

Upazila roundup

JAMALPUR
660 anti-socials arrested

Sept 2: The railway police arrested 660 alleged anti-social elements from different rail lines and stations of the district during the last 13 days, reports UNB.

According to police the anti-socials were nabbed from Mymensingh-Jamalpur-Bahadurabad and Jamalpur-Jogannathganj Chat lines under Operation Doorbar.

Several cases were filed in this connection.

68 examinees expelled

Sixty-eight HSC examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means in the examination in 9 centres of the district in the last week, the sources said.

A total of 4708 students have been appearing at the examination in the district this year.

District Administration has taken strict measures to maintain law and order in the centres and no untoward incident was reported so far.

MAGURA

Plea to reopen closed edn institutions

Sept 2: The activists of the district Chhatra League (A-A) brought out a procession Saturday demanding immediate re-opening of all closed educational institutions of the country.

The processionists paraded the main thoroughfares of the town and chanted various slogans in favour of their demand.

After the procession, a street corner meeting was held at Chourangi crossing of the town which was addressed by Jahangir Hossain and Herok, president and secretary respectively of the district unit.

The speakers called upon the authorities to take stringent action against the terrorists in the campuses to restore congenial academic atmosphere.

They also urged the voters to cast their votes in the coming referendum to pave the way to switch over to parliamentary democracy in the country.

SIRAJGANJ

137 nabbed during Operation Doorbar

Sept 2: Police nabbed 137 alleged anti-socials and recovered five pipe guns, eight rounds of bullets from their possession from different parts of the district under Operation Doorbar during the last 13 days, reports UNB.

Police nabbed the miscreants as per the list prepared earlier. But the local people alleged that the names of many innocent persons have been included in the list and they are being harassed by the police.

They also alleged such people are being released on realisation of bribe. They urged the authorities to stop this harassment immediately.

When contacted the district police authority denied the allegation.

SYLHET

Installation ceremony

Sept 2: The installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Sylhet, Surma, was held in a local hotel recently with Rotarian Shamsul Alam Chowdhury in the chair, reports UNB.

Rotarian LK Siddique former MP who is also the District Governor nominee for 1992-93 was present as the chief guest while Prof Dr M A Raquib, Principal of Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College was present as the special guest.

The function was addressed, among others, by Rtn Kawsar Hossain Chowdhury, Rtn Badrul Islam, Rtn Ibrahim Chowdhury and Rtn Advocate Abdul Latif Sardar.

286 arrested

Local police arrested 286 miscreants from 11 upazilas of the district under Operation Doorbar over the last two weeks.

They were nabbed as per the list prepared earlier to improve the law and order situation in the district.

All the arrested were allegedly involved in various crimes and anti-social activities, police said.

Several cases were filed in this connection.

KISHOREGANJ

4 commit suicide

From Our Correspondent

Sept 2: Four persons including two housewives committed suicide in Kishoreganj district recently. Dhana Begum (18) of village Kachari Para in Sadar upazila hanged herself from the ceiling of the house and Jahanara Begum (35) wife of Abu Baker of village Kandail in Karimganj upazila swallowed poison on August 27.

One Moklesur Rahman (27) of village Kagtail in Sadar upazila committed suicide by taking insecticide and Bikis an eleven-year old girl hanged herself from the branch of a tree with her scarf on August 25.

Separate cases were registered with the respective police stations.

MADARIPUR

Dacoits loot valuables

From Our Correspondent

Sept 2: A dacoity was committed in the house of Arun Chandra Roy, a school teacher of village Gohrdi under Kalkini upazila recently.

According to information received, a group of dacoits with arms entered the house by breaking doors and tied the inmates with rope.

The dacoits looted a colour TV, five tolas of gold, five watches, and Taka eight thousand in cash.

In this connection a case has been filed with Kalkini police.

SHARIATPUR

Important posts lying vacant in govt offices

From Our Correspondent

Sept 2: Some important government posts are lying vacant in Shariatpur district resulting in untold sufferings to the people.

The posts including two district surveyors have been lying vacant for a long time. The post of district Livestock Officer has been lying for the last three months while the post of District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer fell vacant last year.

Quacks

In the hats and bazars of the district chambers of quacks are increasing alarmingly. There are over 600 pharmacies without licences in the district. The quacks treat poor and illiterate patients in wrong way resulting in premature death of maximum patients. In most of the unlicensed medicine shops there are untrained compounders.

PABNA

One killed in armed clash

Sept 2: A man was killed and 11 others were injured seriously at village Kumargari in Atghoria upazila of the district in an armed clash on Thursday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the clash ensued when some video film viewers - protested bad print of the film and erratic operation of the VCR.

The sponsors attacked the protesters and it turned into an armed clash soon.

Abdul Jalil (22), was killed and 11 others injured in the clash.

Of the injured, six were admitted in district General Hospital and five others in Algoria Upazila Health Complex.

Police arrested five people in this connection.

