

Upazila roundup

SYLHET Smuggled goods seized

From A Correspondent
Nov 19: The BDR personnel seized a good quantity of smuggled Indian sugar, rice, dal, onion, and jarda from two passenger buses on Sylhet-Jaliganj highway recently. It is reported that, they seized the said goods from Babuganj and Charkhai bazar while those were being taken to Sylhet town. The value of the seized goods would be about Taka 90,000. The commander of the 36 Battalion of BDR led the operation. A case in this connection had been registered with the police.

SATKHIRA Substandard medicines flood markets

From Our Correspondent
Nov 19: Substandard and spurious medicines manufactured by unauthorised pharmaceutical companies have flooded the markets of all the seven upazilas of the district. Local leaders alleged that these medicines and drugs are produced in unhygienic condition. Worms, flies and fungus are found in saline bags and injection ampules. A section of medical practitioners are patronising the substandard drugs, they alleged. Many medicine shops have been opened in the remote areas without having valid licences. The local people have demanded punishment to the responsible persons for manufacturing and selling spurious drugs endangering the lives of the patients.

FARIDPUR Shilpakala Academy AGM held

Nov 19: The annual general meeting of Faridpur Shilpakala Academy was held at its auditorium here on November 15, reports BSS. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur and ex-officio President of the Academy Mr Abdur Rahim. Sheikh Abdus Samad, General Secretary of the Academy submitted his annual report about the activities of the preceding year. The meeting approved a budget of Taka 2.82 lakh for the year 1991-92. Among others, Principal Mian Lutfar Rahman, Additional Deputy-Commissioner Mr SM Shahjahan and Professor Md Shahjahan took part in the discussion.

NATORE Cooperative Day observed

From Our Correspondent
Nov 19: The 20th National Co-operative Day was observed at Natore recently. A discussion meeting was arranged on the occasion which was presided over by Professor AKM Nazrul Islam, Director, Bangladesh National Co-operative Union. Mr Nurul Islam Proddhan, District Co-operative Officer, Natore, Mr MA Kashem, Officer, Bangladesh Co-operative Bank Limited and others spoke on the occasion. Mr Azimuddin was present as chief guest. Professor Nazrul Islam urged the government to establish a co-operative college at Natore for the extension of co-operative activities.

BRAHMANBARIA No slaughter house in Brahmanbaria

From Our Correspondent
BRAHMANBARIA, Nov 19: The illegal and scattered slaughtering of animals in unhygienic condition at different places of the district town and its suburb are creating serious health hazards. The old, sick and injured cattle, buffaloes and rams are indiscriminately slaughtered in and around the town for want of 'slaughter house' and meat are sold in local markets without any clearance of the Health Department. Moreover, this unhygienic meat is sold at higher prices in the markets. Beef is sold in the town market at Taka 60 per kilogram, mutton at Taka 75 which are 15 Taka higher than the fixed prices. A huge quantity of meat for daily requirement is supplied by the butchers which are kept in dirty places. The rejected parts of the slaughtered animals are thrown here and there which pollute air and causes serious health hazards to the public. The local dwellers urge the concerned authorities to open a 'slaughter house' to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

MAULVIBAZAR Smuggling hit local market

Nov 19: Large-scale smuggling has threatened the internal trade along the border of the district, reports UNB. According to informed sources, smuggled Indian sugar, salt, sarces and other clothes are abundantly available in the local markets which are also sold in the rural areas with impunity. Indian sugar and clothes have threatened the local sugar and weaving industries, the sources disclosed. Women and children work as carriers of the contraband on head-loads, bicycles and rickshaws through unrecognised routes along the border. Teenagers and destitute women are engaged to sell those goods in the rural areas. Bulk contrabands are transported on trucks to the big markets deep inside Bangladesh. **MUNSHIGANJ**
Dacoity bid foiled
From Our Correspondent
Nov 19: A dacoity bid in the village Balurchar under Sirajdikhan upazila of Munshiganj was foiled by the local people recently. It is learnt that six persons were found roaming around the riverside of the village Balurchar. The local UP Chowkidar, Sirazuddin, noticed them and along with the villagers challenged the gang but they could not give any satisfactory answer. At this, the villagers became angry and caught them red-handed. On information the Sirajdikhan police rushed to the spot and arrested the dacoits. Police recovered two pipe guns, one chaapat (lethal weapon), two Chinese axes and one live cartridge from their possession. The name of the arrested dacoits are Sadek Mia, Bhasani, Alauddin, Katur, Sukur Ali, and Jashim. All the dacoits hail from the village Ekuria, under Keraniganj PS. A case was lodged with the Sirajdikhan police in this connection.

