

## Upazila roundup

### RANGPUR

#### 2 bodies recovered

Nov 3: Police recovered two bodies Friday from near cluster village Rajendrapur in Sadar upazila of the district, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Badal Chandra Borman (18), and Ajit Chandra Borman (20). Both of them were said to be friends. Police apprehended that the victims were strangled to death.

The reason behind the killing could not be ascertained immediately. The bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy.

A case has been registered in this connection.

### JHENIDAH

#### Minor boy electrocuted

Nov 3: A child labourer Bakul (6), son of Afsaruddin of village Halidhani in Sadar upazila was electrocuted Friday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the ill-fated boy suddenly came in touch with a live electric wire while he was cutting grass in a nearby field.

The body was sent to morgue for post mortem. A case was filed with local police in this connection.

### GAIBANDHA

#### Procession by distressed women for food, job

Nov 3: About 1000 distressed women brought out a procession organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Gaibandha Unit, demanding food and work on Saturday, reports UNB.

The processionists paraded the main roads chanting slogans asking for relief and work. They later handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner to press home their demands.

The Deputy Commissioner assured them of adequate relief saying that schemes under works for food programme have been launched to provide jobs for them.

### RANGAMATI

#### Polytechnic students go on strike

Nov 3: Classes of Kaptai Swedish Polytechnic Institute have remained suspended since Thursday as the students went on wild-cat strike for an indefinite period, reports UNB.

The students called the strike in protest against the closing down of Civil Engineering Faculty of the institute by the management.

They also locked the office, classrooms, laboratory and projection rooms.

The Student Union of the institute submitted a memorandum to the Chairman of Local Government Parishad of Rangamati hill district to take necessary steps to reopen the faculty immediately.

### BRAHMANBARIA

#### BKB exempts Tk 21 cr agri-loan

Nov 3: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has exempted Tk 21 crore outstanding agri-loan with interest so far since the government order on writing off loans upto Tk 5,000, reports UNB.

But recovery of loans above Tk 5,000 fell far below the target set for fiscal 1990-91.

Only Tk 34 lakh had been realised out of the target of 32 crore during the fiscal year which ended in June.

The BKB has instituted 2525 certificate cases on the outstanding loan of Tk 3.41 crore.

during the current fiscal year the bank disbursed Tk 43 lakh as against the agricultural credit until October 10 disbursement target of Tk 11.17 crore.

The BKB offers loan to agri-cultivators for cultivation of aus, aman, boro paddy, wheat, jute, potato, ground-nut and other winter crops.

### MAGURA

#### Youngman killed in road mishap

Nov 3: A young man was killed on the spot Thursday on Magura-Sherpur road when a bus dashed his bicycle, police said, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Mattur Rahman Mollah (20), son of Abdul Aziz Mollah of village Barinat of Sreepur upazila of the district.

His body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

### MAULVI BAZAR

#### Substandard medicines flood market

Nov 3: Sub-standard and spurious drugs and medicines manufactured by unauthorised pharmaceutical companies have flooded the markets here, reports UNB.

These drugs and medicines are produced in unhygienic situation, local leaders alleged saying worms, flies and fungus had been found in saline bags and injection ampuls.

A section of medical practitioners are patronising the sub-standard drugs, they said.

Many medicine shops have been opened in the remote areas without having valid drug licences.

The local people have demanded punishment of those responsible for manufacturing and selling spurious drugs endangering the lives of the patients.

### JAMALPUR

#### Stomach ailments, skin diseases spreading fast

Nov 3: Stomach ailments and skin diseases have been spreading alarmingly causing concern to local leaders and health officials, reports UNB.

Medical practitioners here said that a large number of gastro-intestinal patients have been reporting sick everyday.

Adulterated including milk, ghee and butter oil are sold openly in the markets and the people who consume these fall sick, they said.

Vendors are found selling adulterated food in front of the educational institutions. Local elite have urged the authorities to take stern action against adulteration of food-stuff.

### SIRAJGANJ

#### One commits suicide

Nov 3: Wahed Ali (38) of Kamarpara village in Ullapara upazila here allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree Thursday night, reports UNB.

Family sources said the poverty stricken victim failed to provide food for his family members for the last six days and finding no other way out he allegedly killed himself.

