Upazila roundup

CHUADANGA

Miscreants kill police constable

July 25 : One Waliur Rahman, a police constable was killed following an exchange of fire between police and miscreants at village Boalmary under Damurhuda thana of Chuadanga district on Saturday last.

spector of Damurhuda police station went to the said village along with four constables on patrol duty. At that time the miscreants attempted to commit dacoity in the village. Being encircled the miscreants opened fire on the police. As a result, one police constable died on the spot. The Superintendent of Police visited the place of occurrence.

The body of the deceased was sent to Meherpur for postmortem.

KISHOREGANJ

3 police constables withdrawn for extorting money

From Our Correspondent

stables have been withdrawn from Bajitpur police station to the Kishoreganj police line on charge of extorting money *from a farmer by registering a ▶ "false case" recently.

According to the police source the three policemen

instantly after allegedly grabbing Taka 2000. Next day, Shahar Ali petitioned the Superintendent of Police, Kishoregoni seeking inquiry

gation the matter and found the allegation true.

Later, he instantly ordered withdrawal of three constables

MEHERPUR

seized

July 25 : Patrol police

gent of patrol police led by SI Nur Mohammad at dead of glers and while fleeing arrested five of them. The contraband were later handed over to the local customs department.

Earlier, Sadar police in a people from the same spot on

Two cases were filed with the police.

PABNA

commodities have shot up in the local markets adversely affecting the low and fixed income groups, reports UNB.

Traders have allegedly raised prices of the essentials in the plea of the imposition of

value added tax (VAT).

Per kg mustard oil is also selling between Taka 50 and 60 against Taka 40 and 50 last

rice have gone up by about Taka 50 and 60 per maund. Prices of powdered milk and spices like onion, ginger have also showed an upward trend.

ment, rod and brick registered a rise affecting construction works here.

RANGPUR

Diarrhoea claims nine lives

nine lives and attacked hun-Kaunia upazila of the district during the last week, reports

The victims were identified as : Toriqui (6). Fatheli (5). Khoka (3), Khuku (5), Rokeya . (1). Toriqui (5). Aleya Begum (30), Sayeda Begum and the another unidentified persons.

confirmed four deaths and said a six-member medical team has been working in the affected areas.

The disease that broke out in Kajitary, Charangtary and Podharpara villages has been engulfing new areas with every passing day causing panic among the people.

Scarcity of pure water and taking of adulterated food were attributed to the outbreak of the disease.

SYLHET

Student killed in clash

July 25 : A school student was killed and about 50 others were injured, five of them seriously, in a clash between two rival groups in Golapganj upazila in the district on Tuesday, police said, reports

The victim, Paplu (18), a student of Dacca Dakshin high school, died on the spot while seriously injured Kabul (24) Helal (22), Sharif Ahmed (23) Asad Miah (35) and Babul (22) were admitted to Osmani medical college hospital.

Eye-witnesses said the clash began after two students of the school exchanged hot words over a trifling matter. But it turned worse when people of villages Dattarile and Nagar got involved supporting the students separately. Both the groups reportedly used lethal weapons during the clash. The body was sent for au-

topsy. Cases were registered with the police.

MAGURA

Sarbahara Party activist held

July 25: Police Tuesday arrested a Sharbahara Party activist from Salikha upazila and recovered a country-made gun from his possession, reports

He was wanted by police in connection with a number of criminal cases.

Acting on a tip, police raided his house in the village Khator of the upazila and nabbed him with the weapon. A case was also filed.

JHENIDAH

Killing of Shibir activist protested

July 25 : Local Islami Chhatra Shibir held a meeting Sunday at New market in the town to protest the killing of one of their activists, reports

The Shibir activist. Golam Farook, was killed recently at Barisal Medical College.

Presided over by local unit President Salahuddin Ahmed. the meeting was also addressed by party leaders Omar Ali and others.

