Upazila roundup

SIRAJGANG

5 more BCL activists held on murder charge

Oct 25: Police arrested five more activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on charges of killing constable Shakhawat Hossain and ransacking Government office and property on October 18, reports UNB.

The arrested BCL members are: Hantfur Rahman Sumon (20), Shahin (18), Jhadu (20), Munir (18) and Nastr (19).

Following confessional statements by Sumon, police arrested the four others from their residences on Thursday. They were sent to Pabna jail

Shakhawat Hossain (30) was stabbed to death allegedly by the activists of BCL while he was on duty at a fair at the local government college

premises. BCL activists and police had clashed following arrest of Haider Ali, an accused in the Jammat leader Shahabuddin murder case.

BARISAL

on Friday.

NSB plan to sell certificates worth Tk 15.75 cr

Oct 25: National Savings Bureau (NSB) of Barisal district has taken up a programme to sell different saving certificates worth- about Tk .. 15,75,85,000 in ten upazilas of the district during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the certificates are the defence savings certificate, bonus savings certificates, yearly savings certificates, postal savings accounts, general accounts, bonus accounts, prize bonds, postal insurances and saving tickets.

Meanwhile, the bureau has earned Tk 4,33,57,000 by selling these savings certificates, the source said.

During the last fiscal the Bureau sold savings certificates worth Tk 12,76,98,700.

MYMENSINGH

Diarrhoea breaks out

Oct 25: Diarrhoea has broken out in all the upazilas of the district, reports BSS.

The badly affected upazilas Phulpur, Haluaghat, Gouripur, Iswarganj, Nandail, Mymensingh Sadar, Fulbaria Trishal and Muktagacha.

Hospital source here said 1011 diarrhoea patients were admitted to hospital during the last three weeks. Twenty nine patients died.

Besides a large number of patients were admitted to the upazila health complexes, the sources added.

SATKHIRA

BDR personnel asked to curb smuggling

Oct 25 : Director General of Bangladesh Rifles Major General Abdul Latif called upon all concerned to resist smuggling, reports UNB.

The Director General was addressing a gathering of BDR officers and Jawans at the local **Battalion Ground Thursday.**

He urged them to gear-up anti smuggling drive saying it paralysed our national economy and also asked to prevent the smugglers calling them national enemy.

Among others, Director of Operation Col. Shamsuzzaman Khulna, Sector Commander Col. Anwar Hossain and district Commanding Officer Major Monish Dewan attended the gathering.

JHENIDAH

6 arrested for misappropriating fund

Oct 25: Police arrested six people on charges of misappropriating fund of Taka one lakh of Moheshpur Pourashava Wednesday, reports UNB.

The arrested persons are two sitting Commissioners -Liakat Ali and Moktar Hossain and four ex-commissioners -Siddigur Rahman, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Hakim, Ayub Hossain and Poura employee Amjad Hossain.

Another accused ex-commissioner Fakir Ahmed died recently.

Earlier, the district anticorruption department lodged a case against the current Chairman Shamsul Huda Khan, ex-MP of Jatiya Party. He was granted ball recently.

JAMALPUR

Ganja recovered

Narcotics department of the district recovered a huge quantity of ganja worth Tk. 80 thousand from Dewanganj upazila recently, official sources said, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a team of the department rushed to Mokirchor village and recovered 30 kilograms of ganja along with a ganja plant.

A case was registered with local police but no one arrested so far.

Tk 13cr sanctioned

The Government has sanctioned an amount of Tk 13 crore for construction of culverts and hat-bazars in seven upazilas of the district during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Of the total amount, Tk 11 crore will be implemented for construction of 49 culverts and the rest Tk 2 crore for hatbazars under the rural development project. '

After completion of the project, people of the district will be benefitted to a great ex-

MANIKGANJ

One to die for murder

Oct 25: District and Sessions Judge M. A Rashid awarded death penalty to a man on charges of murdering his paternal father-in-law, court sources said, reports

According to prosecution story. Abul Kalam Azad of Nawabganj upazila of Dhaka killed Tofazzel Hossain of village Ramnagar under Shibalay upazila on December, 1989 following family enmity.

A case was registered and after investigation, police submitted chargesheet against the accused. The judge, after examining

records and witnesses

awarded the punishment to

Abul Kalam in absentia. Advocate Ershad conducted the case on behalf of the defendant while Salahuddin Ahmed was public prosecutor.

