

National

Upazila roundup

NARAYANGANJ

3 killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17 : Three persons were killed and 20 others injured when a speeding truck from Meghna and a minibus (Narayanganj Ba-14) from Narayanganj loaded with passengers collided at head on Madanpur area under Bandar upazila on Dhaka-Chittagong highway last week.

According to the police Latu Chowdhury (33) and two other unidentified young boys died on the spot as the driver of the bus lost control of the steering and hit the truck. The bus fell into a roadside ditch. Three persons with serious injuries were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while seven others were admitted to Narayanganj hospital. Ten of them were released after first aid.

Police seized the truck and the bus while its drivers managed to flee.

Three separate unnatural death cases have been registered with Bandar thana in this connection.

BOGRA

Contract millers misappropriate rice worth Tk 5 cr

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17 : Rice worth Taka 5 crore has been misappropriated by some contract millers in collaboration with some departmental officers in Betgari food godown in Bogra Sadar upazila Sergeant (RTD) Anwar Hossain and Mr Nazir Uddin UFO Bogra Sadar have been suspended in this connection.

A four member enquiry team has been constituted in this regard.

It is learnt from a reliable source that though the capacity of Betgari LSD is only three thousand metric tons some millers misappropriated four thousand six hundred metric tons rice worth Taka four crore 55 lakh.

KISHOREGANJ

Old woman stabbed to death

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17 : A sixty-year-old woman was stabbed to death by miscreants at village Gatali in Kishoreganj Sadar upazila in the early hours of Wednesday last.

According to the police the victim Kutub Banu wife of Abdul Motalib while came out of the house to respond to the nature's call was attacked by miscreants. The miscreants stabbed her in the chest, hands and eyes resulting in her instantaneous death.

Police took two persons including the son-in-law of the victim into custody for interrogation. A case was registered with Kishoreganj police station in this connection. The additional Superintendent of Police Mr SM Golam Mostafa and Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sadar Circle Md Mosharraf Hossain Bhuyan and officer in-charge of Kishoreganj police station Mr Abu Mohammed Abduzzaman visited the spot. The body was sent to the Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for post-mortem.

FENI

Tk 23 lakh for repairing of Muhuri river bank

Aug 17 : The government has sanctioned Tk 23.05 lakh for repairing the embankment on the left bank of the Muhuri river in Porshuram upazila of the district, reports UNB.

The embankment had been breached during the recent flood. Work on the project under the post-flood rehabilitation programme will start soon, official sources said.

On completion of the project, about two lakh people of the Porshuram upazila will get the benefit of flood protection, local Water Development Board sources said.

3 dacoits held

Police arrested three dacoits from Yeakupur village under Dagonbhutia upazila of the district.

According to police sources, the arrested dacoits, namely Belayet Hossain, Babul Miah and Belayet Hossain (2) raided the house of a court official on July 10 and decamped with cash and valuables.

Police rounded them up from their village recently and produced them before the upazila magistrate court.

The dacoits are learnt to have admitted their crime.

FARIDPUR

Body recovered

Aug 17 : Police recovered a body of a boy from a brickfield at Goalchamat area in the town, reports UNB.

The victim Rabibul (10), was missing from his home at village Raghunandanpur of sadar upazila from August 8, family sources said.

The body found recently was tied around his waist with a brick. The reason behind the killing could not be ascertained.

His body was sent to Faridpur General Hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with the Kotwali police.

JHENIDAH

Housewife beaten to death by neighbour

Aug 17 : One young housewife succumbed to her injuries Wednesday night at Khajura village of Sadar upazila, police said, reports UNB.

The victim Maju Bibi (22), wife of Mujibur Rahman of the village was beaten mercilessly by the co-villager Golam Nabi and his accomplice Mongol as she disclosed that Golam tried to violate her on the night of August 10, family sources said.

The body was sent to the Sadar hospital for autopsy.

A case has been lodged in this connection.

MANIKGANJ

Indian sarees recovered

Aug 17 : River Traffic Police (RTP) seized Indian sarees worth about Taka 9,000 from Aricha ferry ghat on Thursday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, RTP raided Aricha bound night coach (No BA-553) from Jessore and recovered the contraband.

The goods were handed over to customs. None was arrested in this connection.

A case has been filed with Aricha police.

SIRAJGANJ

BCL (S-A) wins college union polls

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17 : Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) bagged all 18 posts of Kazipur Munsur Ali Government College students union polls held on August 14.

Jahangir Alam and Nurul Islam Bakul were elected VP and GS respectively. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) won all seats of Tengliahatarim Degree College students union polls in Sirajganj district.

The 16th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed in the district with a befitting manner. District and upazila units of Awami League and front organisations chalked out a day-long programme which included Quran Khuan, miflai, discussion meeting and seminars to mark the day.

JAMALPUR

Diarrhoea claims 5 lives

Aug 17 : Diarrhoea claimed five lives and affected 500 others in eight villages of six upazilas of the district during the last three days, official sources said, reports UNB.