SATKHIRA

10 injured in road mishap

Sept 2: Ten people were injured, three of them seriously, when a three-wheeler turned turtle on Satkhira-Bhokra road at Bankali Saturday morning, reports UNB.

According to police, the accident occurred while the speeding Satkhira bound tempo was taking a sharp turn. The driver was also injured in the incident.

The seriously injured Hafizur (30), and Rezaul (35), of Bankali village and Golam Bari (50), of Kathanda village in Sadar upazila were admitted to Sadar hospital while others released after first aid.



During monsoon boat is the only means of communication in rural Bangladesh Photo shows boats carrying merchandise to different destinations while children having a dip in the rising Padma at village Uthuli in Manikganj. — Star photo

Administrative lapses in T & T office alleged

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Sept 2: People of Sharishabari, Dewanganj, Gilabari and Madarganj have been denied proper services by the local telegraph and telephone office due to alleged administrative lapses and corruption prevailing in the office for a long time.

Despite repeated representations, the telegraph office housed in a small building has not been shifted to a suitable place. There is strong resentment among the public that T and T employees are not discharging their duties properly. The local newsmen often have to wait hours together for sending emergency telegrams due to negligence of the employees to their duties.

The approaching road to the telegraph office is in a very deplorable condition. The little narrow place in front of the office very often remains blocked by rickshaws and bicycles which through in front of a repairing shop.

Although Sharishabari upazila telegram office is very important and busy unit yet it lacks proper services and honest officials resulting in immense sufferings to the public. The local businessmen are the worst sufferers as they cannot send messages to different destinations for want of honest staff. Telegraph office is also used as telephone call office where public crowd for telephone calls. The work in the office often remains suspended even at day time for the indifference of the in-charge. The incharge is always found absent from the office without any prior information to the higher authorities concerned, it is alleged as a result, the public have to suffer much.

At the same time the government is deprived of revenue income. People and journalists community are the worst sufferers as they have to wait hours together to send important messages. Absence of sitting arrangement multiplies the sufferings further.

At a review meeting held at Baisera Valley Club recently with A H M Khairul Alam, Manager, Poteacherra Tea Estate and Circle Chairman in the chair, the Sangsad expressed concern at the lawless situation in the tea gardens saying tea-estate management had been rendered ineffective.

A total of 30 tea garden managers of Baisera Valley attended the meeting.

The tea garden managers alleged that the workers with their families had been resorting to violence taking law in their hands in the recent past. They assaulted the officials of the tea gardens at different times.

Official sources said upazila-wise allocations are as follows: Sadar upazila 7,210 kgs, Sarishabari 7,910 kgs, Melandah 810 kgs, Islampur 2000 kgs, Dewanganj 400 kgs, Madarganj 5,370 kgs and Bakshiganj 3,620 kgs.

Sources said that the seed was distributed in two phases under the post-flood agriculture rehabilitation programme of the government.

It may be mentioned that strict measures have been taken against adopting unfair means and examinations were held peacefully. A total of 4943 candidates appeared on the first day out of a total candidate of 5135. One hundred ninety two candidates did not sit for the examination on the first day, it was learnt.

Indoor games competition of Islamic University concluded here recently amidst great enthusiasm. Dr Abdul Hamid, Vice-Chancellor of the University witnessed the games and gave away the prizes among the winners. Speaking on the occasion the Vice-Chancellor said that complete peace and harmony was being maintained here and as a result indoor games competition has been possible. He said that last year classes will begin on September 2. Literary competition will be held very soon, he added. All the teachers and students joined the competitions.

Election of the Shilpakala Academy was held here recently. Two thousand twenty five voters cast their votes for 26 candidates to elect a 10-member committee. According to unofficial result, following members were elected: Prof. Dhir Ali Mia, Ali Afrose Pina, Abu Akram, Ili Khan, Elias Haasan Ili, Nazmul Karim, Md Amirul Islam, Md Khaliluzzaman, Md Moniruzzaman and Khatun Bashir.

The vital problems that impede normal functioning of the market places include shortage of space, indiscriminate creation of sheds, bad drainage system and paucity of pure drinking water.

In the absence of drainage system in Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Parbatipur towns, water logging on roads and in low-lying areas has become a regular feature in the rainy season. During incessant downpour, most of the roads in the towns under knee-deep water hampering movement of vehicular traffic. Potholes and ditches have developed on the roads.

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Cha Sangsad asks workers to maintain peace

MAULAVI BAZAR, Sept 2: Bangladesh Cha Sangsad (BCS) of the district has blamed the Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union and its workers for deteriorating law and order situation in the tea gardens, reports UNB.

Officials of the Sangsad said Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union was responsible for guiding the labourers and non-workers in maintaining discipline but the workers and their families violated rules and regulations of the tea-estates with impunity.