They also brought out a procession which paraded the main streets of the town chanting various slogans to award exemplary punishment to the killers. BARISAL

Tk 6.75 cr pourashava

budget announced

July 25 : Barisal Pourashava announced the Taka 6.75 crore budget for the fiscal 1991-92 on Monday in the office premises of the Pourashava, reports BSS.

The budget showed a surplus of Taka 1.57 crore over its estimated expenditure of Taka 5.17 crore.

The sources of income of the Pourshava are taxes and government grants.

JHENIDAH

Ershad's release demanded

From Our Correspondent July 25: The Jhenidah district unit of Jatiya Party organised a public gathering at local Agrani Bank square Saturday afternoon demanding release of General Ershad.

Chaired by the district unit President Ashraful Abedin Asha the meeting was attended by former MP and Rangpur district Jatiya Party Secretary Golam Mostafa Butul as chief guest. It was addressed among others by Mokbul Hossain Nurul Islam, Sohrab Hossain and Mokarram Hossain.

The speakers demanded unconditional release of Ershad and other Jatiya Party leaders including Mizan Chowdhury, Shah Moazzem and Anwar Hossain . They criticised the government for what they termed its failure in maintaining law and order, campus violence, arresting the price hike of essentials and imposing of VAT.

The meeting was followed by a procession. At the fag end of the meeting a procession was also brought out by the workers of Jatiatabadi Chhatra





In the scorching summer heat a glass of cold water from 'Sorai' - a kind of earthen pitcher - comes in handy for those who cannot afford refrigerators. Photo shows a potter with his ornamented earthenwares sitting in anticipation of customers. — Star photo

Water scarcity bewilders farmers

SATKHIRA, July 25 Farmers of the district are facing immense difficulties in planting Aman seedlings for want of adequate water during the current season.

Rainfall is quite inadequate during this rainy season. Canals and ponds of the district still lack sufficient water.

Farmers of the district alleged that there is no water for rotting jute which has been cultivated on thousands of acres of land this year. The farmers are now mentally upset due to paucity of

prehend that they suitable price. Besides, proper irrigation

facilities are also absent in

CHAPAINAWABGANJ. July

25: A two-day long seminar on

Lac cultivation and its eco-

nomic significance ended at

Kalyanpur Horticulture base

Director of Horticulture

Research Centre, Joydebpur,

Dr. Abdul Karim, chief ento-

mologist, Mr. M.R. Sahir, Addi-

tional Director, Agriculture

One gets life-term

for murder

Ashraful Hoque of village

Mirshankar in Kulaura upazila

has been sentenced to life-

term for killing his wife, re-

also fined Taka 5000 and will

suffer one year rigorous im-

prisonment more in default.

the judgement recently.

wife for dowry in 1990.

cattle-grazing centre.

the punishment.

Court sources said he was

The District and Sessions

According to the prosecu-

Following investigation, po-

tion story. Ashraful killed his

lice charge-sheeted him and

the Judge after examining the

record and witnesses awarded

Judge Abdul Majid delivered

MAULVI BAZAR, July 25:

Dr. A.K.M. Amjad Hossain,

recently.

ports UNB.

water in this situation they ap-

some areas. Even salinity is prevailing in the rivers which is hampering the irrigation.

Meanwhile, peasants said that dry atmosphere has created much difficulties in Aman growing seedlings. The tender plants are getting yellowish for want of water which will hamper Aman production it is

UZ beset with problems

Shyamnagar, the biggest upazila of the district is beset with manifold problems lack of educational facilities, bad communication system and scarcity of drinking water are the main problem facing the inhabitants.

Lac cultivation needs

govt patronisation

From Our Correspondent

Extension Department, Raj-

shahi region. Mr. Khurshid

Alam, Deputy Director, Agri-

culture Extension Department,

Chapainawabganj and Mr.

