

Upazila roundup

SATKHIRA

Three arrested for murder

Sept 8: Police recently arrested three people from village Zafarpur in Kaliganj upazila of the Satkhira district on charge of murdering a young lady of the same village, reports UNB.

The victim Noorjahan (26), daughter of Mandar Saha was called out of her house by one Mobarak on August 18 night and since then she remained untraced. Later on a case filed by her relatives, Kaliganj police carried out investigation on 7 suspects and could round up Moksed, Montu and Moslem.

The arrested were produced before the court of a First Class Magistrate where they made confessional statement. They admitted that they killed Noorjahan and threw the body into the river.

Kushtia, Chuadanga, Jessore, Meherpur, Rajbari, Magura, and Jendha were also present in the meeting.

AIG also addressed a meeting at Madanpur of Saitkupa upazila where two armed activists were killed in a gun battle between the rival groups of Sharbahara Party and Biplobi Communist Party.

He called upon the people to remain vigilant against the anti-social elements and informed the police about their whereabouts.

CHANDPUR

Epidemic of eye disease

Sept 8: Eye disease has broken out in an alarming proportion in all the seven upazila of the Chandpur district during the last two weeks, reports UNB.

The HSC and the SSC examinees of the district are the worst sufferers.

In Sadar area, the disease has taken a serious turn and members of almost all the families have been attacked by the disease.

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Bandar: Countryboats waiting for passengers and cargoes at Bandar on the bank of river Sitalakhya in Narayanganj. — Star photo

Malpractice in jute buying won't be tolerated, says Minister

MADARIPUR, Sept 8: State Minister for Jute Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has called for making the mills and factories profitable through increased production by maintaining good relations between the employers and the employees, reports BSS.

Addressing a big workers rally in the premises of Hawladar Jute Mill here Thursday, Bhuiyan said repair work of the mill would begin from tomorrow and it would be reopened within a month.

State Minister for Information Nurul Huda addressed the rally as the special guest.

Presided over by Chairman of the Board of Directors of the mill Lutfar Rahman Hawladar, the rally was addressed, among others, by Kabir Hossain MP, Mashur Rahman MP, Engineer Atiqur Rahman and local pourasava chairman Khalilur Rahman.

Bhuiyan said the present government was determined to build an efficient and corruption free administration at all levels. He sought cooperation from all in this regard.

Nurul Huda said BNP under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia launched anti-autocracy movement for the last nine years. He said BNP struggled for changing the lot of the people. But he said, BNP was facing conspiracy and harassment after the formation of government. He called upon all to resist those unholy forces.

Later, the two state ministers visited Bangladesh Jute Corporation Office and some jute purchasing centres at Charnaghuria.

The State Minister for Jute said stringent measures would be taken against any corrupt practice in purchasing jute. He directed to give priority to purchase jute directly from the growers.

JHENIDAH, Sept 8: Sharp fall in jute price in the district has thrown the local jute growers into a puzzling situation, reports UNB.

No purchasing centre has yet been opened in the district either by government or any private agency threatening

further decline in the jute price.

In utter helplessness, the growers are selling their hard laboured produce to the local middlemen at throw away prices.

Jute is selling between Taka 230 and Taka 270 per maund in Sadar, Hatgopalpur, Kaliganj and Borobazar markets while it sold between Taka 260 and Taka 300 per maund a few days back.

It is apprehended that with the beginning of full season the jute price will register a further fall which will aggravate the economic situation of the growers.

District level agriculture officer Mozaffar Hossain told UNB that the production cost of jute has normally stood at Taka 400 per maund including lease amount of the land, labour cost and all other costs of inputs, thus growers sustained a loss of Taka 130 to 170 per maund, he added.

"Who thinks for us!," said Abu Taleb of Ghoramara village

of Sadar upazila with great resentment.

He said, "as we have no means, we are bound to sell our produce at a very low price which does not even cover expenses to transplanted aman cultivation."

Adding more on the miserable situation another grower Pear Ali of Kamankundu village of the same upazila told that some times they are forced to sell jute on credit and that they are subjected to a lot of harassment in realising money from the middlemen.

Farmers alleged that middlemen and stockists have been taking advantage of the situation and depriving them of fair price due to lack of proper marketing system.

When contacted local jute traders opined that the prevailing jute market is the impact of reluctance of jute exporters and millers at different centres including Daulatpur of Khulna who have no bank advance this year to purchase jute.

Youths urged to join development work

SIRAJDIKHAN (Munshiganj), Sept 8: State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka today called upon the youth community to participate in the development activities for accelerating the country's social and economic progress, reports BSS.

He was speaking at the installation ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of the Executive Council of Sekh-amagar Union Club.

Terming the youth as the most promising driving force, he said it was not possible to achieve the country's overall development without their involvement in various development activities.

