

Upazila roundup

GAZARIA
Daudkandi Bridge to be completed by 1994

Nov 30: Energy Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the construction work of Daudkandi Bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong highway will be completed by the year 1994, reports UNB.

He was addressing a rally at Bushia High School premises, near Daudkandi Bridge in Gazaria upazila of Munshiganj yesterday.

The Minister said the government had attached topmost priority for the development of the rural areas of the country.

He called upon the people from all walks of life to help successful implementation of the development oriented programme of the government.

Dr. Mosharraf Hossain said that the long-cherished democratic government had been established, after nine years' autocratic regime.

The minister said the peace and stability had to be maintained at all spheres of social life at any cost to consolidate democracy.

Deputy Minister for local Government and Rural Development Abdul Hali also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier the Energy Minister inaugurated Pura Baushia self-reliant model village.

MUNSHIGANJ
Village electrified

Nov 30: The electrification of the village Dharaman of Tongbari upazila under Munshiganj district has been switched on in a simple ceremony on Thursday.

The inaugural function was organised by Dharaman Bhai Jubo-Shanga which was attended by Azmeri Zaman Reahma as chief guest president of Dharaman village electrification programme.

The function was attended among others by former Union Parishad Chairman Giasuddin Ahmed, and former Chairman of Shimulia Union Parishad Muzulul Islam.

SIRAJGANJ
15 injured as transport workers, owners clash

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 30: At least 15 people were injured in a clash between motor workers and supporters of transport owners association today at Kutirchar Bhadrachhat, 5 miles off here, police said, reports UNB.

Agitated motor workers handed over injured bus owner Moksed Ali to the police. The clash erupted when motor workers forcibly tried to ply some buses despite an indefinite strike call given the Uttar Bongo Transport Owners Association.

The association called the strike from today in 16 north Bengal districts to press home their 4 points of demand.

Transport workers damaged the motor cycle of the bus owner Moksed Ali when he tried to resist his bus from plying at Bhadrachhat. A bus no. (Bogra BA-794) was also damaged at Kutirchar Bhadrachhat. Both owners and workers blamed each other for damaging the vehicle.

Later transport workers brought out a procession and damaged the office of Motor Paribahan Malik Sanity in the town.

President of transport workers association Abdul Mannan said this strike was "illogical" as owners did not issue any notice about it earlier.

On the other hand, President of the Motor Owners Association Abdus Salam said that they took the decision about the strike after the meeting on November 23. He also blamed the agitated workers for snatching Tk 26,000 from Moksed Ali. This money belongs to transport owners association, he added.

Tension was prevailing in the town and police was patrolling in main parts.

PABNA
Seven heroin addicts held

Nov 30: Police arrested seven alleged heroin addicts from different areas of the town Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said, arrested Abdul Raheque (28), Dawalazam (45), Shahidul Hossain Shahid (30), Abdul Rashid (28), Altaf Hossain (29), Mukul (25) and Chand Ali (32) were involved in different anti-social activities.

The alleged criminals were sent to jail hazat. Pabna police also arrested three alleged mistans from Teburnia area on the same day. They are: Shujahan (22), Shohel (24) and Kushum (20).

GAIBANDHA
Student stabbed to death

Nov 30: A student of Gaibandha Government College called some one a thief and paid for it with his own life, reports UNB.

Accusation and counter accusation over a missing electric bulb of the college led to a brawl between two groups last Tuesday.

An attempt to settle the matter by bringing the two groups together failed.

Kamrul (18), son of Abul Hossain of Thanapara was knifed down by the rival group as he strolled out of the Jalyatabadi Chhatra Dal office.

He was rushed to the local hospital with profuse bleeding but died on way to the Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Kamal was a member of the JCD local unit.

Different student organisations brought out processions separately demanding arrest and exemplary punishment of the killer.

The all party students union also brought out a big procession carrying the dead body. They demanded immediate arrest the killers.

MAGURA
Kidnapped girl yet to be rescued

Nov 30: A 16-year old girl remains untraced 25 days after she had been allegedly kidnapped from her village Digha of Mohamadpur upazila, reports UNB.

Mohamadpur police said relatives of Nabiron Begum, daughter of Abdul Hlaque complained that she was kidnapped by some miscreants on November 2 while returning home from a visit to a neighbouring house.