BARISAL Pirates loot Tk 3.5 crore fishing articles

Nov 19: Pirates looted away wealth valued at over Tk 3.5 crore including fish, fishing nets, marine diesel engines and other articles from the off-shore areas in the first week of this month, reports UNB. According to informed sources, about 200 trawlers had been attacked and 200 fishermen injured during the period. In one incident which took place on Nov 6, ten miles off Mahipur of Khepupara upazila in Patuakhali, pirates attacked at least 23 fishing trawlers and looted away fish and fishing nets, eight marine engines and other articles worth about Tk 30 lakh. About 32 fishermen were injured in the attack. Four of them were admitted to Borguna and Patharghata hospitals. At least 40 fishermen are still reported missing. At least 500 fishing trawlers had moored at Mahipur, Kuakata, Andharmanik, Borguna, Taltala, Patharghata and Charduan areas for fear of attack by pirates. It is hoped that the anti-piracy drive by the navy would improve the situation and the trawlers would be able to sail out for fishing soon.

CHITTAGONG Sharp rise in silk thread price

Nov 19: The closure of over 75 per cent looms due to sudden price hike of silk thread, has rendered more than 1500 weavers unemployed. The price of silk thread has gone up by 50 per cent within one and a half months and as a result, the silk weavers had to incur a considerable loss. Before two months the Tana thread and 'Bhorna' thread sold at Taka 2000 and 900 per kilo respectively. But these varieties are now selling at Taka 2500 and 1500 respectively. But the prices of silk threads did not rise proportionately. Some silk weavers told this correspondent that a huge quantity of cocoons has been produced during the last season at Bholahat. The same

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thread is selling at a higher price in the Indian markets. As a result, it is being smuggled out of the country. The weavers demanded immediate steps to curb smuggling of the thread to India to save the silk industry of Bangladesh. Meanwhile, hectic trade of smuggled Indian cotton thread in border areas of Chapainawabganj and Shibganj upazilas is going on unabated. During the last four years several twisting mills have been set up at Ranhati, Ramchandrapur and Maharajpur border belts to legalise the illegal trade of cotton thread. The production of these twisting mills is negligible but the owners sell out a

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large quantity including the smuggled thread through arranged seals of the customs authority, it is alleged. Acting on a secret information, the BDR personnel seized 7,425 kilograms of cotton at Rajshahi Railway Station which the experts examined and identified as Indian cotton. This quantity of cotton was allegedly booked by the Sonarbangla, Ramna, Minar, Adarsha, Shanti, Subarana and Ekata mill owners from Chapainawabganj Railway Station. A case has been registered against the twisting mill owners, former railway Station Master and booking clerk of Chapainawabganj Railway Station in this connection.

