Upazila roundup

KHULNA

Truck with 147 bags of cement seized

From Our Correspondent Dec 10: The Metropolitan Police on Sunday seized a truck loaded with spurious cement from Station Road of Mongla town.

Police said that non claimed the ownership of the seized cement. There were 147 bags of spurious cement in the seized truck bearing number Khulna Ta-217.

The driver and the helpers of the truck however managed to escape, the police said.

JAMALPUR

Former Chairman of Bakshiganj UZ arrested

Dec 10: On the eve of the half-day hartal called by Upazila Chairmen's Parishad, police on Saturday night arerstwhile Chairman Abdur Rab Talukdar of Bakshiganj Upazila under the Special Powers Act, reports

He was sent to the district tail on Monday. The hartal was observed in

all upazilas of the district quite peacefully. Transports were off the

road, while shops, business establishments and educational institutions remained closed. Train services, however, remained undisturbed.

GAZIPUR

Police recover evidences of murder case

Dec 10: Police recovered significant evidences of the sensational Selina Akhtar Bokul murder case from the scene of its occurrence, reports UNB.

Bokul (25), wife of Major Abdul Khaleq Miah, was brutally murdered Saturday morning at the third floor of her garrison residence at Rajendrapur Cantonment.

Gazipur SP Saheb Ali. Additional SP Mohammad Mustafa and other senior police officials on Monday searched Batman Manjur's belongings and recovered blood stained clothes belonging to

Earlier on Sunday, police recovered a bag of ornaments and money belonging to the victim from the Batman's

Manjur was taken into custody after he was found halftied from the flat of the victim. He is expected to be brought to police remand on Tuesday.

The victim's family sources denied press reports of her brother being involved and absconding, saying that he was all through present during the investigation and the Batman was giving misleading state-

Bokul, mother of Naznin (12) and Pallob(7), was married in 1975 to Major Khaleq who was posted at Rajendrapur Cantonment eight months ago.

JHALAKATHI

Construction work of 2 pry schools in progress Dec 10: Construction work

of two government primary schools in Naichhiti upazila of the district is progressing fast. reports UNB.

Official sources said the World Bank has financed the construction of the schools. Taka 22 crore will be spent for the project which is expected to be completed by June next

With the implementation of the project primary education will get a boost in the upazila.

MEHERPUR

Oil seed growers training course

Dec 10: A day-long training programme for the oil seed growers was held recently at Amjhupi Pulse and Oil Seed Farm under Meherpur district.

Thirty mustard seed growers participated in the training programme organised by Amihupi Pulse and Oil Seeds

Project. The inaugural function was presided over by Mr Ali Akbar

Election of the 15-member executive committee of Meherpur District Lawyers Association was held here re-

cently. Mr Abdur Rashid and Mr Akhtaruzzaman have been elected President and General

Senior Assistant Judge Mr Basudev Ganguly was present during the election.

PATUAKHALI

Work on 25 plans completed

Dec 10: The Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB) has completed 25 projects under Post-flood Rehabilitation Programme in Patuakhali district at an allocation of 775.83 metric tons of wheat in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the projects were implemented under the World Food Programme assistance.

projects in Patuakhali Sadar

The work of the projects included repair and reconstruction of roads.

TANGAIL

Freshers reception

Kumudini Mahila Government College were accorded a reception on Sunday at a function held at its campus, re-

cultural function participated by students of the college.

Dr Salma Banu, Principal of the college in her speech called upon the students to maintain congenial atmosphere for smooth progress of the country.

RANGAMATI

Ansar training course

Dec 10: A twentyone-day training course for Ansar has been inaugurated at the Bandarban district headquar-

Sponsored by Bandarban district ansar and VDP, the course was formally inaugurated Saturday by the Deputy Commissioner of Bandarban Hill District, Ataur Rahman Mazumdar.

In his inaugural speech the DC lauded the services rendered by Ansars in the remote and inaccessible villages of the country.

District Adjutant of Ansar, Roushan Ali delivered the address of welcome.

wo boys commit suicide

Dec 10: Two boys allegedly committed suicide by taking poison in Kaligani upazila of the district Friday, police said,

The victims were identified as Rafiqul Islam (16), son of Nawab Ali of village Sonatala and Fakir Mondal (16), son of Sunil Mondal of the same

scolded by their parents. They might have killed themselves out of frustration, they said.

Two separate cases were filed with the police.

CHANDPUR

clashes during hartal hours

supporters of Jatiyatabadi League (A-A) during a half-day hartal on Monday in Matlab upazila town, reports UNB.

The 6 am to 12 noon countrywide hartal was enforced by the Upazila Parishad Chairmen Samity protesting dissolution of the upazila system which was introduced in 1982 by the fallen Ershad regime.

