roundup Upazila

JHENIDAH

5.students injured in clash

From Our Correspondent

August 3: Five students were injured in a clash between Chhatra Moitry and Chhatra League (JSD-Inu) at government KC College hostell here on Monday afternoon. Of the injured Assaduzzaman (22) and Anup (21) of BA students of Chhatra League (Inu) were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

The trouble started between the two rival student organaisations on the issue of occupation of hostel scat. Eyewitnesses said at the time of clash panic-stricken students were seen fleeing jumping from the 1st floor of the hostel. They used sticks hockey stick iron rod, bricks etc. Hall super with the help of police brought the situation under control.

GAZIPUR

PTI starts functioning From Our Correspondent.

August 3: A new Primary Training Institute (PTI) has been established at Gazipur district headquarters at a cost of Taka two crore. The institute started its functioning on July 15 last.

Facilities Department under the Ministry of Education constructed the institute to impart training to 200 primary teachers at a time. A multistoried academic building. women's hostel, hostel super's quarter, staff quarter and boundary wall have been constructed.

MADARIPUR

Red Crescent office-bearers

From Our Correspondent August 3: Election of officebearers of the Madaripur unit of Red Crescent Society was

Md Sayed Shirajul Hoq and Md Sorwar Alam were elected Vice-President and Secretary respectively.

Four members were also elected. The are - M Jahandar Ali Jahan, A Zabbar Mia Fariduddin Ahmed Shamsul Hoq Howlader.

SIRAJGANJ

hold recently.

Housewife commits suicide

August 3: A housewife was allegedly killed by her husband at village Tamai of Belkuchi upazila, police said here Yesterday, reports UNB.

The victim Surju Banu (22) married to Abdul Mattd four years ago. But they have no

According to family sources, Majid suspecting his wife's af fair with the co-villager Amjad used to torture her at regular

intervals. On the fateful day recently Majid picked up a quarrel with his wife and allegedly beat her to death and threw the body into a nearby ditch to hush up

Police later recovered the body and sent to morgue for

A case has been filed in this connection.

NOAKHALI

the murder.

AED seed distribution programme

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Aug 3: District Agriculture Extension Department has taken up a programme for distribution of seeds, seedlings, fertilizers and other inputs among the poor farmers in six upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

The post cyclone Agricultural Rehabilitation Programme costing Tk 72.22 lakh, is going on in fullswing and it is expected to be completed shortly, official sources

The distribution of inputs is part of the programme, they

BARGUNA

Money lenders active

August 3: Money lenders are doing brisk business in the district by giving loans to farmers at high interest against their crops in the field, reports UNB.

Local people said majority farmers, facing economic hardship and being unable to buy agricultural inputs for cultivation, had to depend on the money lenders.

They said the peasants were selling irri-boro crops to them in advance at Tk 100 to Tk 125 per maund to maintain their livelihood.

The farmers who can afford to wait for the harvesting period do not get fair price of their produce.

Besides, the price of bullocks has recorded sharp fall and most of the farmers have already sold their draft animals due to economic hardship.

A vast number of farmers in the district was engaged in cultivation of sweet potatoes in char areas. But poor production and lower price of the item have caused serious set back to the growers of the sweet potatoes.

Potatoes are selling at Tk 125-135 per maund which is too meagre in comparison with the production cost, farmers

PATUAKHALI

Crop production decreases

August 3: Crop production has been decreasing alarmingly due to sharp decline in the mineral soil in six upazilas of the district, agricultural experts said, reports UNB.

The shortage of sulpher, zinc, and other necessary minerals which caused adverse effects on soil fertility.

Officials at the local Agriculture Department attributed the mineral deficiency in the region to unrestrained and over use of chemical fertilizers in the land. Farmers said paddy and

other crop production in Bauphal, Golachipa, Mirzagoni, Dashmina and Kalapara upaizla has decreased to a great extent due to mineral scarcity in the

Experts suggested that farmers should be encouraged to use natural manures and avoild chemical fertilizers in the interest of maintaing fertitility and mineral constituents of soil.

