

Upazila roundup

KISHOREGANJ

390 held under Operation Doorbar

From Our Correspondent

Sept 11: Police arrested 390 anti-social elements including absconders and criminals and recovered illegal arms and ammunition from 13 upazilas of the district during the last 21 days under Operation Doorbar.

The recovered arms included nine pipe guns, 32 rounds of ammunitions, eight cocktails, 12 long knives, an axe and one ramrod.

The sources added that the arrest was made as per the list of criminals made by the district administration to improve the law and order situation in the district. But local people alleged that names of many innocent people have been included in the list and they are being harassed by the police. They also alleged that such people are being released on realisation of bribe.

They urged the authorities to stop these harassments immediately. When contacted, officers in charge of the different police stations of the district denied the allegation.

PABNA

Student killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

Sept 11: One Zonaid Ahmed, a student of Kamil of pourashava Alia Madrasa died in a road mishap at Pushpura, 10 kilometres from the town on Sunday last.

When the victim was crossing the Pabna-Nagarbari highway suddenly Nagarbari bound truck knocked him down injuring him seriously. He was rushed to Pabna General Hospital where the doctors declared him dead. The body was sent to Pabna morgue and a case has been filed with Pabna thana in this connection.

Businessman robbed

In another incident one Abdul Hussain, a businessman received bullet injury when a gang of robbers opened fire on him recently. The robbers looted Taka 40,000 in cash from injured Abdul Hussain. The victim was transferred to Dhaka Suhrawardy Hospital from Pabna General Hospital.

A case has been filed with Pabna thana.

MYMENSINGH

BAUEA executives

From Our Correspondent

Sept 11: A 15-member executive committee of the Bangladesh Agricultural University Employees Association (BAUEA) for the year 1991 has been formed with Md Idris Ali and Md Liyakat Ali as its President and General Secretary respectively.

Other office-bearers of the executive body of BAUEA include Dharendra Chandra Ghose— vice-President, Md Abdul Halim— Assistant General Secretary, Md Zainul Abedin— Treasurer, Md Jalaluddin— Social Welfare Secretary, Md— Mazru Islam— Cultural Secretary, and Md Jamaluddin, Md Hashimuddin, Md Abdul Khalique, Md Giasuddin, Md Sifatuddin, Md Hasan Ali and Shahid Humayun as members.

GHORASHAL

Minor girl drowns

Sept 11: One minor girl was drowned when a boat capsized at Hazipur on Meghna river yesterday noon, police said.

Sufia Khatun (12) of Shibpur in Narshingdi district died when the boat capsized after being caught in rough weather.

The boat was carrying about 50 other passengers who managed to swim ashore.

Body of the victim was sent to the Sader hospital for autopsy.

NETRAKONA

Flash flood inundates low-lying areas

Sept 11: Flash flood inundated most of the low-lying areas in four upazilas under Netrakona district.

A vast tract of agricultural land was submerged in the area during last 24 hours. The flood hit four upazilas— Durgapur, Kalmakanda, Purbadhal and Netrakona Sadar.

Talking to BSS correspondent, Netrakona district Water Development Board officers Monday said that widespread rainfall for consecutive five days and onrush of water from the Indian Garo hilly region, about 35 kms from here, had contributed to the flash flood

situation in the district.

All the rivers of the district registered sharp rise in different points during the last 24 hours, they said.

Among the rivers, the Suneswari at Durgapur point, the Kongso at Jaria point near Purbadhal and the Mogra at Netrakona Sadar were flowing a few inches below the danger levels during the period. The rivers are likely to cross their respective danger levels if the rainfall continues during the next 24 hours, they said.

JAMALPUR

Arrangement for referendum complete

Sept 11: All necessary arrangements for holding free and fair referendum on September 15 have been completed, District Election Office sources said yesterday, reports UNB.

Casting of "yes" or "no" vote in the referendum will take place at 1740 polling booths of 372 polling centres in seven upazilas of the district.

A total of 372 Presiding Officers, 1740 Assistant Presiding Officers and 3480 polling officers have been appointed to smoothly conduct the polls.

Hats, bazaars in bad shape

At least 150 hats and bazaars in 12 upazilas of greater Jamalpur district are in bad condition due to the lack of proper maintenance.