The worst affected villages are Bamna, Chinaduli, Ghoradhap, Digpait, Taratia, Bhatkheria, Charputipari and Kamalcheria.

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

District Civil Surgeon said several medical teams are working in every union of the upazila to combat the disease.

SUNAMGANJ

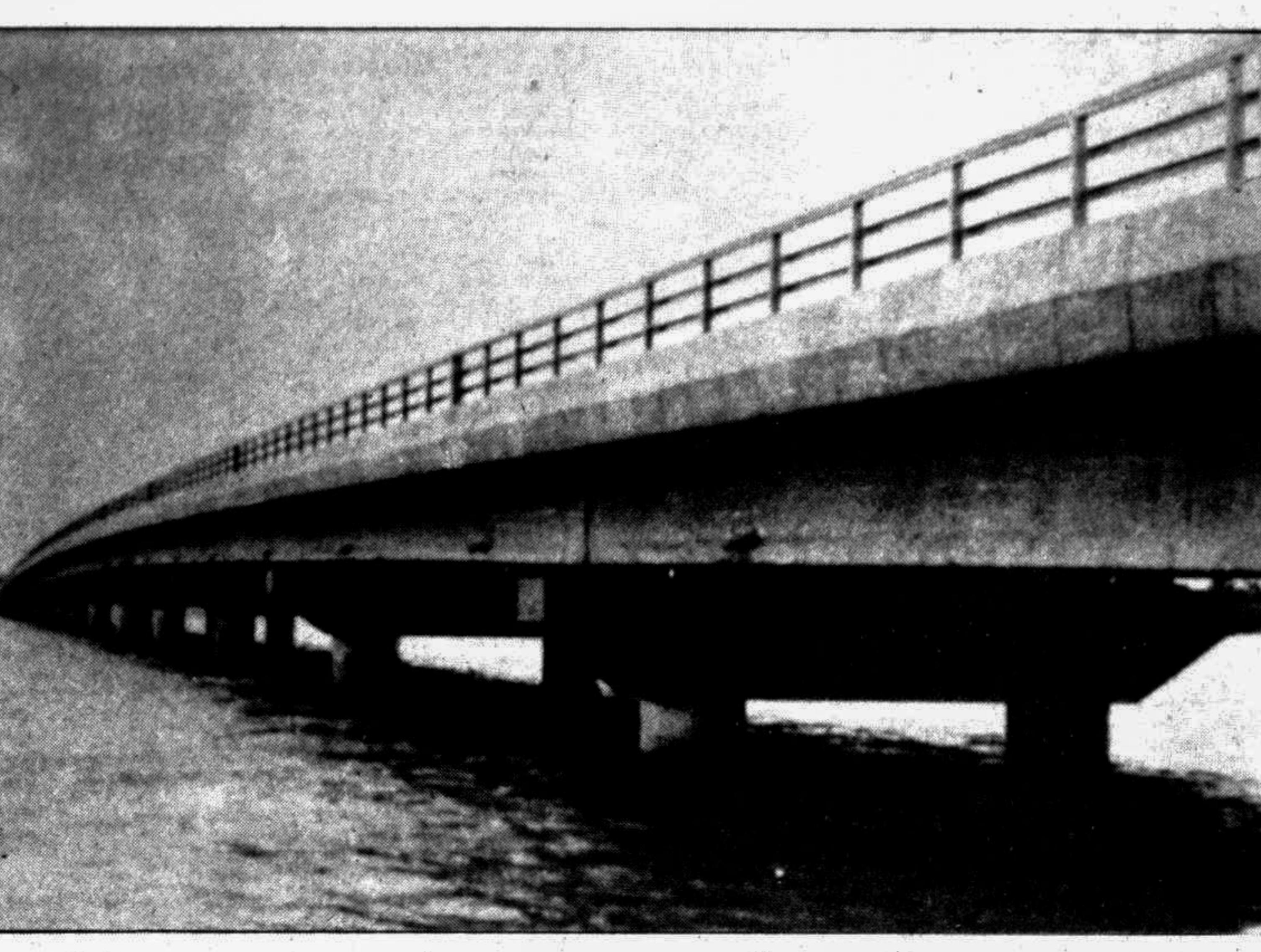
One succumbs to injuries

Aug 17 : A man seriously injured by rival group succumbed at the sadar hospital Wednesday, police here said, reports UNB.

The victim identified as Ramu Miah (25) of Gonoshupur village in Chhatak upazila of the district was mercilessly beaten by a group of co-villagers following a hot exchange over trifling matter.

He was rushed to the local hospital in a critical condition where he died on the same day. His body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

A case was lodged with Chhatak police in this connection.



MYMENSINGH: The 464.30-metre long Shambuganj Bridge constructed by China on the river Old Brahmaputra opens to traffic today. — Star photo

Housing problem acute in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 17: Acute housing problem has been persisting in Kaliganj upazila since long causing immense sufferings to the low-paid employees of government and non-government organisations, autonomous bodies and private establishments.