FENI

One electrocuted

August 3: An elderly man was electrocuted Saturday near his residence at Majibaria village under Sadar upazila of the district, reports UNB.

Shamsul Haque (80) died on the spot after he had come in touch with a live electric wire attached to a bamboo he was cutting.

A UD (unnatural death) case was resistered with the local police station in this connec-

Another report from Fent said a minor girl was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding passenger bus on Fent-Maijdee road of Daganbhuiyan upazila Sunday

Johora (7) was knocked from behind by the bus and smashed in front of the Upazila Complex when she was going to the adjoing bazar.

Police seized the bus but the driver managed to escape. A case was resistered with local police.

NAOGAON

8 VCRs recovered

August 3: A team of Bangladesh Rifles led by Commanding Officer Major Md Khairul Alam, seized eight pieces of VCR recently from Kalitali river ghat near the town, reports UNB.

The BDR team, receiving secret information from the Kalitali Club, raided the Kalitali river ghat at night and seized the VCR pieces abandoned by the smugglers.

Local people have demanded deployment of a joint combat group of BDR and police in the bordering areas to check smuggling of goods to India by road and river routes.

MAULVI BAZAR

TB patients on rise

August 3: Tuberculosis, a contagious disease, is spreading in the district, duc to lack of awareness among the people, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

Doctors said, at least 10 people are affected every year although TB is curable if it is detected at the early stage.

Inadequate medicine, ambulance and other medical assistance have hampered treatment of TB patients.

Local people urged the authorities to organise orientation and motivation programmes to create awareness among the people to prevent



Though winter is far away, preparations for winter vegetables are afoot in some areas. Photo shows farmers sowing seeds of cauli flower - a winter vegetable - with the hope of marketing the item much ahead of schedule at a village in Joydevpur. -Star photo

Substandard medicines on sale

From Our Corespondent

DINAJPUR, Aug. 3: Substandard life-saving drugs have flooded the markets of the district of Dinajpur for the last few months.

Worms, fungus, flies are often found in many drug containers including saline and injection, it is alleged. The mushroom growth of

many drug companies are responsible for manufacturing of the sub-standard drugs, knowledgeable sources opined. It is alleged that the medicine companies do not bother to collect certificates from the authorities for marketing their products.

It is learnt that a section of physicians are patronising the sub-standard drugs by prescribing it to the patients at the under request from the drug dealers. Many medicine shops have

been opened in remote areas of villages without the proper drug licence which are allegedly selling spurious medicines risking the lives of the patients.

The local people have demanded punishment to the

PANCHAGARH, Aug 3 :

About eight lakh people have

been suffering from gottre in

eight districts of northern re-

ducted jointly by the Nutrition

Institute of Dhaka University.

World Food Organisation, eight

lakh people in Panchagarh,

Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Rang-

pur, Nilphamari, Kurigram,

Lalmonirhat and Gaibandha

have been attacked with goitre.

dine has been prevailing in the

Project" was damaged due to

water logging within the em-

bankment area. Due to Water

logging following continuous

and heavy rainfall over 30

thousand acres of cultivable

land have gone under flood

water within the project area.

As a result standing crops like

paddy, jute, sugarcane, green

chilli have been badly affected.

Due to incessant rainfall

been damaged.

seedlings in vast areas have

It is reported that

Chandpur Irrigation Project's

main pump house at Char

Bagadi is out of order since last

damaged. Bangladesh Water

Development Board, Chandpur

office told this correspondent

that the damaged transformer

would be repaired soon. It may

be mentioned "Chandpur

Irrigation Project" is one of the

biggest Irrigation Projects of

Bangladesh Water Develop-

ment Board. The project was

established in 1978 at a cost of

Taka 80 crore. The project

was financed by World Bank.