Police launched a vigorous hunt for the girl and the miscreants but no headway could be made in the last 25 days.

The investigation was going on but none was arrested yet, police said.

JHENIDAH
One succumbs to injuries

Nov 30: A young man succumbed to his injuries when a Jhenidah bound bus knocked him down yesterday, reports UNB.

The victim Abdul Rahman (30), an ice cream vendor hails from village Bhuyianpara in Harinakunda upazila of the district.

Witnesses said that a speeding bus knocked Rahman at the Hamdaha bus stand while he was riding a bi-cycle.

He was rushed to the Sadar Hospital immediately but died there in the evening.

Police seized the bus, but the driver managed to flee the scene.

A case has been lodged in this connection.

JAMALPUR
Sirajganj team defeat Kishoreganj in soccer

Nov 30: Sirajganj Khelwar Samity defeated Kishoreganj District Khelwar Kallyan Samity by 2-1 goals in the final match of group Gha of Shahid Smriti Gold Cup Football Tournament, reports UNB.

Organised by Dewanganj Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Jobbar and Bablu scored one goal each for the winning team while Muslim scored one for the losers in the match of the tournaments held at Dewanganj High School ground Thursday afternoon.

Dewanganj Khelwar Samity and Dhaka East Bengal Sporting Club will face each other today (Friday) afternoon in the final match of group Ga.

SHERPUR
Spread of stomach diseases alarming

Nov 30: Stomach ailments and skin diseases have been spreading alarmingly in the district and causing grave concern to the people, reports UNB.

Doctors said a large number of patients are pouring into the hospitals everyday with stomach ailments and other gastrointestinal diseases.

Scarcity of pure drinking water and consumption of adulterated foods and edible oils are learnt to be the main reasons behind the diseases.

Adulterated foodstuff including edible oils, milk and ghee are being sold in open markets, it is alleged.

Local people urged the government to take measure against the sale of adulterated foodstuff.



SIRAJGANJ: Erosion of the Jamuna has devoured a vast tract of crop lands at Meghai village in Kazipur upazila under the district. —Star photo

Shortage of engine, bogie hampers train service

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Nov 30: Railway service in the Western Zone suffers badly due to shortage of engines, bogies and mismanagement. At present only 70 engines are in operation at Paksey Division and another 70 in metre gauge at Lalmonirhat Division. The engines are used for carrying local train, mail-train, goods train, intercity train, shuttle train, transshipment and for shunting while 10 engines are now lying in the workshop for repair.

Shortage of bogies are also hampering the train service. Only three or four bogies are attached with engines which are inadequate for the increasing number of

passengers. So the passengers are bound to travel on the footboards, engine room and even on the roof of the trains. On the other hand passengers suffer much for want of clean toilets, many railway stations have no waiting rooms or sheds while others with waiting rooms have no sitting arrangement and latrines. Female passengers are worst sufferers.

Moreover, in many stations the passengers are charged one or two taka excess fare than the actual rate. The brokers collect toll forcibly, it is alleged.

Meanwhile, Mr. Fazul Rahman Patal, State Minister for Communications in a mass re-

Teachers, students fell insecure School building in shambles

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Nov 30: The century old dilapidated building of the Gopal Chandra Secondary Institute may collapse at any moment.

Risking the life, the teachers and the students of the institute have been attending the classes. But for unknown reasons the concerned authorities are seen inactive for a long.

The school was set up by an eminent educationist of the district, Babu Gopal Chandra Lahiri in 1894. The seven acres of land and a building of the school were donated by a benevolent zaminder of the district.

The institute once had a glorious academic and extra academic activities.

The school authority failed to do any development work due to shortage of fund and absence of government grant. The school authority did not even start the work of demoli-

Policy guidelines framed by govt-opposition to accelerate uplift

MAULVI BAZAR, Nov 30: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said here yesterday that the government was implementing massive programmes for bringing about overall development of the country's infrastructure and accelerating the production process, reports BSS.

Addressing a series of public meetings here, the Finance Minister said the execution of development programmes of the present democratic government would help overcome the stagnancy in all fields of development created due to wrong policies and management and corruption during the autocratic regime.