According to the tenants, monthly house rent for a house presently varies from Taka 800 to Taka 1500 excluding electricity, gas and water bill while the owners realise rent in advance creating pressure on the tenants.

Female education is being seriously hampered in Satkhira town due to absence of college and hostel facilities for the girl students.

The town has three colleges

unable to live in upazila towns with families due to increased rents. They live in messes or rented rooms. People are reluctant to construct houses due to huge financial involvement of construction materials and lands.

Local people suggested that construction of the government estates would help solve the problem to some extent.

Hostel facilities for girls students absent

Most of the guardians have to arrange accommodation for their wards in their relatives houses.

Therefore, people of the district demanded early construction of four hostels for girls without further delay.

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Misappropriation of 1625 maunds wheat alleged

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Aug 17 : Project Chairman of Kulkandi Union Parishad in Islampur upazila has allegedly misappropriated 1625 maunds of government wheat. The wheat was allocated under Food for Works Programme in 1990-91 fiscal year.

According to the official sources, Kulkandi union member and Project Chairman, Golam Hossain lifted about 2000 maunds of wheat allocated for flood control embankment. The chairman utilised 375 maunds of wheat to execute the project and allegedly misappropriated the remaining 1625 maunds wheat.

The labourers of the project

lodged separate complaints against the Project Manager and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur, Upazila Chairman of Islampur, Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation and local Anti-Corruption Department but no action has yet been taken, it is alleged.

A conference of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) of Jamalpur district unit was held at Jamalpur Public Hall recently.

The conference was presided over by Abul Kalam Azad while District Awami League President Advocate Motir Rahman Talukdar was the chief guest. Among other it was addressed by Professor Shahidullah, Shamsur Rahman, Mizanur Rahman, Golam Azam MP, Mamun Reza Rahim, Zahirul Islam, Shukran De, Advocate Dakibullah and others.

The worst affected upazila is Dilghenala where seven tubewells out of 12 have gone out of order, compelling 70,000 inhabitants to use water from canals and ponds.

The local people urged the authorities to take necessary steps immediately for ensuring supply of pure water.

Drinking water scarce in Khagrachari

KHAGRACHARI, Aug 17: Scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing in the hill district as most of the tubewells have gone out of order due to abnormal fall in ground water level, reports UNB.

According to the Public Health Engineering Department (PHE), 635 tubewells of eight upazilas in the district were also rendered inoperative as these could not be repaired for lack of fund.

The narrow roads and lanes are causing much inconvenience for a long time which need immediate expansion.

Besides, drains and roadside ditches are always filled with garbage causing bulk breeding of mosquitoes.

The porousabha market also is in bad shape. Shops have been built in a haphazard way and due to lack of adequate number of sheds, traders are compelled to carry out their business on the approach road causing inconveniences to both customers and sellers.

Frequent power failure and fluctuation of voltage have been hampering business and industrial production in the town.

The entire porousabha including its busy shopping centres often plunges into darkness after sundown due to erratic power supply giving rise to anti-social activities.

Moreover, floating people respond to the call of nature frequently at the roadside in

the absence of public toilet polluting the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, government employees have been suffering much due to lack of accommodation in the town. No new buildings have been built in proportion with the rising population, it is learnt.

3 killed

Our Correspondent adds : Three persons were killed in Habiganj district in separate incidents recently.

One Aadur Miah (30) of village Pantiuria under Nabigong upazila committed suicide.

Police recovered his body in hanging position at his house.

The reason behind the suicide could not be ascertained.

A hawk was killed by the dacoits in Chhupur-Noabak area under Sadar upazila of Habiganj district.

According to sources a gang of dacoits attacked the hawk.

Abdus Samed (55) and his son.

The dacoits stabbed them.

Abdus Samed died on the spot and his son was seriously injured.

The dacoits also looted goods and money of the hawk. A case was filed with Habiganj police.

Another reports says : one person was beaten to death by a group of miscreants at Islampur village in Baniachong upazila.

Shambuganj Bridge opens today

From Our BAU Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Aug 17 : Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will formally open to traffic the Shambuganj Bridge tomorrow at 11 am.

The work on Taka 79 crore

Shambuganj Bridge (Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge-2) on the river Brahmaputra has been completed four months ahead of the schedule realising the longstanding expectation of the people of greater Mymensingh (Mymensingh, Sherpur, Kishoreganj and Netrakona district).

The Chinese experts have

constructed the bridge. The work on the 464.30-meter long and 14.40-meter wide bridge started in December, 1989 and was scheduled to

Habiganj Red Crescent executives

HABIGANJ, Aug 17 : Election of office bearers of the district unit of Red Crescent Society was held at the annual general meeting Monday at its office premises, reports UNB.

Advocate Abdul Motalib and Saliqua Rahman Faris were elected President and Secretary respectively.

Elected members of the executive committee are Usman Ganji, Shah Kamar Uddin, Abdul Hye Taher, Abdul Marmal and GK Gause.

Advocate Atik Ullah presided over the annual general meeting.