The project area covers an

Its main transformer is

Experts say scarcity of to-

According to a survey con-

persons responsible for manufacturing and selling spurious drugs endangering the lives of the patients.

Clinic at Dinajpur established in 1970 is now beset with manifold problems. The clinic has no X-ray machine which is very important for diagnosis of the disease.

Scarcity of drugs is also another problem in the clinic. Meanwhile, Irri-Boro production in all the 13 upazilas of the district of Dinapur has registered a share fall this year

mainly due to short supply and

price hike of fertilizers and

and waiting-room for patients.

The clinic has no stretcher

Official sources admitting the abnormal price hike said that Irri-Boro production has fallen by 30 per cent this year due to fertilizers and diesel

According to official sources and farmers, the prices of fertilizers on average rose to Taka 500 per bag although the government fixed the price at Taka 201.25.

8 lakh suffer from goitre

in 8 northern districts

From A Correspondent

A pregnant mother with

Out of eight lakh patients,

todine deficiency gives birth to

about two lakhs are children

and the rest are people be-

tween the age of 21 and 45

Dinajpur district UNICEF

RDRS (NGO) and the health

department had taken up a

joint programme in 1985.

Similar programme was also

taken up in Kurigram Sadar,

To cheek goitre in greater

cause of goitre.

a disabled child.

The total requirement of Urea fertilizers was 35,000 tons in the district this year, whereas BADC supplied only 20,000 tons. As a result, 60 per cent of the total land remained fallow. The target of Irri-Boro cultivation this year was fixed at 5.65 lakh acres.

When contacted, a dealer told this correspondent that the fertilizer factories at Ashuganj and Ghorashal failed to supply fertilizers as per requirements.

Frequent disruption of power supply is 13 upazilas under Dinaipur district is causing heavy loss to industrial and agricultural sectors.

The Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) maintains supply through Saidpur distribution centre to different upazilas of the district. In all these places, many new industrial units have sprung up depending on electricity. Most of these units are incurring loss in production for erratic power failure.

Gaibandha Sadar, Sadullapur,

Nilphamari Sadar, Jaldhaka

Lalmonirhat Sadar, Patgram

and Debigani upazilas. The

programme has been extended

to Ulipur, Aditmari, Chilmari

Sangastha (RDRS a NGO) at

Thakurgaon continued to sup-

ply iodised salt at normal price

Thakurgaon Sadar, Baliadangi

Pirganj, Ranjsankail and

Harpur under Thakurgaon,

Bochaganj and Birganj under

to the affected people

The Dinajpur-Rangpur Rural

and Pirgacha upazilas.

The price of Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) has also gone up in the district. TSP is being sold at Taka 280 to Taka 300 per bag of 50 kgs as against government fixed price of Taka 216 per bag.

The cultivation of Aman crops in the ensuing season will be hampered for want of TSP in the Rajshahi and Khulna divisions. IT may be mentioned here

that 49 lakh acres of land will be brought under Aman cultivation in these two divisions At least 135 metric tons o TSP will be required during this season, but the government is importing only 34,000 metric tons of TSP and there will be a shortfall of 91,000 metric tons of TSP in the country, it is learnt.

It is apprehended that the Indian fertilizers which are of inferior quality, will capture markets of these two divisions.

The government should take immediate measures to check the price spiral of TSP to help attain self-sufficiency in food in the country.

engines being used in boats

used in country boats.

It is learnt that these

engines owned and purchased by the agriculturists were used for irrigation purposes but due to acute financial crisis many farmers are selling off their machines. These engines were withdrawn from the agricultural fields and are sold either to boatmen or the small industrial units. Normally prices of engines to be used in sawmills, husking and crushing mills were higher than that of the price of the shallow tubewell

hampers farming From Our Correspondent miserable condition of veteri-KISHOREGANJ, August 3: Acute shortage of bullocks is nary hospitals where acute causing serious obstacle to scarcity of medicines is a permanent feature. Moreover, bad cultivation work in Kisho-

Draft animal shortage

5000 homeless in

Jamalpur floods

From Our Correspondent

Brahmaputra river.

been snapped.