Inadequate space, bad drainage system, paucity of pure drinking water, erection of unplanned sheds have impeded the normal functioning of the hats and bazaars.

Most hats and bazaars go under knee-deep water due to absence of proper drainage system.

A number of unauthorised shopkeepers is grabbing space of the bazaars creating inconveniences to both buyers and sellers.

Local people have urged authorities concerned to take proper steps to mitigate their sufferings.

JHENIDAH

5 businessmen arrested

Sept 11: Five businessmen of Salkupur upazila were arrested Saturday on charge of producing adulterated edible oil, district Civil Surgeon office sources said, reports UNB.

They arrested Arun Kumar Shaha, Shantu Shaha, Sunil Kumar Shaha, Sharabindu and Sarajit Kumar Shaha who were making adulterated edible oil for a long time, the sources said.

Their bail petitions were rejected.

Upazila Health Department filed five cases against them in this connection.

FARIDPUR

Accident causes 8 km long traffic jam

Sept 11: The road communication between the capital and 17 south and south western districts came to a halt Sunday following an accident at Dhuldi rail gate, 10 kilometres from here, reports UNB.

Police said, the accident occurred when a loaded truck stucked on the Dhaka-Paridpur highway halting traffic for about 9 hours causing an 8 km long traffic jam on both sides.

Eye-witnesses said, hundreds of passengers, including women and children of night coaches plying on the highway had to stay on the road for almost the whole night.

The truck was removed with local effort.

Feni

Four sentenced to life term

Sept 11: Four people were awarded life-term and two others acquitted in connection with an attempt to murder case in Feni, reports UNB.

The District Sub-Judge Abdur Rashed Miah announced the judgement recently.

The court also fined Taka 9,000 each, in default they will have to suffer two years three months additional rigorous imprisonment.

According to the prosecution, the accused Jamiruddin, Shahjahan, Saiful Islam and Habibullah of village Rampur under Sader upazila attacked the house of Golam Farooq Loton and Abdul Karim of the same village with explosives on June 27, 1988.

Police after investigation charged sheeted against the accused persons.

Police arrested a man and recovered 20 bottles of country made wine from a shop in the Sunday night, reports UNB.



Continuous downpour has submerged low-lying areas in many district towns. Photo shows a rickshaw carrying passengers on an inundated road in Kushtia while others passing through knee-deep water.

—Star photo

Problems grip Sharishabari UZ town

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Sept 11: Sharishabari upazila town under the district is engulfed with numerous problems like scarcity of drinking water, lack of education, health, drainage system, good communication and recreational facilities.

Inhabitants of the town is deprived of all civic amenities. There is no proper drainage system in the town. The drains remain dumped with filth and garbage. As a result, water remains stagnant in many areas emitting bad odour while low-lying areas of bazar go under water after a slight rainfall.

The market of the upazila is in a very bad shape. The shops

and sheds are not installed in a systematic way. The existing shops and sheds are inadequate. The shopkeepers are facing many problems for want of space and adequate number of sheds. They carry on their business on approaching roads to the market causing much difficulties to both consumers and sellers. There is not a single shed in kutchha bazar. So the sellers are compelled to sit under the open sky.

On the other hand roads in the town are narrow and unfit for movement of both vehicles and pedestrians. Due to lack of proper care and maintenance, numerous breaches and pot-

holes have developed on many places. Even after a slight rainfall, these roads become muddy and slippery. Besides, roadside ditches are filled with filth and garbages and dirty water which become ideal centres for mosquito breeding.

There are two high schools, two colleges, five primary schools in the district but most of the institutions do not have adequate number of chairs, benches, tables, laboratory equipment, sports appliances and teachers. The Boys Pilot High School is so dilapidated that it may collapse at any time.

The high school established

in 1958 has also earned a great reputation in the area but it is yet to be nationalised.

Frequent power failure and voltage fluctuations have become a regular menace in the market area. Very often entire town along with the busy shopping centre plunges into darkness due to sudden power shut down.

Shortage of houses poses a serious problem to the people. Construction work has been stopped long ago both in public and private sectors.

Absence of recreational facilities make children frustrated as they are unable to

spend leisure time.