Malek of Matlab thana, Azmat Khan (21), Babul Miajee (25). Babul Miah (27), Golam Rabbani (28), Didar Hossain (17). Alamgir Hossain (20) and Shoeb (22) were rushed to Matlab Health Complex with serious injuries.

Police and witnesses said the clash erupted when student wing of ruling BNP and Awamt League-backed Chhatra League (A-A) brought out processions in the upazila head-

with each other when they came face to face and chanted provocative slogans. Both sides used lethal weapons, witnesses

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. But none was arrested in this connection.

The hartal was observed partially in Matlab and other five upazilas of the district.



With the harvesting of Aman paddy during winter, rural women become active in preparing 'pitha' (cake), a favourite food item for their kith and kins. Photo shows a woman preparing pitha at a village in Noakhali while her child curiously waiting for the item. - Star photo

Prices of seeds high in Sylhet

Seeds at fair price demanded

From A Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 10: The Agricultural rehabilitation programme is being hampered greatly in all the three districts of Greater Sylhet region due to the high prices and scarcity of seeds of different rabi crops like, Boro paddy. wheat and others.

The unprecedented and recurrent floods had caused colossal damages to the standing crops in these areas several times. With a view to cover the huge loss. Agricultural Rehabilitation Programme had been taken up by the government. The farmers were due to get seeds of High Yielding Varities free of cost, but the

KISHOREGANJ. Dec 10:

Kishoreganj Railway Station

has been facing numerous

problems. Being a district

headquarters thousands of pas-

sengers travel round the clock

The condition of the wait-

ing rooms are very pitiable. It

is hard to stay inside the room

even for a few minutes for bad

smell due to lack of proper

cleaning. Very often the rooms

The number of seats is so

remain under lock and key.

to and from the station.

whole programme is being hit greatly due to the nonavailability and high prices of The poor stock of seeds

with the poor and marginal

farmers had exhausted during the floods, it is learnt. The government had sanctioned sufficient loans for the farmers under the Interim Post-flood Agricultural

Rehabilitation Programme in

Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habigani

and Sunamganj districts. A good portion of the sanctioned amount of loans may remain utilised due to the nonavailability of the necessary

Grim picture of a rly station

From Our Correspondent

small in the wasting room that

it cannot cope with the rising

number of passengers. The

goods shed of the station has

turned into a centre for anti-

social activities and den of gay

The station platform has

now become a shelter for

floating men and women. Most

of them are allegedly suffering

from various diseases. Many of

such families found cooking on

the platform. Moreover, they

use the space between railway

seeds and other inputs, it is apprehended.

One killed

One person was killed and five others were injured in a clash over the dispute of sinking of a tubewell at village Mullakata under Saidergaon Union of Chhatak Upazila re-

According to the reports. the clash took place over the dispute while the tubewell was being sunk a the border of the house of one Golam Mostafa. Six persons were injured in the incident of whom one died at the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital.

tracks as open latrine which

pollute the environment caus-

ing serious health hazards.
Journey by trains without

ticket has increased alarmingly

in this line due to absence of

proper checking. Moreover,

carrying of goods on the roof

top and in passenger coaches

have been continuing without

booking. Very often unscrupu-

lous employees of the station

collect high fare during sale of

mail and local tickets as the

tickets do not carry specific

rate of fare.

A case in this connection had already been registered with the police.

Annual sports

The annual sports meet of Sylhet District Police was held at the police line field re-

Enamul Haque, inaugurated the occasion in presence of a large gathering. In total 70 participants took

Inspector-General of Police,

part in 22 events of the competition.

Mrs Anamika Haque Lily. wife of the IG distributed prizes among the winners of different events.

training camp

KUSHTIA. Dec 10: The Ninth Annual National Lathikhela Training Camp concluded at Majampur here to-

Syed Hafiz Ahmed, Deputy Kushtia attended the function as special guest. Mr. Abul over the function.

About 500 people from all over the country participated in the training camp.

One commits suicide

legedly committed suicide under the wheels of shuttle train Wednesday night near the court house station here.

thousand and one note book.

Death anniversary

of Begum Rabeya will be observed on December 12 (Thursday), says a Press release of the Rabeya Kabir Begum Rabeya Mahila

College and Kabiruddin Fazil Senior Madrasha have arranged Khatm-e-Quran, milad mahfils and discussion meet-

held at the Daspara Jame Mosque.

Begum.

Lathikhela

day, reports BSS.

Commissioner, Kushtia inaugurated the camp as the chief guest on Thursday. Mr. Abu Bakar Siddique, Police Super, Bashar, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Kushtia Sadar presided

Police recovered Taka one

The 33rd death anniversary

Kalyan Trust.

