

National

Upazila roundup

PABNA

55 fall ill after eating relief 'khichuri'

Oct 14 : At least 55 flood victims including 16 women and 10 babies fell ill recently when they ate relief 'khichuri' at a gruel kitchen at village Hashupur in Chatmohar upazila. The incident took place on October 6, reports UNB.

Md Ataur Rahman Rana, a local political leader of the upazila alleged that the district administration distributed polluted relief khichuri among the flood victims. He demanded enquiry into the matter.

Hospital sources said, food poisoning was the reason for falling ill of the victims adding that conditions of seven were serious. They are: Habiba Bibi (55), Jamshed Ali (50), Habibur Shaikh (32), Rahim Uddin (58), Mazirun Bewa (60), Habib and Abdul Quddus (40).

When contacted, the district authorities denied the distribution of polluted khichuri among the flood victims adding that they are feeding a large number of people for the last few days but they did not receive such complaints from other areas.

The authorities also said they have distributed Tk 1.5 lakh in cash and 64 metric tons of rice, 5 metric tons of wheat and other relief goods among flood victims.

GAIBANDHA

Minor girl burnt to death

Oct 14 : A minor girl was roasted alive, another one injured and properties worth Tk three lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at Purbakurnar Purbapara in Sadar upazila Thursday, reports UNB.

The fire that broke out at the house of local Awami League leader Mohammad Khaled soon engulfed the adjacent areas.

The body of the girl was sent to morgue for autopsy and injured Shukur Miah admitted to the hospital. He received burn injuries when he tried to rescue the girl.

Fire servicemen were reportedly manhandled by the angry mob for their late arrival.

JHENIDAH

Downpour paralyses public life

Oct 14 : The heavy downpour during the last 24 hours has paralyzed public life with unusual rise of the prices of essential commodities, reports UNB.

The incessant rainfall throughout the day caused much suffering to the people specially the working class.

Most of the day the dwellers were forced to confine in their houses and the poorer section of the people were hard hit.

Meanwhile, the low-lying areas have gone under water and thousands of people have become marooned. Many kutchi dwelling houses were also damaged.

Standing crops on a vast tract of land have been threatened by the incessant rainfall creating panic among the poor farmers.

Taking advantage of continuous rainfall, a section of businessmen have increased the prices of rice, flour and other essential commodities causing great hardships to the low income groups of people, it is learnt.

MAULVI BAZAR

DAB executives

From Our Correspondent

Oct. 14 : A meeting of physicians was held at Maulvi Bazar Sadar upazila health complex recently.

The meeting was presided over by Dr Shah Nurul Islam while leaders of central committee and Sylhet district committee of Doctor's Association of Bangladesh (DAB) attended as guests.

The physicians discussed their professional matters and problems in the meeting. Private and government physicians of the district also took part in the meeting.

A nine-member Executive Committee was also formed in the meeting for the Maulvi Bazar district branch of Doctor's Association of Bangladesh (DAB) with Dr M A Matin as Convener. Dr Serajul Islam as Member Secretary and Dr Shah Nawaz Choudhury as Asst Member.

RAJSHAHI

Marathon race held

From Our Correspondent

Oct 14 : Under the joint auspices of Rajshahi Lions and Rajshahi University Leo Club a mini-marathon race was held recently with great enthusiasm in observance of Lions International October Service Week.

The marathon race began from Jibon Bima Bhaban and ended at Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT), Rajshahi. Md Anisur Rahman, a student of class seven of Rajshahi College Gate School won first position while Kamaruzzaman of Shalbagan became second and Abdus Salam of Habibur Rahman Hall secured third place.

About one hundred students took part in the marathon competition.

NARAIL

Trader stabbed to death

Oct 14 : An oil trader of Rupganj bazar here was killed early yesterday by unknown assailants, police said, reports UNB.