COMILLA

Hijacker held

Oct 25 : Police caught red handed a hijacker from Zila Parishad gate here Tuesday. reports UNB.

The accused Jamal (28) was nabbed while he was hijacking money from a pedestrian at dagger point.

tie was sent to jail hajat and a case was filed with Kotawali police in this connection.

KUSHTIA Contraband goods seized

Oct 25: Customs department recovered a large quantity of contraband goods from a train at Jagati railway station on Tuesday, reports

Departmental officials un der a Magistrate raided a Goalundo bound train from Darsana and recovered Indian made cloths, five hundred fortyseven kilogram of sugar two thousand eight hundred seventy five kilogram of salt

In this connection threepersons were arrested.

Improvement of sanitation system stressed

BARISAL, Oct 25 : State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Eunus Khan yesterday emphasised the improvement of sanitation system for prevention of diarrhoea and health status of the rural people, reports BSS.

The State Minister was speaking at a workshop on "improvement of sanitation system through educational institutions" here.

Jointly organised by UNICEF. Directorate of Education and Public Health Engineering, the function was addressed by senior programme officer of UNICEF Dr. Delwar Alı Khan. Kadoruzzaman and Deputy Civil Surgeon A.B.M. Jahangir Alam, Deputy Commissioner of Barisal Nurul Alam Khan

presided.

The State Minister said the present democratic government was directly elected by the people and it would take steps towards improvement of health status of the people through improvement of health services and sanitation system. He said the public representatives and teachers could play a vital role in this regard through creation of mass awareness. Diarrhoea could be prevented through creation of such mass awareness, he said.



RANGPUR: The recent devastating flood has left a trail of devastation in the district. Though the government has geared up relief work many a uprooted people have resorted to begging for their sustenance. Photo shows a hungry woman hugging her child in deep sleep at Rangpur Railway station. - Star photo

head.

RANGPUR, Oct 25: The District Administration has geared up relief and rehabilitation work in the flood and diarrhoea affected areas of the district, according to the Deputy Commissioner, Rangpur at the Press conference held at his conference room recently.

He said that 620 metric tons of G.R. rice have already been distributed and 1475 metric tons of wheat are under quick distribution among the destitutes in the district. Test relief works have been started all over the district to create job opportunities for the unemployed people. In this connection 2700 metric tons of wheat are being spent.

A sum of Taka 8,25,000 has been received so far as G.R. cash and another sum of Taka 15,50,000 as house building grant has also been disbursed. On the otherhand, 1607 cartons and 6006 packets of dry Saudi food have also been distributed in the flood affected areas, he added.

Besides, these normal

GAIBANDHA. Oct 25: Two

persons were sentenced to life

transportation for killing a

cloth trader Aftabuddin.

Another two persons were

awarded 10 years R.I. and

fined Tk 5,000 each in default

ered by Additional District and

Sessions Judge Mr N A

Shahidur Rahman recently.

Three persons were acquitted

brief was that victim

Aftabuddin of village Jagan-

athpur under Gobindaganj

upazila while on his way home

from market on 14-6-85 a

gang of miscreants stabbed

him with sharp weapons.

Hearing the hue and cry local

people encountered the gang

and caught two miscreants

sional statement police later

arrested two other associates

Kafi guilty of murder and

awarded them life term and

Zafar and Rashid were awarded

Durga Puja celebrated

festival of the Hindu commu-

nity concluded with the im-

Bijoya Dashami the greatest

SATKHIRA, Oct 25: A large

number of inhabitants of

Satkhira district do not use

sanitary latrines due to igno-

rance about health and hy-

giene. Due to absence of sant-

tary latrines rural people re-

spond to the call of nature in

the open polluting the envi-

survey reports, about 50 per

cent people suffer from dis-

eases caused by insanitation.

Almost all rural people defe-

cate in the nearby bushes,

canals, beels, rivers and road-

side places. Diseases like ty-

photd, para typhotd, cholera,

bacillary dysentery and other

According to the UNICEF

According to their confes-

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Sabed and Kafi red handed.

Zafar Ashraf and Rashid.

10 year R.I.

The prosecution case in

of the charge of murder.

The judgement was deliv-

to suffer one year R.I. more.