Earlier the Finance Minister inaugurated the second-story building of the Maulvi Bazar Government High School. Mr Atizur Rahman, MP and Mrs Khaleda Rubani, MP were present on the occasion.

The Finance Minister pointed out that the policy guidelines framed by a democratically-elected government and powerful opposition parties could help accelerate the current pace of development.

He said peace and discipline are most essential for bringing about overall development in society and all quarters, irrespective of party affiliation, should work together in close harmony.

Medical Assistants Training School closed for fund shortage

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Nov 30: The Noakhali Medical Assistants Training School remained closed for the last three years due to shortage of fund, reports UNB.

The school was established in 1976 with the financial assistance of the Netherlands government.

A total of 699 students were trained from this school between 1976 and 1985.

About 50 per cent of the total successful trainees were absorbed in different hospitals and various rural health centres under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The teaching and other staff are also paid from the government's financial allocation. But local school supervisors said there had been no fund for running the training course.

They said ten such training schools out of 18 in the country had been closed.

123 posts of primary teachers vacant
A total of 123 posts of Primary School Teachers in six upazilas of the district are lying vacant since long hampering primary education in the district.

Of the total posts, 19 are lying vacant in Sadar, 26 in Hatiya, 12 in Comiganj, 42 in Begumganj, 13 in Chakhal, and 11 in Senbag upazilas.

The post of one ATO in Senbag, two in Begumganj and one in Hatiya upazilas are also lying vacant.

No marriage solemnised in Ctg in 7 years!

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Nov 30: Believe it or not, none married in Chittagong town for the past seven years.

Not a single man was found in the port city who got married, a source of Chittagong City Corporation said.

An official told The Daily Star that not a single case of marriage has been recorded and no marriage tax had been realized though there is a provision as per municipal tax schedule to impose tax on marriages in the city at the rate of Taka five against the first marriage, Taka 100 in case of second during the lifetime of first wife, Taka 250 against every third marriage during the lifetime of two wives, and Taka 500 in case of every fourth marriage.

The tax schedule of the municipality was revised in 1985 and taxes were imposed on every marriage case in the port city.

But no tax in that head was collected by the Chittagong City Corporation officials possibly either due to negligence or lack of awareness about the tax schedule.

Consequently, Chittagong City Corporation which is facing severe fund crisis has been deprived of huge revenue income over the years, according to sources, a large number of cases of second, third and fourth marriages are available in the city dominated by local business people blessed with affluence who happened to have got married more than once during a lifetime of their wives.

The Corporation officials said they would start to collect marriage tax soon.

Dead men in voters' list

COXS BAZAR, Nov 30: The new voters' list of Cox's Bazar district for the Union Parishad elections to be held in January was finalised without dropping the names of those who died in the March 29 cyclone, sources said.

About 15,000 people died in the cyclone. The last date for reviewing the voters list ended on November 15.

The Election Officer of Cox's Bazar said not even a name was dropped from the list of seven lakh voters.

Meanwhile, different quarters in the district expressed their concern that the old voters' list would leave opportunities of malpractices in the election.

Each kit contains a mat, fibre-mat, bed-sheet, pillow, rag, ganjees, lungies, sandal, mosquito-net, sweater, shirt and trouser worth about Taka 1000.

The organisation, Samaj Jagorani Gosthi collected the kits from a Canadian donor organisation.

The kit distribution ceremony was attended by Professor Moslem Ali, Principal government Edward Collage, Mr. Richman, the Representative of Sleeping Around the World and some other officials and elite of the district.

Cattle diseases kill 500, attack 1500

BORGUNA, Nov 30: A large number of cattlehead have been attacked with diseases in five upazilas of the district putting in adverse effects on cultivation, reports UNB.

Villagers said about 500 cattlehead died so far in most affected Sadar, Amtali and Patharghata upazilas.

The disease locally known as "Khura roge" crippled the affected cattle making them unable to walk and eat grass due to infection in jaws and hoofs.

Another disease "Haemorrhagic septicaemia" locally known as "Galafula roge" has broken out alarmingly affecting at least 1500 cattlehead in different villages of the district.

It is alleged that since the outbreak of the diseases, no attempt for vaccination of cattlehead was initiated by the district Livestock Department.

Eighty per cent cattleheads are going back from the upazila hospitals without treatment due to lack of vaccines and other necessary drugs.