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Political scene

Hectic electioneering on

From Salim Farazi

MADARIPUR, Sept 2: The onsting parliamentary by-elections have created much enthusiasm among the people of the Madaripur-1 (Shibchar) constituency and Madaripur-2 (Madaripur-Rajoir) constituency.

Candidates and their supporters have started vigorous election campaign. Three candidates have withdrawn their candidature from two constituencies in Madaripur.

Following is the final list of Madaripur-1 (Shibchar): Md. Motahar Hossain Siddique (BNP), Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury (AL), Md. Makbul Hossain (JP) and A. Latif Tawani (Independent). List of Madaripur-2 (Madaripur-Rajoir): M. Shajahan Khan (AL), Engineer Atiqur Rahman Babul (BNP), Nazmul Islam Sayeed (Ind), AFM Fuad (JSD-Inu), Alhaj Ferdous Jamader (Ind) and M. Zakaria Mia Apu (JP).

The candidates are now visiting their respective constituencies to mobilise support in their favour.

By-election camps have been set up in every union. Posters and symbol of candidates have been pasted in building and walls of the town.

Motahar Hossain

Journalist Md. Motahar Hossain Siddique a BNP nominated candidate of Madaripur-1 (Shibchar) seat expressed his commitment to save Shibchar people from the Arrial Khan erosion. He is much popular in the locality. He was the

Madaripur-2 seat Md Shajahan Khan is a reputed freedom fighter and devoted leader of JSD (Inu) is contesting this year's election with a AL ticket. He is sanguine of success if he is elected. He said if elected, he would improve the communication system of his constituency. He said voters wanted a free fair election. Md Khan said he would materialise the ideals of Sheikh Hasina and Bangobandhu for the welfare and progress of rural people.

Engr Atiqur Rahman

BNP nominated candidate for Madaripur-2 seat Engineer Mr Atiqur Rahman Babul, Mr Atiq said, he would materialise the ideals of Begum Khaleda Zia and late President Ziaur Rahman for welfare and progress of rural masses. He is also committed to save Madaripur people from the Arrial Khan erosion. Mr Atiq is associated with a number of social organisations. He is hopeful of success.

Ferdous Zamader

Independent candidate for Madaripur-2 seat Alhaj Ferdous Zamader is at present secretary of Madaripur district committee of AL. M Ferdous Zamader is associated with a number of social organisations. He is hopeful of success.

AFM Fuad

AFM Fuad is contesting the election with 5 party (JSD-Inu) ticket from Madaripur-2 constituency. M Fuad said, if



Candidates contesting in the bye-elections from Madaripur-2 constituency (from left) Md. Atiqur Rahman (BNP), Shajahan Khan (AL), AFM Fuad JSD(Inu) and Alhaj Ferdous Zamader (Ind).

former Editor of The New Nation and at present Editor of the weekly Express. He said he would materialise the ideals of Begum Khaleda Zia and Shahid Zia for welfare and progress of rural people. M Siddiqui said if elected he would industrialise the area which will create job opportunities for the poor people.

Zakaria

JP nominated candidate of Madaripur-2 seat Md Zakaria Mia Apu started his political career as a JSD worker. Later he joined the JP in '87. He said he has bright chance to win if free and fair election is held. He demanded immediate release of former president Ershad.

Noor-e-Alam

M. Noor-e-Alam, a candidate of AL from Madaripur-1 seat said he would materialise the ideals of Sheikh Hasina and "Bangobandhu" for the welfare and progress of rural people. He is the son of late Elias Ahmed Chowdhury (ex-MP). He said he has bright chance to win if free and fair election is held.

Shajahan Khan

Awami League candidate for

electd, he would take up effective measures to halt the erosion of the Arrial Khan and create employment opportunities and ensure supply of seeds and fertilizer to farmers.

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As the bye-election date is nearing, supporters of different candidates have started campaign through pasting pamphlets and writings on the wall Photo shows a novel way of protecting the outer walls of a house by its owner from being ruined by grotesque graffiti.

5 get life-term for murder in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Sept 2: Five persons were sentenced to suffer life term for murder under section 302/34 of B.P.C and fined Taka 3,000 each in default to suffer one year more rigorous imprisonment.

The judgement was delivered by Mr. Abdul Hai, District and Sessions Judge on August 19.

The prosecution case was

that on 29.10.89 victim Mozammel Hoque of village Mohimaganj upazila went to the market with a view to procuring wood for house hold affairs. He loaded a rickshaw van with goods and sent his younger brother home with the van. The victim was however, remained in the market for some other business. But

till 1.11.89 he did not return home and his where about could not be known. On the same day the younger brother of victim Ataur Rahman together with Rana and Abdul Haq went to nearby Saibhel for catching fish where they recovered body of the victim.

The victim was killed by suffocation pushing a napkin inside the mouth and several marks of stab injuries were found on his person.

The prosecution examined 12 witnesses. On trial the learned judge awarded life term to five persons namely Mohiuddin, Dhalu, Taleb Ali, Amirul Islam and Taher Ali.