CHITTAGONG Pabna Mental Hospital in disarray

PABNA, Nov 19: The lone mental hospital of the country at Hemayetpur here has been beset with manifold problems due to negligence of the higher authorities, reports UNB. The hospital's boundary wall has broken down at several points enabling mental patients move out freely. Villagers have also free access to the hospital and some of them have put up stalls along the collapsed portion of the wall. The hospital is without outdoor service where new admissions could be registered after preliminary investigation. The only ambulance and a minibus have been lying out of order for a few years and its washing plant has not been commissioned yet. Lack of adequate electrification is another problem of the hospital. The hospital plunges into darkness due to frequent load-shedding as it has no generator of its own. Water supply of the hospital is also irregular due to frequent power failure. A water tank and the supply line of 2100 feet established 30 years ago is the only source of water supply. Water leaking from the old and dilapidated overhead tanks, has been destroying the walls inside the rooms. Sewerage line of the hospital is also unsatisfactory. It has 4500 ft pucca and 2000 ft kutchha drains which have silted up and polluting the environment. **Gazipur Hospital**
Another report from Gazipur adds: The 50-bed Gazipur Sadar hospital is beset with manifold problems including an acute crisis of water

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supply which has stopped about 15 days ago. The tubewells which were the only source of water supply went out of order, hospital sources reported saying there was no fund for their repair or replacement. The hospital's boundary wall has collapsed exposing the inmates to security risks and intrusion by animals. Dacoits recently held a resident physician on gun point and looted cash and valuables from his residence. Among other problems, lack of ambulance and non-functioning of the X ray department are included. Major operations are referred elsewhere due to inadequate facility of anaesthesia. Local leaders have demanded steps by the government to properly equip the hospital and upgrade the hospital befitting a district headquarters.

CHITTAGONG Notes from Gaibandha

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GAIBANDHA, Nov 19: Two persons were killed in two separate road mishaps at different places on Bogra-Rangpur Highway recently. One Shaheb Mia, a rickshawpuller was killed when a speeding truck Khulina TA-1512 dashed the victim near Palashbari bus stand. The victim had died on way to hospital. In another incident one Abdur Rashid (35) was crushed under the wheels of a loaded truck coming from Bogra. The victim was crossing the road, it is learnt.

CHITTAGONG Rabi crop cultivation

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CHITTAGONG Road uplift plan

A massive road development plan has been taken up in the district during the current fiscal year. A total of Taka two crore 99 lakh 69 thousand will be spent for the renovation and development of 12 roads in different upazilas of the district under Rural Development Project-B, during the financial year. Under this programme, brick soling work will be implemented on Gaibandha-Nakhat-Gobindaganj road, Gobindaganj-Kamdia road, Birat-Kamdia road, Badiakhali-Jumarbari road and Thuthapukur-Nakdanga road. Meanwhile, the preliminary works for the implementation of the project have already been done and the foundation work of the project will be started soon.



With the advent of winter warm clothes have flooded the shops in posh city markets as well as footpaths. Since its a seasonal but lucrative business, traders in the district towns are not lagging behind. Photo shows selling of imported second-hand warm clothes in progress at Dinajpur town. —Star photo

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Shrimp culture hampers paddy farming

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Nov 19: Aman cultivation on thousands of acres of land in Assasuni, Debahata, Kaliganj, Shyamnagar and Satkhira Sadar upazilas is being hampered due to shrimp cultivation. Water Development Board. As a result, the soil of the paddy fields is becoming unfertile and paddy production falls short to a great extent. According to one farmer, before the shrimp cultivation he used to produce 18 to 20 maunds of paddy per bigha while now he is getting only five maunds of paddy from the same land. He added that rich are becoming richer while the farmers more poorer due to shrimp cultivation. The southern part of the Satkhira district which was once a food surplus area has now turned into food deficit area for the last few years. Bids are being sold without bandrolls in all seven upazilas of the district causing huge loss to the government. According to some sources, many bid sellers in the district with the help of the owners of the bid factories are selling bids without bandrolls. The consumption of bids increased recently following price hike of different brands of cigarettes. As per law Taka 12 must be paid as excise duty for the 1000 bids in the form of bandrolls. It is found that owners of the bid factories supply their products in the markets without bandrolls.