2 awarded life-term

for murder

From Our Correspondent

district.

V.G.D. programme is continuing with 31,350 kilos of wheat per month to the 15,146 card holders while a special V.G.D. programme for 43,485 destitute families is also under operation.

The DC claimed that diarrhoea epidemic is under control. According to him, 59 died and 8,466 have been attacked so far. A total of 89 diarrhoeal treatment centres are functioning in the districts and 74 doctors and 802 other staff are working in this centres, he told the pressmen.

Relief work by NGOs

UNB says : The non-government organisations have geared up relief and rehabilitation work in the flood and epidemic hit areas of the district. The areas are Sadar. Gangachara, Kaunta, Badarganj,

Taraganj and Pirgacha upazila of the district. Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS) distributed 12

metric tons of rice among 2,400 families and disbursed

mersion of goddess Durga. The

devotees paid last respect be-

fore the immersion of the im-

age. A total of 12 images were

erected in different parts of

Gaibandha pourashava. Bestdes,

innumerable mandops were

erected in remote areas of the

was held adjacent to Ghagot

25 injured in

Magura road

accident

25 passengers were injured

here when a speeding bus fell

into a road side ditch on the

Magura-Jessore road Saturday,

the accident occurred when

the driver of the Sreepur

bound bus from Jessore lost its

control and fell into a road

side ditch near Shemakhali

bazar under Salikha police sta-

ted to Magura, Salikha and

escape immediately after the

infectious diseases spread fast

spread of infectious diseases is

accumulation of waste prod-

ucts which are found in the ru-

ral areas. About 40 per cent in-

fants upto the age of five years

suffer from various diseases

due to unhygienic habits fol-

lowed by their mothers during

cooking and serving the food-

stuffs. The infants fall easy prey

According to the survey

only seven per cent of the

people use sanitary latrines

and rest 93 per cent do not

use sanitary latrines because of

specially to diarrhoea.

financial constraints.

Another reason behind the

All the injured were admit-

The driver managed to

Witnesses and police said

reports UNB.

accident.

in these areas.

MAGURA, Oct 25 : At least

On Dashami Day a puja fair

From Our Correspondent Tk 2 lakh among 4,000 fami-

Relief operations geared up in Rangpur

Under special VGD programme, 405 metric tons of wheat was distributed among 15,000 families with 31 kg per

Earlier, the district VGD programme began the relief operations distributing 200 metric tons of wheat among 4.000 families.

It has completed disbursing relief goods of 22,500 metric tons of rice, 13,500 metric tons of potatoes and 1,500 metric tons of dal among

18,000 families.

Another NGO World Vision distributed Tk 1.50 lakh among the distressed families. Another NGO World Vision distributed Tk 1.50 lakh

among the distressed families. Rangpur Unnayan Samajik Sangstha distributed per head 4 kg rice

and medicines among 900 families. ADRA, began its operations

three months back and distributed rice, dal, oil and salt District admn

office gheraoed RANGPUR, Oct 25 : About one thousand poverty stricken

people mostly women District gheraoed the office Adminfstration Wednesday demanding relief, reports UNB. The demonstrators who

kept the office under siege till afternoon, however, left the area following assurance from the administration to supply adequate relief to them within a short time.

Acute food crisis has been prevailing in the district after the recent devastating flood. The flood affected people alleged that distribution of relief is quite inadequate to meet the growing demand.

Bus hits tempo, one killed in Brahmanbaria

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 25 One person was killed and nine others were injured when a passenger bus hit a tempo and then dashed a railing of a bridge on the Brahmanbaria-Ashuganj road at Shahilapur

The dead was identified as Abdus Salam, 75. The injured persons were admitted to Sadar hospital and other health centres. The driver managed to escape. A case was registered with

Sadar thana in this connection.

From Our Correspondent

Besides, indiscriminate in-

stallation of shops has further

ket goers.

worth Tk 30 lakh among 4,000 families. CARE contributed with oral

and push salines, water purifying tablets and other medicines in the affected ar-

Karunamayee Kalibari Committee Rangpur disbursed 2,000 kg rice and 1,000 kg potatoes. Besides, Awami League and Jubo League jointly opened gruel kitchen at the district Awami League office premises from October.

Different political organisations, philanthropists, public representatives and individuals have been continuing relief works in the affected areas.