Family sources said a band of eight to 10 miscreants with lethal weapons stormed the residences of Abdul Maul (35) at Kurigram in the town at around 2:30 am and stabbed him indiscriminately. He succumbed to injuries on way to hospital.

Family members said the assailants demanded money from the victim, but Maul could not meet the demand. A case was filed in this connection.

COMILLA

One jailed for smuggling

Oct 14 : A smuggler has been awarded two years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Tk 500 in default another 15 days in jail, reports UNB.

Mohd Emdadul Haque, Additional Sessions Judge found the accused guilty U/250 of Special Powers Act of 1974, and sentenced him recently.

The accused Abdul Khair along with some others were caught while carrying Indian sugar, turmeric, jira and two bicycles loaded on 7 rickshaws on March 19 last year.

A BDR patrol party challenged them near Monipur village and Abdul Khair was caught with the smuggled goods when the others escaped.

He was handed over to Kotwali police.

C'NAWABGANJ

Fish, vegetable prices up

Oct 14 : Fish and vegetable supplies have gone down in the local markets here pushing up prices beyond reach of the common men, reports UNB.

This was an unusual phenomenon particularly on the advent of winter when supply of both the commodities should be increasing, knowledgeable sources said.

According to sources, fish like ruhi, katla, singha, magur are being sold between Tk 60 and 100 per kilogram. Though it is the season of hilsa, the fishes being sold between Tk 45 and 50 per kg.

Among kitchen vegetables, potole is being sold at Tk 12 per kg, karola at Tk 12, brinjal at Tk 14, lady's finger at Tk 18, 'lalshak' at Tk 12 per kg. Potato is being sold between Tk 12 and 13 per kg.

SATKHIRA

One electrocuted

Oct 14 : Abu Bakar (26) of village Marka in Kaliganj upazila of the district was electrocuted Wednesday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the incident took place when the victim fell down from a tree and suddenly came in contact with live electric wire. He died on the spot.

His body was sent to hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with the Kaliganj police.

FARIDPUR

Body of minor boy found

Oct 14 : A body of a minor boy was found yesterday (Thursday) near Golchhamat area after being missing for a day, police said, reports UNB.

Family sources said, Subrata Sarkar (10), student of Golchhamat Primary School did not return from the school on Wednesday.

Later on Thursday, a passerby found his body lying besides a knee-deep marshy land with his books.

Subrata's family has failed to ascertain the cause of such dastardly killing as he was a new comer in the area.

A case has been filed.



STRUGGLE FOR LIVELIHOOD : Ring chips, a fancy food is in great demand in the metropolis as well as in district towns. Photo shows this young man ferrying the item carrying on his shoulder at an upazila town in Noakhali. — Star photo

Assault on newsman condemned

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Oct 14 : Journalists and leaders of different political and student organisations of Kamalganj upazila at a rally condemned the attack on Mr Ishaque Kajal, a journalist of Dainik Sylhet Kantha.

The rally was organised by Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity (BSS) Kamalganj unit at Samshernagar Chowmuhani point recently with BSS local unit President Mr Meer Liakat Ali in the chair while BSS Maulvi Bazar district unit President Mr Radhika Mohan Goswami and Sub-Editor of Dainik Sylhet Kantha Mr Ahmed Nur attended the rally as chief guest and special guest respectively.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Mr Abdul Hannan Chinni (journalist), Mr Sayyadapada Deb Roy (journalist), Mr Mafiz Ali (JP leader), Mr Belayet Ali (AL leader), Mr Habibur Rahman (CPB leader), Mr Samsuddin Khan (UP chairman and BNP leader) and Mr Helal Uddin (student leader).

Speakers at the rally condemned the attack on Kajal and demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits.

It may be mentioned here that Mr Ishaque Kajal was assaulted by a gang of miscreants at Samshernagar recently.

The attack was against the report despatched by Mr Kajal on the issue of a land dispute, which was published in the Dainik Sylhet Kantha, a daily

published from Sylhet.

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