Farmers said necessary drugs like vesulog 207, Oxy-sentin 100, Pronopen 40 lac, Socity 1 powder, Strainacin, Tranamide, Vesadin, Indicare are not available.

An official of the District Livestock Department said that the virus disease were quite unknown to the farmers and the smuggled cattlehead are carrying this virus.

Another report says: Peasants of Raibhoge village in Sadar upazila of the district brought out a procession here on Thursday demanding protection of Aman crops from the attack of Tamuro virus.

Villagers said crops on 2,000 acres of lands of the village were attacked by the virus.

The processionists paraded the main streets of the town chanting slogans in favour of their demand.

They also submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner in this regard.

AL to start movement to scrap Indemnity Ord

MANIKGANJ, Nov 30: Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim yesterday warned that they would wage an anti-government movement if the "black" indemnity ordinance is not passed in the next session of parliament, reports UNB.

"People will start movement to remove this government if the indemnity ordinance (recall) bill is not passed in the next session", he told a public meeting at Shinghair, thana here yesterday afternoon.

He also warned that the future of the present parliament will be at stake if the ordinance is not rescinded and the government would be responsible for the consequences.

Nasim, also Publicity Secretary of the Awami League, alleged that the ruling BNP has resorted to delaying tactics on the question of repealing the "black law" that obstructed the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Such a black ordinance cannot co-exist with democracy, he said, adding it must be scrapped for restoration of rule of law and safeguarding democracy in the country.

The Awami League leader also accused the ruling party of politicising the administration by appointing its own people in different tiers of the administrative units.

After dissolution of the Upazila system, he said, the BNP is now trying to appoint its party men in the Zila Parishads. People will resist what he called conspiratorial move of the BNP government.

The meeting, organised in connection with the Russel Smriti Football Tournament, was presided over by Shinghair thana Awami League President Abul Kalam Azad and addressed by Golam Mohiuddin and soccer stars Tutul, Jony and Ishtiaq Roy.

Two women commit suicide

JHENIDAH, Nov 30: Two young housewives allegedly committed suicide in the district Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said, Sabeda Khaton (18), wife of Madhu Miah and the mother of one child took her life by hanging herself from the roof of her house in the town here.

Family sources said, she had been beaten by her husband on some family dispute.

Another victim Naspati Begum (18), daughter of Mujibur Rahman of village Shambaria in Shailakupa upazila committed suicide by taking pesticides.

She committed suicide due to unbearable stomach pain, family sources said.

Bodies were sent to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Two separate UD cases were filed with police.

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Tender Notice
No. 04/Post Flood (1988)/Ctg-Z/FD/91-92 Dated: 17-11-91

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from A-1 and A-2 class enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for construction of single-storey (new classrooms) pucca Madrasa buildings with construction of pucca toilet and installation of shallow tubewell including supply of steel furniture for sealed flood-damaged non-government Madrasas in Bangladesh under Post Flood (1988) Rehabilitation Project with financial aid from Islamic Development Bank. Other terms and conditions of tender are available in the tender schedule.

Tender schedule and relevant papers can be purchased from the offices of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, Chittagong Zone, Chittagong/Comilla Zone, Comilla/Sylhet Zone, Sylhet and the office of Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Chittagong on all working days up to 12-12-91 on depositing cash price of Tk 750- (Taka seven hundred-fifty) only (non-refundable) permission to purchase schedule can be obtained by producing enlistment/registration book to the proper authority; besides permission to purchase schedule can also be obtained from Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Circle, Chittagong.

Tenders will be received by the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, Chittagong Zone, Chittagong/Comilla Zone, Comilla/Sylhet Zone, Sylhet at their respective offices and at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong district by Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department of the district concerned up to 12-00 Noon on 15-12-91 and opened the same day at 12-15 P.M. in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Tenders received after the time mentioned in the tender notice will not be accepted.

Usual earnest money at the rate two per cent (2%) of the quoted amount and special earnest money at the rate eight per cent (8%) of the quoted amount in the form of two Bank Drafts/Pay-Orders from any nationalised /scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Chittagong Zone must be deposited with each tender. The right to accept or reject any tender or reject all tenders will be reserved with the Tender Committee.

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