As 3000 feet Haridahar

embankment have been de-

voured by the river communi-

cation of Jamaipur with all

other upazila headquarters has

Aman seedlings all over the

district have been totally dam-

aged by the flood water.

Thousands of homeless people

have taken shelter on roads

and embankments. Scarcity of

food, drinking water and other

essentials is prevailing in the

flood hit areas, it is reported.

Besides, 95 per cent of

JAMALPUR, August 3 : Flash

floods rendered 5000 families

homeless destroying three

mosques, one school, one hat,

and 50 shops within last 10

Belgassa, Gothail in Islampur

upazila have been washed away

by the erosion. Jute, Aus. Aman

seedlings, sugarcane and other

seasonal crops in two lakh

acres have been damaged by

the flood water gushing

through innumerable breaches

trol embankment of the

reganj, Mymensingh and Netr-

edgeable sources, 60 to 70 per

cent families having no bul-

locks are unable to till their

lands. Consequently a consid-

erable acreage of lands in

these districts remain unculti-

vated every year. Most of the

farmers carry on their agricul-

tural works on share basis as

they cannot afford to purchase

At present a pair of bullock

bullock or cow due to sharp

costs Taka 6000 to 10,000 or

more at different markets.

Sometimes the farmer till

their land with spades. Many of

them even use milch cows to

cultivate their land resulting in

gradual reduction in the milk

According to a survey, bul-

lock shortage prevails every

year due to various diseases

that takes a heavy toll of cat-

tleheads and natural calami-

of cattleheads is lost due to

floods. Besides, it is also al

leged that some greedy cob-

tleheads in different places of

the districts only to collect

Police asked to

contain crimes

From Our Correspondent

General of Police Tayebuddin

Ahmed asked the police per-

sonnel to take drastic action

against the anti social ele-

ments with the help of people

to maintain law and order situ-

cussion meeting on the pre-

vailing law and order situation

at the police conference room

in Comilla. The meeting was

addressed, among others, by

MA Karim, DIG of Police,

Chittagong range, Hidayetul

Islam Chowdhury, DC, Comilla,

Amzad Hossain, SP. Comilla,

journalist Gulam Mustafa

Chowdhury, Principal Dilwar

Jahid, ex-Pourashava

Chairman, Abdul Awal, MA

Motaleb, ex-President of High

Court Bar, Comilla Bench

Editor of weekly Purbhasa,

Wahidur Rahman and Abdul

for concerted efforts to con-

tain the anti-social activities

and urged the people to coop-

erate with the police in this

BAU adopts

11-point code

of conduct

University authorities have

adopted an 11-point code of

conduct to maintain peaceful

and proper academic atmo-

sphere on the campus.

BAUCSU and all the student

organisations of the university

have accepted the decision, a

press release of BAU said in

Dhaka on Monday, reports

According to the regula-

tions, the student organisa-

tions would not arrange any

meeting, procession or gather-

ing without the prior permission of the authority everyone

would refrain from making any

personal criticism, slanderous

not to invite any outside guest

speakers as far as practicable

and not to move with a proces-

sion in the residential hall ar-

The law enforcing agencies

It urged upon all concerned

speech or slogan.

place of the campus.

Bangladesh Agricultural

The IGP stressed the need

Hasnath Babul.

regard.