A milad mahfil will also be

has urged all to pray for the departed soul of late Rabeya

concludes

One youngman (28) al-

The Rabeya Kalyan Trust

Fishermen seek

financial assistance

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Dec 10: About

7500 fishermen of seven

upazilas of the district have

been facing problems in carry-

ing out their age-old profes-

sion due acute scarcity of fund

and price hike of the fishing

net is being sold throughout

the district at about Taka one

lakh which is beyond the pur-

chasing capacity of the poor

men have also fallen as the

quantity fish in the water bod-

ies has decreased considerably.

Sometimes the fishermen find

it difficult to earn their liveli-

hood even. As a result, the

fishermen are becoming

A number of fishermen told

this correspondent that the

fishermen are hard-hit by the

interferences of the local in-

other water bodies are being

leased out to non-fishermen.

The wealthy persons of the lo-

cality are also taking advantage

of the fishermen's pecuniary

Cornea grafted

From A Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 10 : A

cornea was grafted in the

eye of one Nabi Hossain, a

blind man at the Sylhet

MAG Osmany Medical

College Hospital on

December 5 last under the

auspices of leal unit of the

Sandhani National Eye

Chowdhury performed the

operation. The six-member

team of surgeons included.

Dr. M.M Arif, Dr. Moshahid

Tahakur, Dr. Anwar

Hossain, Dr. M.A. Wadud

and Dr. Motassir Ali. The

cornea was collected from

an unclaimed body of one

Subodh who died in the

hospital on the same day.

Prof. Nurul Ambia

Donation Society.

The jalmahals, beels and

poorer day by day.

fluencial people.

condition.

The earning of the fisher-

A fishing boat along with a

appliances.

fishermen.

ermen complained. The concerned authorities have been urged to take necessary action regarding this and provide financial assistance to them to help them continue their profession.

The entry of non-fishermen

Besides, genuine fishermen

in the profession has also in-

creased the crisis to a great

are prevented from catching

fish by hired maastans who

forcibly take away their boats

and nets, some leading fish-

Reception

The Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, Shaikh Razzak Ali has called for united efforts of the government and the opposition to streamline and strengthen the newly born parliamentary democracy for economic emancipation of the people.

He was addressing a reception accorded to him by the students, teachers and managing committee of Satkhira P N High School held at the school premises re-

Hotel boarder commits suicide at Chandpur

CHANDPUR, Dec 10: A border of Gazi Residential Hotel in the town here allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of the fan Tuesday night, police said, reports UNB.

Hotel sources said, the victim Md Hantf (25), son of late Md Anwar of Mirpur 1, Dhaka, rented a single room of the hotel on Monday night.

On the following night at about pm. the hotel boy while knocking the door of the border got no reply. Suspecting something unusual he informed the matter to the hotel Manager.

Toll collectors active

2 shopowners stabbed to death at Pabna Md. Abdul Hye (60) son of

PABNA. Dec 10 : Two businessmen of the town were stabbed by some toll collectors at Kalachandpara area here Thursday evening after they refused to pay, police said, reports UNB.

According to police, a group of five "maastans" came to a shop and demanded Taka 10,000 from the shopowner Md Shahidul Haque.

When the shopowner expressed his inability to oblige them the 'maastans' got furious and stabbed Shahidul Haque and his brother Akkas

The injured businessmen were rushed to Dhaka PS Hospital in a critical condition. A case was filed with Pabna police in this connection but no one has so far been

arrested. About 200 people gheraoed a local bidi factory at Shalgharia and seized 72,000 bidi without revenue ticket worth about Taka 10,000 on

Thursday noon. They handed over the seized bidi to the local customs

Superintendent of Pabna Customs and Excise Md Mirza Mattur Rahman told UNB that a case had been filed against the owner of the bidi factory for trying to evade government

Local people alleged that some employees of the Customs Department were also involved in such corrupt practices. Our Correspondent from

Pabna adds : A businessman

was run over by a speeding bus

and died later at Pabna Sadar

Hospital.

Haran Khan of Sonatala Union under Sadar Upazila was run over by the bus on November 27. He was transferred to the hospital immediately with serious injuries where he died. The killer bus fled away

after the incident. A case has been registered with the Pabna thana in this connection.

The biennial conference of the Pabna Unit of Bangladesh Gono-Shilpa Sangstha was held here at the Bonomali Auditorium recently.

An eminent poet, Omar Ali inaugurated the conference. A colourful procession and a discussion meeting were also

organised on the occasion.