Nurul Alam, scientific expert,

local Lac Research Centre

the glorious past of lac cultiva-

tion in the district and admit-

ted that lac industry despite

its immense possibility was on

the verge of extinction manly

due to lack of government pa-

tronisation which used to

bring several crores of taka as

first set up at Chapainawabgan

in 1961 to gear up lac cultiva-

tion but its aim ended in a

fisco due to nonallocation of

funds from the concerned

ministry. In 1984-85 an at-

tempt was made to abolish the

centre but ended fruitless due

to strong public protest. Later

it was transferred to Kalyanpur

Horticulture base on a plot of

82 bighas of land full of ditches

and mounds where it was al-

most impossible to continue

lac cultivation. But soon the

land was made suitable for the

purpose. The centre grew

2500 host trees in the lac

farmyard last year and also de-

PABNA: The BRTC bus terminal built at a cost of Taka one crore has now turned into a

Lac Research Centre was

The speakers recollected

spoke in the seminar.

foreign exchange.

A Syamnagar upazila comprising an area of 1906 square km with 187 villages in 12 unions is much neglected no proper plan was taken to de-

velop education during the last 44 years. There is only one degree college, 20 high schools, two junior schools, 105 madrashas including two senior madrashas and 130 government and non-government primary schools in the upazila. The communication net work the other hand is the

From Our Correspondent

most neglected in. Besides, the condition of the existing 45 km pucca and 312 km kutcha roads is very deplorable. At present hundreds of holes and cracks have developed at different point of

cided to supply high quality lac

seeds invented by its experts

to the lac farmers at low price

in order to mobilise lac cultiva-

that no lac farmer was seen in

the seminar venue which cre-

ated doubts in the minds of

Tk 1.82 cr

Jhenidah

poura budget

JHENIDAH, July 25: A rev

1,81,96,956 has been ap-

proved for Jhenidah

pourashava during the current

chairman of the pourashava

Mosharraf Hossain in the chair.

The budget was approved in

meeting recently with

Of the amount, Taka

.80,47,134 will be spent on

development heads while Tk

1.49,822 has been shown as

of roads and drains, sinking

and re-sinking of tubewells,

education, immunization pro-

gramme and development of

parks are some of the areas

which will be given priority

MAN THE PARTY I

under the budget.

Construction and repairing

fiscal year, reports UNB.

budget of Taka

It may be mentioned here

tion in the district.

these roads causing immense sufferings to the people. The people of this ne-

glected area hope that the concerned authority will undertake construction of new roads to improve the communication system the rural areas of the upazila immediately. **Drinking water**

Scarcity of drinking water is posing health hazard to the people of the upazila. About 60 per cent tubewells have been lying out of order since long, it is alleged. As a result, the people are compelled to use polluted water of ponds, canals and ditches.

Mosquito menace is yet another problem of the upazila

Absence of an X-ray machine has been depriving the poor patients to get their Xrays done in time of necessity.

Ambulance is not available in the complex.

Law, order situation improves in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, July 24: Law and from there he was sent to jail. Order Committee meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's conference room on July 14 with Deputy Commissioner Rafiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan in chair. While discussing the crimes committed in the district the Commissioner informed that 171 crimes were committed in May last whereas 165 crimes committed in June. He expressed his satisfaction over the fall in number

of crimes. He asked to make arrangements to set up mobile court to prevent entry of heavy vehicles into the town. The acting Police Super addressing the meeting said that all types of crimes except smuggling has been contained.

Dacoit arrested

Nakla police arrested a notorious dacoit from local bazar

recently. It is reported that the dacoit Miyaruddin is from Baritala under Nakla upazila. Police handed him over to the upazila magistrate court and

A Eid-reunion meeting of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Nakla upazila unit was held at the college compound recently. The meeting was presided

over by the college unit President Delwar Hossain Dulu and addressed by upazila unit leader of BNP. Dr Amzad Hossain as chief guest. Among others who attended the meting were Shah Md Ziaruddin, Jahangir Alam, Razab Ali, Anisur Rahman and Kamal Hossain.