It is alleged that a number of shrimp producers in collaboration with a section of corrupt employees of Water Development Board cut the embankments to allow saline water enter into the paddy fields for the cultivation of shrimp rendering great loss to the paddy cultivators. It may be mentioned here that embankments were constructed in these upazilas by the Bangladesh Water Development Board and the then East Pakistan WAPDA in early sixties spending a huge amount of money to protect paddy from saline water. But with the emergence of Bangladesh, the cultivation of shrimp became much popular and profitable and a large number of people have started shrimp culture on large scale. The shrimp producers take the lease of the canals and ponds and paddy fields within the embankments from the poor farmers at a nominal price and cut the embankments with the assistance of some corrupt employees of the

Tender Notice No.11/1991-92

- Name of works : Bank Revetment work by C.C. block on right bank of Gumti River at Mithilapur under Gumti Phase-I Sub-project during 1991-92.
- Estimated cost of the work : i) At Mithilapur (C.C. block) (Gumti Right Bank) Tk 24,75,410/00
- Earnest money of the work : i) Mithilapur (R/B) Tk. 61,885/00
- Time allowed for completion of work : 90 (Ninety) days.
- Name of office from where tender documents will be sold : Feni O&M Division, WDB, Feni/Chandpur O & M Division, WDB, Chandpur/Gumti W.D. Division, Saktala, Comilla/Lakshampur O&M Division, WDB, Lakshampur/B. Baria O&M Sub-Division, B. Baria/ Sonali Bank, Monoharpur, Comilla/ Sonali Bank, WAPDA Bldg. Branch, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka/Sonali Bank, Court Bldg. Branch, Comilla/Janata Bank, Samabay Bipani, Kandiarpur, Comilla/Uttara Bank, Kandiarpur, Comilla up to 1.00 P.M. on 30/11/91.
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- Date and time: a) Tender receiving : Up to 12-00 hours on 1/12/91, 2/12/91 and 3/12/91. b) Tender opening : 12-30 P.M. of 3/12/91.
- Eligibility of contractor : Enlisted 'A' and 'B' class contractor under BWDB during 1991-92.
- Address of the advertiser : Executive Engineer, Comilla O&M Division, BWDB, Comilla.

Farhana wants to be an architect

Farhana Khanam Lata, stood 10th among girls in SSC examination this year in the Science group under Comilla Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education. She got 779 marks with Letters in 4 subjects. She also obtained Primary and Junior scholarships. Farhana wishes to be an architect. Her father Jahangir Alam Khan is a businessman and social worker of Comilla.



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Tender Notice Nos. 9,10 & 11/1991-92

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted 'B', 'C' & 'D' class contractors of BWDB for construction of different type of works under Madhumati-Nabaganga Sub-project and Pre-qualified contractors for construction of 5-vents RCB Daitola regulator under Chitra-Bhairab-Atra Sub-project of Upazila and District, Jessore during 1991-92. The tenders will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Project Director, GKIRP, BWDB, Kushtia/Executive Engineer, Satkhira O&M Divn-I, Satkhira/Khulina O&M Divn-II, Khulina/Bagerhat O&M Division, Bagerhat/Jhenidah O&M Division, Jhenidah/Dhaka O&M Divn-II, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer, Khulina O&M Circle, Khulina/Faridpur O&M Circle, Faridpur/Dhaka O&M Circle, Dhaka/Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Khulina/Sub-divisional Engineer, O&M Sub-Divn, Narail and M. N. Sub-Divn-II, Magura on 1.12.91, 2.12.91 and up to 12.00 hours of 3.12.91 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 hours in the above mentioned offices in presence of the tenderers who may like to be present. The tender documents will be available in Sonali Bank, Karbala Sarak Branch, Jessore-9, WAPDA Branch, Dhaka/Sonali Bank, Main Branch, Narail, Magura and Jhenidah and in the offices mentioned above except this office and the office of the Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Divn-II Dhaka/Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Jhenidah O&M Divn, Jhenidah/Sub-divisional Engineer, O&M Sub-Divn., Narail and M. N. Sub-Divn-II, Magura on cash payment (Non-refundable) @ Tk. 750/- and 400/- only per set respectively during banking/office hours on all working days up to 2.12.91. No tender will be sold on the receiving date of tenders (i.e. 3.12.91).

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