Blood bank set up at Gaibandha

GAIBANDHA, Dec 10: A blood bank, long destred, has been set-up at Gaibandha Modernised Hospital, reports

Dr MA Mazed, Principal of

the Rangpur Medical College

(RMC) inaugurated the blood

bank Wednesday under the auspices of Shandhani Donor Principal of the modernised hospital Giasuddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner Abul

were present on the occasion. Twenty people donated blood on the occasion while 54 others committed to donate

Bashar and SP Abdul Bart Mia

order situation alarming in Jhenidah Law,

JHENIDAH, Dec 10 Deteriorating law and order situation in the district has cast serious doubts on peaceful holding of Union Parishad

camp is observing an operation.

Local BNP, AL and other party leaders as well as police and administration officials admitted to UNB without hesitation that the situation worsened after the killing of a prospective UP election candidate on November 27.

Abdul Hakim Khan of village Kaluhati in Sadar Upazila was gunned down as he was preparing for contesting election of Chairman. There was another murder in the same Informed sources said, five

out of six upazila of the district

were now infested by armed

thugs who identify themselves

as workers of outlawed politi-

cal groups. The upazila include

Jhenidah Sadar, Shailakupa, Harinakunda, Kaliganj and

PABNA: Pabna Pioneer Club and Pabna Lions Club recently organised a week-long eye

camp. Mr Fazlur Rahman Patal, State Minister for Communications who inaugurated the

Biplobi Communist Party (Haque group) are said to be active in the area. Villagers are compelled to

In most cases, the armed political activists are called in by one group of villagers to punish the rival group at the whim of the influential headmen. When police comes one group of villagers accuse the other group leaving the real culprits, the armed thugs, undacoity, extortion and other criminal activities have be come rampant throughout the

- Star photo

ber were injured by the armed groups during 11 months of this year. Most of the victims had no direct involvement with the armed groups. The incident on the eve of submission of nomination pa-

pers triggered a sense of insecurity and doubts among the probable candidates about holding of a free and fair elections. Many of the eligible neutral and popular leaders have stayed out of the contest and some others have moved from their villages to the urban When contacted Moshiur

order situation in Jhenidah deteriorated by the sudden spurt in the activities of the outlawed armed groups. He called upon the law enforcing agencies to take effective measures for the security of the candi-

District NAP and President District Bar Association termed the law and order situation as alarming adding that the UP election would be influenced by the outlawed armed groups. He said that the voters might be forced by the armed groups to cast their votes in favour of their chosen candidates or the candidates who would be able to manage

Motiar Rahman Secretary of Jhenidah District Awami Legue said the law enforcing agencies were "extremely ineffective".

When contacted a senior police officer admitted that

the armed thugs expanded their activities in the rural areas of the district.

He said that the armed groups were being patronised by the local influential people including UP Chairman and members for their personal gains and to bring their rivals to book making it difficult for police to root out the miscre-

He further said that the people did not want to cooperate with the police out of fear of the miscreants and without close cooperation of the local people it is hardly possible to combat the miscreants. He, however, said the po-

lice force were sufficient to keep the law and order under control during elections as the polls will be staggered and not held on a single day.

Another reports says : At

tured, one of them seriously. when two rival student groups clashed in Kaliganj Upazila of the district on Monday. Kabir, a student of local

on Monday morning. Kabir was admitted to the

Upazila Health Complex while three others were released

sued when a cracker was thrown in front of a procession of JCD while it was passing by the local Chhatra League office The clash could be the

backlash of a incident last Sunday in which JCD activists had ransacked the local BCL

Mahatab Uddin Degree College and activist of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), was seriously injured in the clash between JCD and Awami Leaguebacked Chhatra League (S-A)

blood.

after first-aid Sources said the clash en-

office, local people believe.

reports BSS.

Sarkar, Deputy Director Agriculture (Oil Seed).

Secretary respectively.

Of the total, 65 metric tons of wheat were allocated for the implementation of two projects in Bauphal upazila. 126.89 metric tons for four projects in Dashamina, 112.44 metric tons for four projects in Galachipa, 62.24 metric tons for two projects in Kalapara, 177.19 metric tons for five projects in Mirjagonj and 231.96 metric tons for eight

Dec 10: Freshers of

The programme include

ters, reports UNB.

reports UNB.

Family sources said they used to spend time watching films on video, TV and cinema for which they were always

20 held for

Dec 10: At least 20 people, including a police officer, were injured in a clash between the Chhatra Dal and Chhatra

Police Sub-Inspector Abdul

quarters during hartal hours. The two groups clashed

Kotchandpur. Mainly two armed political groups - Sharbahara Party and elections next month, reports

> align themselves with either of the two parties - very often coming into clash resulting in loss of lives and property.

This process force the students and youths to go underground and ultimately join one

group or the other

Consequently, killing, looting,

According to police records, about 43 people were killed and a considerable num-

areas for security.

Rahman local MP and Convenor of Jhenidah District BNP told UNB that the law and

Tofazzel Hossain Secretary,

least four students were in-

at about 11 am.