The election of Jessore Chamber of Commerce and Industries was held on July 14 in the Chamber office with SK Abbasuddin Harun in the chair.

The following are the officebearers: Mr Abdur Razzak Khan, President, Bimal Roy Chowdhury - Vice President, Zahid Hassan Tukun — Vice President, Shamsul Alam -Secretary, Shahidul Alam Milon - Joint Secretary and Abu Baker Siddique cashier.

Cattle graze freely at TB hospital

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, July 25 Number of TB patients are increasing rapidly while the lone TB clinic is unable to provide medicare. It is learnt that the TB

clinic has been functioning since its establishment in 1966 in Sirajganj town. In the absence of the

boundary wall til-behaved youths of the locality organise anti-social activities in the complex after office hours. Gambling and unrestricted entrance of gay girls has become rampant in the complex. Night guards are unable to control such activities as mastans are influential.

On a visit to the clinic this correspondent observed that cattle heads and goats were grazing in the clinic premises freely polluting the surround-

According to the clinic consultant, everyday 15 to 20 patients come for treatment while every year 600 to 800 new patients are enlisted who are given only out door treat-

It is learnt that the post of radiologist is vacant since long and at present an employee

with practical training from Sadar Hospital is operating the X-ray machine. Only 13 staff including two medical officers are working while four posts remain vacant since long.

Besides, the only leprosy cure centre is being run under the same management and

When contacted, the junior consultant in-charge stressed the need for improving the environmental position in the About 3500 tubewells are

inoperative in government primary schools in 16 northern districts since long.

It is learnt that during the last few years 3741 tubewells were installed for the primary schools and during 1988-90, 2000 more tubewells were installed. At present 3252 tubewells of the government primary schools are remaining inoperative causing untold sufferings to the students. Most of the disordered tubewells are without heads which were stolen away.

No measure has been taken as yet to repair the tubewells by the authorities concerned. it is alleged.

Tk 2.3 cr seized From Our Correspondent Three persons of the same

family including two women

Smuggled goods worth

CHUADANGA, July 25

Smuggled goods worth Taka!

2,03,63,211 were seized by

the BDR personnel of 13 bat-

talion at BDR headquarters at

Chuadanga from different bor-

der areas of Chuadanga,

Meherpur and Kushtia dis-

tricts during the last six

months. The BDR personnel

also arrested 45 persons and

lodged 34 cases in this con-

Of the total, goods worth

Taka 1,71,55,890 were seized

while being smuggled into

Bangladesh from India and on

the other hand goods worth

Taka 32,07,320 were seized

while being smuggled from

The Indian goods included

cattleheads, buffaloes, sugar,

sarees, cycle, blouse pieces.

cycle spare parts, glass, mo-

torcar spare parts, jute seeds,

onion and salt etc. while the

smuggled Bangladesh goods

include cinnamon and cloves,

polyester cloth, pistol, soy-

abean oil, coconut oil, gold, sil

The BDR personnel sta-

tioned at Chuadanga BDR

headquarters have been

launching vigorous drives along

the border areas of greater

Kushtia district with a view to

headquarters. Water hyacinth

with stagnant water and drains

filled with garbages are the

main breeding places for the

at Shyamnagar can hardly pro-

vide medicare to the people of

the area. Acute shortage of

medicines is prevailing in the

health complex. As a result,

thousands of patients particu-

larly the poor go back disap-

pointed without treatment, it

The upazila health complex

mosquitoes.

is alleged.

ver, tishi and mustard.

checking the smuggling.

Bangladesh to India.

nection.

were injured by lightning in the village Dauki under Alamdanga upazila of the district recently. The injured persons are Romesa (25), Wahed (25) and Khuki (18). The victims were

injured when they were hit by

lightning at their residences.