According to the sources, open and silted drains, derelict ponds and garbage dumped on roadsides help in breeding of mosquitoes.

The only hospital in Sharishabari upazila is also beset with a host of problems depriving people from medical care.

Beds of the hospital remain dirty and are not changed regularly. There is no X-Ray machine and ambulance in the hospital and even surgical appliances are not adequate. Irregular water supply multiplies the sufferings of the patients and staff of the hospital.

Students urged to make campuses violence-free

BANCHARAMPUR (Brahmanbaria), Sept 11: Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said the government was determined to improve the law and order situation in the country and establish a happy and prosperous society, reports BSS.

But, he said a vested quarter was trying to create indiscipline in the name of politics. He said one student organisation was destroying government properties by holding meeting and processions in support of the killers of Dr Milon under cover of this politics.

Prof Chowdhury was addressing a public meeting at

Civic amenities absent in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Sept 11: Deplorable condition of roads, absence of proper drainage system, lack of sanitation, poor arrangements of recreational facilities and mosquito menace have made the civic life here miserable, reports UNB.

Mr Rafiqul Islam said the

BANCHARAMPUR Dgree College here. The meeting was also addressed by State Minister for Labour and Manpower Rafiqul Islam and A T M Wali Ashraf MP.

Citing examples of different ideal educational institutions, Prof Chowdhury said better atmosphere in the educational institutions was possible if teachers and guardians take initiative. He said nationalisation was not the only way to improve the quality of education, rather the students, teachers and the guardians including the managing committee had to take responsibility in this regard.

Terming the students as the future leaders and torch-bearers of the society, Prof Chowdhury said the society was bound to be loser if they (students) engaged themselves in terrorism and indiscipline. He called upon the students to devote themselves to studies for building them as ideal citizens of the country.

Mr Rafiqul Islam said the BNP government was determined to establish an exploitation and corruption free society on the basis of social justice. He called upon the people to participate in the coming referendum.

Earlier, the Education Minister inaugurated rural tuberculosis and leprosy control programme with a call to raise mass awareness against tuberculosis.

The roadside ditches are filled with filth and garbages causing bulk breeding of mosquitoes. Even after a slight rainfall, rainwater remains stagnant on many roads for days together due to absence of sufficient drainage system.

According to sources, most of the roads within the municipal area are narrow and uneven. Cracks and potholes have developed at many points of the roads causing problems to pedestrians as well as vehicular movement.

Street lights are inadequate and a large area of the town plunges into darkness after sun set giving rise to anti-social activities.

Housing problem has also become acute with the rise of population in the township. Rented house is also not available with the increasing need of the people.

In the absence of recreational facilities in the town youths have been facing problems to enjoy their pastime.

The farmers should be motivated to use cowdung, green manure as fertilizers to increase production, an expert opined.

Balanced use of chemi-

Drinking water scarce in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Sept 11: Chargina and Charhalim upazilas of the district have been going without adequate drinking water, as all the water sources have been affected by salinity, reports UNB.

The two upazilas, having 100 miles of densely populated area need immediate installation of a sufficient number of tubewells to ensure sufficient and pure water supply, local leaders said.

Local people have urged their representatives to raise the demand and arrange to mitigate the suffering of the people.

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Later large number of unauthorised arms, ammunition and lethal weapons recovered by police in greater Jessorah were shown to the participants.

Earlier on his arrival here the IGP addressed the officers in charge of all police stations of greater Jessorah and other

IGP seeks people's help to curb crime

JESSORE, Sept 10: The Inspector General of Police, Mr Tayebuddin Ahmed, Saturday urged upon the people to help and cooperate with police in curbing crime and smuggling.

He was addressing a meeting of cross section of people at Jessorah police line conference room.

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According to prosecution story, Ruhul Amin and Shah Alam were crossing Bangladesh border with 19 pieces of Indian sarees. BDR police arrested one of them near Munshibazar under Sader upazila of the district while the other managed to escape.

Shah Alam has been tried in absentia.

senior officers of police department at Jessorah police line.

He asked them to discharge their duties with dedication and sincerity. Sounding a note of caution he said anyone found in fault would be severely dealt with. The meeting was also attended, among others, by DIG of Khulna and Superintendents of Police of Jessorah, Narail, Jhenidah and Magura.

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