specially on rainy days the miscreants lift the cows from the cowsheds. As a result the villagers are passing sleepless nights in the cow

According to the local BDR and BSF a meeting will be held soon in this regard, it is learnt.

Education Minister Badruddoza Chowdhury addressing the people after inaugurating Srinagar Upazila Parishad office