Upazila administration, however, denied that Wahed committed suicide for poverty. A case of unnatural death has been filed with the police.

Another Abdul Mazid (35), of village Tamal Paschimpara in Belkuchi upazila wanted by police in connection with killing his wife, allegedly committed suicide by hanging on the same day. Police said Mazid killed his wife Surjabanu on July 5, 1991.

After the incident Surjabanu's father lodged a case against Mazid and since then he remained absconding. The body was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy.

### MAJDEE COURT

#### PHE to sink 991 tubewells

Nov 3: Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) has taken up a programme to install 350 deep and 649 shallow tubewells in six upazilas of the district during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, PHE will install 168 deep tubewells in 3 upazilas under UNICEF programme.

Of the total, 86 tubewells will be sunk in Sadar, 60 in Hatya and 22 in Comariganj upazilas.

### RANGAMATI

#### 18 tribals return from refugee camp

Nov 3: Eighty tribal refugees have returned at Rangamati and Khagrachari districts from refugee camps in Mizoram and Tripura states of India over the last two days, reports UNB.

With this, the total number of returnees, after government declaration of general amnesty, stood at 290 rpt 290.

Twenty tribal refugees returned in Rangamati from the Kabodikhali camp under Mizoram. They were forced to leave the country by the outlawed Shantibahini activists one and a half years back.

Ranjan Chakma, Nishi Kumar Chakma and Nali Chakma, the heads of three returnee families told UNB that they were forced to engage in subversive activities by the insurgents.



Relief operation has been geared up in flood-affected Rangpur. Photo shows a minor boy carrying relief goods on his shoulder returning home at a village in Syedpur. — Star photo

## Train services irregular in northern region

From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, Nov 3: The train passengers of the northern part of the country are facing multiple problems owing to irregular train service. Some trains run four to five hours late.

The station masters of the Rajbari, Ishwardi, Poradah and Joypurhat informed that there is a shortage of manpower and compartments in comparison with the number of passengers. Some engines and compartments have been sent to Saidpur railway workshop but no positive steps have yet been taken to repair these for want of technical staff, it is alleged.

The Station Master further informed that he is compelled to suspend sometimes train services of Simanta Express and Intercity Express, 506 down local train and local train in the Rajbari section owing to the shortage of staff causing sufferings to the railway passengers everyday.

Most of the time the trains lack water facilities. There are

no waiting rooms in the railway stations for upper class passengers. The toilets on the platforms are not cleaned for months together. It is further learnt that the present timetable of the trains is not convenient to the general public and students. Lack of train services between Rajbari and Parbatipur in day time has created much inconvenience to the travelling passengers. The trains often run without first and second class compartments.

#### Accommodation problem

The first and second subordinate judge court including the district judge court in Rajbari have been facing acute accommodation problem.

The two subordinate courts of Rajbari district are housed in two small rooms. The rooms constructed a century ago cannot cope with present situation.

At present two lawyers can

hardly take their seats in these congested court rooms. Whereas 20 to 30 lawyers crowd everyday at a time to conduct their cases. The senior lawyers also do not get places to sit on.

When contacted President of Rajbari Bar Association told The Daily Star that the accommodation problem of the advocates could be solved to some extent by shifting the two subordinate courts from the main building to the court buildings lying vacant at the south and east corner of the judges court compound.

The sherista of two subordinate court is carried out in a small congested room where there is not enough space for keeping even two chairs for advocates to inspect necessary documents. The valuable records are kept on the floor for want of necessary furniture.

Several cracks have developed in the walls and roofs of the two judges court buildings.

## Kishoreganj-Bhairab bus journey hazardous

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 3: Journey by bus on the Kishoreganj-Bhairab road has become hazardous and overloading of buses often leads to accident causing untold sufferings to the passengers.

According to sources, the law-enforcing agency cannot

find out the drivers responsible for the accident as they use fake names and addresses without having any valid licences.

Besides, bus conductors realise excessive fare and often misbehave with the passengers. They do not maintain any time table to reach Bhairab from Kishoreganj though the distance is about 33 miles.

Local people urged the authorities to take immediate steps to construct sheds on the bus stand and take other necessary steps to mitigate the sufferings of the passengers.