He said the present democratic government had been making all-out efforts to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people. With this end in view the government had given top priority to poverty alleviation and generation of employment for the unemployed in its development programmes, he added.

Sadek Hossain Khoka pointed out that the present government believed in the politics of production. He, therefore, called upon all to strengthen the hands of the government in the national interest.

Rule of Law depends on democratic institutions

BHOLA, Sept 8: Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdur Rahman Biswas said that the rule of law would be established in the country if we could give democracy an institutional shape, reports BSS.

Addressing a reception arranged in his honour by Bhola District Bar Association at its auditorium Mr. Biswas said, all citizens have equal and unfettered right in the eye of law. But he regretted that the previous autocratic government had snatched away this inherent right of the people.

He added that the role and importance of the lawyers in social life would be correctly evaluated if the rule of law could be established in the country.

He lauded the role of lawyers in various crucial junctures of the nation.

Earlier, the Speaker addressed a discussion on "Referendum" organised by Borhanuddin Upazila Administration at the upazila auditorium.

Mr Biswas also addressed the district level officials at Bhola circuit house. He directed the local administration to take drastic measures to maintain law and order.

He directed the officials to work with devotion to implement various post-cyclone measures taken by the government.

Welfare plan taken up

RANGPUR, Sept 8: State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Tariqul Islam Friday said that welfare oriented programmes were being chalked out one after another by the BNP government with the support and love of the people, reports BSS.

He was addressing three separate public meetings at Jaipurhat and Badaraganj and Mirzapur under Mithapukur upazila in the district.

BNP government believes that all programmes taken up for people's welfare must achieve success by overcoming

all obstacles of evil forces, he added.

People are now politically conscious. Therefore, no political party will be able to take over state power by giving wrong and false statements, he said.

He urged the party workers to assist rural voters so that they could exercise their franchise properly in favour of their unbiased will.

Among others, the meeting was addressed by Begum Shahida Sarker MP, BNP leader Advocate Rana Sarker and Mr Nurul Huda.

Misuse of fund in road construction alleged

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Sept 8: An amount of Taka 40 lakh has been misused in constructing Rajshahi-Nawabganj road measuring about four kilometres under Rajshahi Division, it is alleged.

It is learnt that tender for work worth Taka two crore for raising the level of the portion of pavement stretching from Kshimpur to Avoya bridge was invited in 1989.

According to a source excess materials used for constructing pavement and matressing was not properly accounted for. Only a little portion of the materials was shown to be saved from the road construction. The excess materials used in the name of work will be worth Taka 30 lakh, it is learnt.

The local people protested the alleged corruption in the work done. But the departmental officer and others were allowed to continue work. The

Preparations for referendum in Rangpur completed

RANGPUR, Sept 8: Election Commission and district administration have completed all preparations for holding the coming referendum here to be held on September 15, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, district administration is regularly holding motivational meetings with the upazila chairmen, nirbahi officers and other concerned persons to help make total success of the referendum.

Election Commission will open 2,288 polling booths in 489 centres in the district where 12,27,608 voters would cast their votes.

To motivate the voters the Election Commission started distributing posters and leaflets in all the unions of the district so that large number of voters could cast votes realising the importance of referendum for greater national interest.

Cinema shows, rallies and meetings are also being held in every nook and corner of the district highlighting the importance of the referendum, official sources said.

Smuggled Indian goods recovered

MAGURA, Sept 8: District police recovered Indian goods worth about Tk 80,000 and arrested three alleged smugglers from Magura bus stand, reports UNB.

A police team headed by TSI Siddiqur Rahman raided a Dhaka bound passenger bus coming from Jessore and seized Indian sarces and cosmetics from the possession of the three alleged smugglers.

The accused were identified as: Nurul Islam and Abdul Malek of Kulara upazila and Samsu Mish of Motirampur upazila. The arrested persons were sent to jail here.

A case was registered in this connection and police investigation is going on.

Another reports adds: The Bangladesh Rural Development Advancement Committee (BRAC) set up a total of 15 primary schools in four unions of Sadar upazila its compulsory primary education and mass literacy programme last year, reports UNB.

According to project manager of the district, at least 450 students are taking lessons in these schools. BRAC will set up more schools soon to increase the literacy rate in the rural areas.

The source also informed that BRAC has formed 37 Samabay Samities and a total of 1,800 members are working under Swanirvar Samities in these areas. The members of the samities deposited Tk 50,000 as savings during the last six months.

Janmastami observed

BARISAL, Sept 8: Janmastami, the birth day of Lord Sree Krishna, was observed throughout the district by the Hindu community with due respect and religious fervour on Sunday, reports BSS.

Different religious organisations of the district organised programmes in observance of the day.