Kurigram

A BSS message from Kurigram states : Relief Co-ordinator of greater Rangpur district Wing Commander (Rtd) Hamidullah Khan MP yesterday visited Roumari and Rajibpur upazilas of the district and supervised relief and rehabilitation activities in the area.

Khan said, the government would do its best to mitigate their sufferings. He said, relief and rehabilitation programme would continue till next har-Meanwhile, relief and reha-

Talking to the people Mr.

bilitation programme is going on in full swing in both upazi-In Roumari upazila the gov-

ernment has sanctioned 136 tons of rice, 52 tons of wheat, Taka 3 lakh and other relief goods. About 12,200 VGD cards have already been distributed among the distressed families. Taka 1.13 lakh has been provided as house building grant. Work under test relief programme with an allocation of 173 tons of wheat is going on in Rajibpur upazila. The government has allocated as gratuitous relief 92 tons of rice, 14 tons of wheat, Taka 1.64 lakh in cash, Taka 1.03 lakh as house building grant and 60 bundles tin. Work under test relief programme with an allocation of 148 tons of wheat is continuing.

Tk 1.39 cr sanctioned for Pirojpur PTI

BARISAL, Oct 25: The government has sanctioned Tk 1.39 crore for the development of primary training institute (PTI) of Pirojpur district during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education will implement the scheme.

Of the total, Tk 74 lakh will be spent for the construction of women's hostel, Tk 11 lakh for the construction of residence of the Superintendent. Tk 7.75 lakh for the extension of administrative building and about Tk 47 lakh for water supply, electrification, sanitation etc. Another message adds:

Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) has sold 37,237 sets of low-cost latrines for Tk 86,44,240 in 1 southern districts of Barisal circle under "rural health development programme during the 1990-91 fiscal year.

The districts are: Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur. Patuakhali, Barguna, Faridpur, Gopalgonj, Rajbari, Madaripur and Shariatpur.

According to an officia source, 6,014 sets were sold in Barisal district, 1,942 sets in Jhalakati, 2,326 sets in Pirojpur, 3,899 sets in Bhola 4,201 sets in Patuakhali, 4,383

sets in Barguna, 4,489 sets in Faridpur, 1,947 sets in Rajbari, 2,778 sets in Madaripur, 3,414 sets in Shariatpur and 1.844 sets in Gopalgonj districts. The department has fixed a

target to sell 83,250 sets of latrines among the people of this circle during the current year, the source added.

Two shot dead by dacoits in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 25: Two persons were shot dead and another six injured when armed dacotts opened gunfire after being encircled by villagers in Chokoria upazila late Tuesday night.

According to police, the house of one Shahidullah of Mochkabhanga village was gheraoed by a group of armed dacofts at around 11pm. When the dacoits were trying to flee with several cows from the house, the villagers encircled them. The heavily armed dacoits opened random gunfire killing two persons on the spot and seriously injuring six vil-

Majority rural people don't use sanitary latrines

narrowed the space which has The Jhhowdanga hat and been in bad shape for the lack Patkelghata bazar under of renovation. The hat authori-Satkhira Sadar and Tala upazities did not take steps to keep las of the district have been the markets neat and clean. facing accommodation prob-They reliase increased taxes lem lack of pure drinking wafrom the traders and shop ter, absence of drainage system and conservancy services. For the last 25 years these

Heaps of garbages and fifths are always found in these hats two business centres were not polluting the atmosphere. expanded in comparison with There is no drainage system in the increase of eustomers and these markets. During rainy dealers creating problems in season these hats go under business transaction. The water. The people in the mar roads inside these hats are not spacious enough to facilitate ket use contaminated water from the nearby ponds and smooth movement of the marcanals as the tubewells there

went out of order long ago. These hats have no sanitary ple respond to the call of nature in the open space much to the annoyance of the people There are no dustbins in these hats and hence garbages are piled up on the roads blocking the movement of pedestrians. There are no residential ho-

latrines and urinals. The peo-

tels in these hats. Traders coming from district areas of the country have to face various difficulties. About 200 shops of these

two hats have been constructed in an unplanned way while traders put their shops on the footpaths and roadsides owing to lack of space in these

beset with problems load-shedding are the regular features in the pourashava area Most of the street poles are without bulbs or with fuse bulbs. Most of the time the area plunges into darkness

Pabna pourashava

PABNA, Oct 25 : Pabna

pourashava is beset with mani-

fold problems depriving the dwellers of basic civic ameni-

The poura area in plagued with the problems like de-

plorable condition of roads,

inadequate street lights, ab-,

sence of proper drainage sys-

tem, shortage of accommoda-

tion, lack of proper sanitary

arrangements, mosquito men-

ace, frequent power failure and

absence of recreational facili-

area are too narrow and un-

even. Cracks and pot-holes

have developed at many points

causing problems to pedestri-

ans and vehicular movement.