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## Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, (RHD)  
Cox's Bazar Road Division

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

- Tender Notice No.13, of Executive Engineer, RHD, Cox's Bazar Road Division for 1991-92.
- Tenders are hereby invited from this enlisted contractors of general category of RHD, according to their financial limitation for the following works:

| Tender Notice No. | Name of work | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Category of enlistment | Completion time from the date of work order |
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| 13. | Earth work & brick pavement of Fultali-Kanchana Road at 6th K. M. (Part) under Cox's Bazar Road Division during the year 1991-92 | Tk. 7,99,211/= | Tk. 15,985/00 | A to D general category of enlisted, RHD, contractor. | 25 (Twenty five) days |
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| 3. Name of office of availability of tender for purchase | : 1. Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Cox's Bazar.<br>2. Executive Engineer, (RHD), Ctg. Road Division, Ctg.<br>3. Executive Engineer, (RHD), Planning and Programming Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.<br>4. Sub-Divisional Engineer, (R&D), Road Sub-Division-I/II/Dohazari/ Mechl. Sub-Division, Cox's Bazar. |
| 4. Name of office who will receive the tender            | : 1. Addl. Chief Engineer, (RHD), Ctg. Zone, Chittagong.<br>2. Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Ctg. Road Circle, Chittagong.<br>3. Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Project Control Circle, Dhaka.<br>4. Executive Engineer, (RHD), Road Division, Cox's Bazar.   |
| 5. Last date of selling of tender                        | : 09.11.91 up to 05-00 PM.   |
| 6. Last date and time of receipt of tender               | : 10.11.91 at 12-30 Noon.  |
| 7. Last date and time of opening of tender               | : 10.11.91 at 12-45 Noon.  |
| 8. Chargeable to   | : Road Development.  |

MD. TAJUL ISLAM CHOWDHURY  
Executive Engineer, (RHD),  
Road Division, Cox's Bazar.

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## Notes from Shariatpur

From Our Correspondent  
SHARIATPUR, Nov 3: Absence of a Agrani Bank branch at Damudya Bazar under the district is causing great difficulties to the people, particularly the non-government teachers of Damudya, Goshairhat and Vedarganj upazilas who have to go to Shariatpur Sadar Agrani Bank branch to withdraw their government benefit, money.

As Damudya is a old business centre it is connected with Chandpur, Munshiganj, Dhaka and Barisal in respect of business. The opening of an Agrani Bank branch will not only mitigate the sufferings of the non-government teachers of the upazilas but also fulfill the long-felt demand of the district people.

#### Cold storage needed

Poor peasants are incurring heavy loss for want of cold storage at Shariatpur district. The farmers are selling their grains at nominal prices. On many occasions, they cannot sell grains owing to bad communication system. So grains worth lakhs of Taka get rotted every year. Shariatpur is a food deficit district. To preserve food-grains a cold storage is badly needed in the district.

#### No slaughter house

Ill and tender cattleheads are being slaughtered in every upazila of the district. Cattle are not being sealed on proper examination before slaughtering. People consuming mutton and beef fall an easy prey to various serious diseases. Besides, the cattle is being slaughtered and in sold in polluted environment. There is no separate slaughter house in every upazila.

## 13 Shantibahini activists surrender

RANGAMATI, Nov 3: Thirteen insurgents of outlawed Shantibahini have surrendered to local security forces in Rangamati and Khagrachari hill districts after declaration of general amnesty on October 22, reports UNB.

Official sources said, 11 Shantibahini activists have surrendered at Amchara in Barkal upazila of Rangamati district on Thursday with 11 'home' made guns.

The are: Anil Kumar Chakma, Bimalleswar Chakma, Daya Mohan Chakma, Kabi Kumar Chakma, Luxmikumar Chakma, Dabana Chakma, Lakhya Chakma, Kala Choga Chakma, Amal Jiban Chakma, Bira Kumar Chakma and Rastik Kumar Chakma.

Another activist Mong She Pruc Marma surrendered with 3 kg explosives on the same day at Tanohangya Para of Sadar upazila.

In Khagrachari, Prabhat Kumar Chakma has surrendered with two mortars.

They said most of the Shantibahini activists now are willing to come back