The local Dharma Rakshini Shava chalked out a month long programme including Puja, Sreemat Bhagabat Geeta path, religious debate, Kathakata, Kiran and Ramayan path.

The Ramkrishna Mission has also taken up similar programme in observance of Janmastami.

JESSORE

JSP condemns raid in Desh Hitaishi

Sept 8: In an emergency meeting on Thursday Jessore Sangbadpatra Parishad (JSP) protested the ransacking of local "Desh Hitaishi" office by the unruly elements and assault on Saiful Alam Mukul, the editor of the "Runner", reports UNB.

The Speakers condemning the incident alleged that the miscreants also looted valuables from the office.

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Sept 8: Police arrested two separate charges, reports UNB.

Ershadur Rahman, member of the Kaptai Union Parishad under the Kaptai Upazila was wanted by upazila court for non-payment of agricultural loan on a case filed by Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Kaptai branch and for criminally assaulting a maid-servant, the sources added.

The arrested UP member was sent to Rangamatl Sub-Jail from upazila hajat to face trial.

Forest official have recovered illegally extracted teak worth about Tk 1.5 lakh from some hidden spots near the reserve forest here.

A team of forest officials led by Manirul Karim, raided few hide-outs on the basis of secret information and recovered the illegally teak-logs.

They said that the teak was about to be smuggled across the border by an organised gang.

NARSHINGDI

Body recovered

Sept 8: Local police recovered a body of a young man from a bushy area in the outskirts of the Narshingdi town, reports UNB.

The victims identified as Narayan Shaha (28) of village Razard under sadar upazila came out of his house on August 22 and did not return, family sources said.

Next day his body was found hanging from a tree in a bush near the town. Police recovered the body and sent it to hospital for autopsy.

A case has been filed with local police. None was arrested in this connection.

MANIKGANJ

Huge arms haul

Sept 8: Local police recovered huge quantity of arms and ammunitions from a group of miscreants at Nehalpur village recently, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, local police raided the village where the miscreants were staying and recovered a pipe gun, a pistol, eight 303-rifles, three daggers and nine round of ammunitions.

The miscreants, five to six in number, managed to flee after being chased by police.

A case has been filed with local police. However, none was arrested so far.

Another report adds: Police recovered smuggled Indian goods worth Taka 50,000 from a Dhaka bound coach at Aricha Ghat recently.

The goods included 77 pieces of Jamdani sarace.

Acting on a secret information, the local police raided the coach coming from Jessore and recovered the contraband, which they later handed over to the local Customs Department.

Another report adds: A high level meeting of police personnel held recently at Police Super office to review the drive taken to curb activities of different underground outlawed armed hoodlums and anti-socials.

Additional Inspector General AHM Baduzzaman chaired the meeting in which it was decided to gear up the drive to nab the outlawed Sharbahara Party and Biplobi Communist Party activists.

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Assassuni UZ lacks basic civic amenities

SATKHIRA, Sept 8: Assasuni, one of the most neglected upazilas of Satkhira district with an area of 410 square kilometres (KM) is beset with manifold problems. The major problems are: lack of educational facilities, underdeveloped communication system, scarcity of pure drinking water, etc.

In Assasuni, there are 254 villages in 11 unions of the upazila with a population of about 2,35,000. No step has been taken as yet to improve educational facilities in 44 years. Only one degree college, 29 high schools, nine junior high schools, one girls high school, 65 madrasahs including two senior madrasahs, 140 government and non-government primary schools are now functioning in these villages.

The communication network of the upazila is the most neglected one. The condition of the existing 35 miles pucca and about 200 miles kutchra roads is very deplorable. Numerous holes and cracks have developed at different points causing immense sufferings to the road users.

The people of this neglected areas hope that the concerned authority will construct new roads to improve the communication system of the rural areas.

Scarcity of drinking water is the most acute problem of the people. About 60 per cent of the existing tubewells have been lying out of order for a long time. As a result the people have been using polluted water of canals, ponds and ditches. Mosquito menace is another problem of the upazila. Water hyacinth, stagnant

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It was addressed, among others, by Organising Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (N-S) Central Committee Abdullahi Qayum, Vice President of Dhaka University unit of Chhatra League Obaidur Chunnun and Vice President of Rajshahi University unit of Chhatra League Hasibur Rahman Hasib (Ex-VP of Suhrawardi Hall Students Union).

Colonel Taher Smriti Sangsad

Colonel Taher Smriti Sangsad, was formed recently at Kurigram in a meeting held with Mr Tosaddak Hossain, local USD leader in the chair.

Among the others, Advocate Abdul Jalil, Mr Motlubar Rahman, Mr Emdadul Haque, Mr Habu Akanda and Chhatra League (N-S) leader of Rajshahi University Mr Hasibur Rahman Hasib spoke on the life and activities of Col. Taher, in the meeting.

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