He was addressing a dis-

COMILLA, Aug 3: Inspector

blers are found poisoning cat-

Every years a large number

rise in their prices.

production.

their skin.

akona districts.

in the 14-mile long flood con-

Kulkandi, Chinaduli,

tor, it is learnt. According to the knowl- . Taking advantage of the situation a section of cow traders is purchasing cattleheads from the farmers at nominal prices to be supplied to other places for slaughtering daily. If this trend continues for indefinite period, cultivation would be hampered to a great extent, it s feared.

communication is another fac-

Notes from Rangpur

From Our Correspondent RANGPUR, Aug 3 Bamandanga Bazar, an important and popular market in

Sunderganj upazila is plagued with manifold problems for a long time. It lacks drainage system, electricity and other amenities creating immense sufferings to both shopkeepers and customers. During the rainy season, the bazar remains submerged in stagnant water and mushroom growth of shops in a haphazard way causes much inconveniences to the people. It is alleged that the authority concerned earns much revenue leasing out the market annually by auction.

On the other hand slaugh-On the other hand, about tering of bullocks has incrops on 300 acres of land in creased much following the five villages of Madarpur union scarcity of fish in the markets. under Palashbari upazila are Epidemics and diseases also being damaged every year by take heavy toll as those cannot stagnant water for lack of be fought effectively due to her

drainage system. According to the local people an area of 10 decimal land in a canal been silted up few years back. As a result, rain waters cannot pass through the canal which is causing inundation of these crop field and to-

tal damage to crops every year. The affected farmers repeatedly approached the upazila and other authorities concerned to remove the silts by excavating the canal but to no effect.

They demanded that the authorities concerned should take an appropriate measure to remove the water stagnation problem of these areas and give a redress to the sufferings of hundreds of villagers of this remote corner of the country.

Tk 1000 looted

Taka 1000 was looted at dagger point from a medicine shop in the town recently.

According to the information, two youths with daggers entered the medical shop brandishing the arms at the manager and took away Taka 1000 from the cash box. They injured one person by knife when they tried to chase them.

A case has been registered with the Kotwali police in this connection. No body has been arrested so far, it is learnt. The Kotwali police has re-

covered one pipe gun, two rounds of ammunition, one sword and an explosive from the possession of two persons at local Jahaz Company corner recently.

According to the police, three persons while moving on a motorcycle suspiciously mobile police challenged them and halted for interrogation. One of them suddenly fled away with the motor cycle while the two others were caught and on search the arms and ammunition were recovered from their possession. Police took them into cus-

tody and started a case under Arms Act.

Dacoits kidnap girl student

Dacoits kidnapped a girl and looted ornaments and cash from a house at Mirzapur union under Mithapulur area re-

According to the information, a gang of armed miscreants raided the house of Bhupesh Chandra Sarker at Putimari village and kidnapped his daughter Sathi Rani (15), a student of class ten and during their raid they looted away the ornaments and cash amount worth Take 90,000.

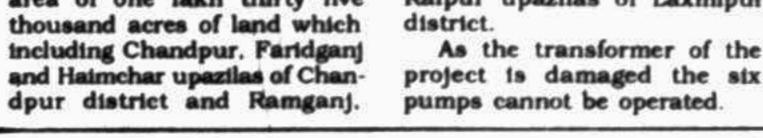
have been asked to take any A case has been registered measures to recover fire arms with the police in this connecand other weapons from any

region and this is the main Rowmari, Qongachara, Dinajpur, Boda Crops on 30,000 acres damaged in Chandpur

CHANDPUR, August 3 :Crops on about 30 thousand acres of land in "Chandpur Irrigation

From Our Correspondent area of one lakh thirty five thousand acres of land which including Chandpur. Faridgan and Haimchar upazilas of Chan-

Raipur upazilas of Laxmipur





KHULNA: Procession brought out by the members of the Action Committee comprising Khulna Union of Journalists and Press Workers Union parading the street demanding implementation of the fourth Wage Board Award on July 31 last.

Shallow tubewell From Our Correspondent BARISAL, August 3: Shallow

tubewell engines meant for irrigation purposes are being

engines are even being used in saw mills, rice and paddy husking mills defying government restriction. It is gathered that these

The government restriction for using shallow tubewells engines in boats and different mills should further be tightened and more tubewells should be allocated to the farmers to help raise production of crops in the country, it is widely felt.