These roads become muddy

and slippery after a slight

Moreover, the drains and

roadside ditches are not

cleaned regularly. These are

the ideal breeding centres of

the life of the town-dwellers

miserable and it is impossible

to work at night. Students are

In the absence of recre-

ational facilities the youths are

crowding at the street corners

in the evening much to the

Moreover, power failure and

annoyance of pedestrians.

Mosquito menace has made

rainfall

mosquitoes.

the worst sufferers.

Roads in the pourashava

ties, reports UNB.

anti-social activities. The local people have urged the authorities to look into the matter and provide them with basic amenities of life.

after sunset giving rise to the

Notes from Rajbari

From Our Correspondent RAJBARI, Oct 25 ; Stray dogs are on the rise in the town creating panic among the dwellers. The dogs with scabby skin and various diseases are seen roaming every where in Rajbari town. Pedestrians can hardly avoid their contact while walking through roads and lanes. Besides, school going children become panicky when these dogs follow them

for food. Local people alleged that despite repeated appeals to the pourashava authorities nothing has been done in this respect.

Fish disease

Fish disease have broken out in an alarming proportion in four upazilas of the district. Fishes like koi, shol, magur, shing, puti have been largely affected by the disease known as ulcerative syndrome.

The affected upazilas are Rajbari Sadar, Goalundo, Balikandi and Pangsa under the district. The local fishery department has advised the people to spray lime water in the water bodies to control the

Power failure

Frequent power failure and load sheddings have become a regular feature in Rajbari town and its adjoining areas causing inconveniences to the dwellers and loss to the businessmen.

According to the sources. hardly a day or night passes without power disruption. Electricity goes off plunging almost entire town into complete darkness. Taking the advantage anti-social elements, have become active.

Snake bite

Abdur Rahim Mondal (10) son of Md Abdur Rahman and Md Jalal Mondal (7), son of Md Ramzan Mondal of the same residence of Bahadurpur under Pangsa upazila in Rajbari district died from snake bite recently.

Both of them were asleep in the same bed in their house when the venomous snake bite

No street lights

Lack of adequate number of street lights in the pourashava areas of Rajbari town is causing much inconvenience to the

dwellers. Most of the light posts have no bulbs creating problems to the pedestrians as well as to the vehicular movement. The whole town plunges into darkness just after sundown giving rise to host of anti-social activities.

The residents of the town alleged that the pourashava authorities even after repeated complaints took no action in this respect.

Mushroom growth of hotels and restaurants on roadsides in Rajbari district has long been posing threat to public health. Most of them have sprung up in lanes and even in bylanes amid unhygienic conditions. These unplanned hotels are also hindering smooth movement of vehicular trans-

Pesticides, fertilizer prices mark rise

MAULVIBAZAR, Oct 25 : Prices of fertilizers and pesticides have registered a sharp rise affecting the farmers in the district, reports UNB. According to sources, urea,

TSP. Muriate of Potash (MP),

gypsum and zinc sulphate are being sold at exorbitant prices in different markets of the dis-Market sources said, a bag of urea, TSP, MP, gypsum, zinc sulphate now sells at Tk 275,

Tk 270, Tk 220, Tk 65 and Tk 730 respectively as against Tk 245, Tk 247, Tk 205, Tk 55 and Tk 690 last week. The prices of pesticides have also gone up abnormally. Transplanted Aman paddy are being sold at Tk 50 and Tk 95

respectively as against Tk 42 and Tk 75 just before the sowing of Aman seeds. The government has taken up a road development programme to improve communication in the tea-growing dis-

The project is being implemented with assistance from the Asian Developmen Bank which is financing 90 per cent of the civil works. Fifty per cent of the work

has been completed recently but the entire project would be fully implemented in the next fiscal year.