Notes from Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, July 25: The

Livestock Department has taken up a programme to vaccinate domestic animals and poultry birds in 121 upazilas of 16 districts of northern region in the current year. The districts are, Rajshahi,

Natore, Naogaon, Chapainawabgonj, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Panchagar, Thakurgaon, Bogra, Jaypurhat, Pabna and Straigonj. According an official source,

a total of 83 lakh domestic animals and 3.75 crore poultry birds will be vaccinated under this programme.

The department will also conduct artificial breeding of

cows in there areas. Besides, the department will distribute three lakh hens and 1.10 lakh ducks among the poor people.

Shibir procession

Jamaat backed Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) of Rajshahi University unit brought out a procession on the campus on Sunday last in protest against killing of its worker Faruk of Barisal Medical College.

The procession paraded throughout the campus and it was followed by a rally infront of Shahidullah Arts Building.

Presided over by Rafikul Islam Khan, President, ICS of RU unit, the meeting was addressed by Delwar Hossain, President of ICS Rajshahi city unit and Motiur Rahman Secretary of RU unit.

Speakers at the rally demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to killers of Faruk.

Child labourers

The number of child labourers is increasing in Rajshahi district. Minor boys and girls are being employed in rickshaw pulling furniture shops; restaurants and in many other business and commercial organisations. here for earning their liveli-

The underaged boys come to the city from provertystricken families and finding no other alternatives of earning their livelihood, they hove been compelled to take such miserable jobs.

The boys and girls have to work from dawn to dusk at a nominal remuneration.

Jahangir Alam, son of Abdus Satter, a retired peon of Raishahi University told me that his father is enable to maintain the family and he is selling news papers as hawker to help the family. Last year he was dropped from primary school as a student of class

Workshop

A day-long workshop on "uses of modern technology in cultivation of sugarcane", was concluded at Rajshahi Sugar Mills Training Complex 22nd

A total of 20 Assistant Cane Development Officer took part in the workshop. Jointly sponsored by Rajshahi Sugar Mill Limited and Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC).

Mr AKM Rezaul Karim, chief of seeds production department of BSFIC was present as the chief guest at the concluding ceremony and gave away the certificates among the participants.

Publication ceremony

From Our Correspondent MAULVI BAZAR, July 25: The publication ceremony of "Nirbachita Kabita" a book of poetry written by Professor Nripendra Lal Das was held at Maulvi Bazar Public Library au-

ditorium recently. Presided over by the Advocate Kishoripada Deb Shaymal the function was addressed by Professor Saft Uddin Ahmed, Professor Shahajan Haftz, Professor Syed Muzibur Rahman, Mrs Shila Rani Talukder and Mr Nikunja Behart Goswami.

House wife commits suicide

One Haltma Begum of village

Barohal under Sadar Upazila of Maulvi Bazar district committed suicide recently. It is gathered that Halima

Begum, wife of Kutub Miah had been suffering from mental ailment.

From Our Correspondent

It is learnt that a Sub-in-

He arrested one person:

July 25: Three police con-

Fazlur Rahman, Abdul Mannan and Lutfar Rahman while on duty at the cattle market for Eid-ul-Azha at Bajitpur, threatened one Shahar Ali of village Shahapur saying that he was under arrest in a case registered against him. They however released him

into the police fraud. Accordingly on July 4, Additional Superintendent of Police Mr S M Golam Mostafa visited to the spot for investi-

to the police line.

Indian cows

seized 16 Indian cows and five buffaloes worth about Taka 1.71 lakh from Jadukhali road in the town on Sunday, reports Acting on a tip, a contin-

night challenged the smug-

separate drive recovered metor parts worth about Taka 30,000 and arrested three

Prices of essentials

mark rise July 25: Prices of essential

Market sources said per kg soyabean oil is now being sold between Taka 45 and 48 against Taka 32 last month.

Prices different varieties of

In addition, prices of ce-

July 25: Diarrhoea claimed dred others in three villages of

The Civil Surgeon, however,

