

Upazila roundup

PATUAKHALI

16 arrested, trawler seized

Dec 14 : Bangladesh Navy arrested 16 persons from a trawler moving suspiciously in the Bay of Bengal, eight miles off Kuakata coast in the district, reports UNB.

They also have seized the trawler.

It is learnt, that two of the four suspects arrested on November 30, are now being interrogated by police.

According to reliable source, an organised gang patronised by an influential person of Mahipur of Patuakhali District has been engaged in piracy in the area.

PABNA

Cattle lifting rampant

Dec 14 : Cattle lifting has become rampant and creating widespread anxiety among the farmers in seven upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

The upazilas are : Bera, Santia, Sujanagar, Chatmohan, Vangura, Faridpur and Pabna Sadar upazilas.

A total of 75 cows were stolen and skins of 22 cows were flayed during last 20 days.

Local leaders alleged that an organised gang of lifters backed by some unscrupulous traders have been carrying on this activities in the villages.

Farmers said most of them were spending nights in the cowsheds to protect their pets. In some cases, cattle lifters demanded ransom from the owners for releasing the stolen animal.

Authorities have been approached to take necessary measures to control the situation immediately.

FARIDPUR

Mother, son contest for same seat

Dec 14 : A widow mother will contest against her son for chairmanship in the ensuing Union Parishad election in Meghcham under Madhukhali Upazila of the district, reports UNB.

District Election Office sources said, both Shahida Begum and her son Skeikh Kabirul Alam filed their nomination papers.

Kabirul is the present Chairman of the said union.

Sources said, Shahida Begum is contesting against her son protesting misuse and misappropriation of power by her son.

RANGPUR

3 persons of one family killed in road mishap

Dec 14 : Three members of a family died on the spot and 5 others were injured when a Rangpur bound jeep collided with a truck Wednesday afternoon on Rangpur-Dinajpur Highway, police said, reports UNB.

Witnesses said, the accident occurred when the jeep carrying Arshad (15), Kobra Khatun (35) and Khalil (30) of the same family were going to Rangpur Medical College Hospital was rammed by a speeding truck.

They were going to the hospital for treatment of Arshad.

Other passengers of the jeep, who were seriously injured in the accident, were rushed to Saidpur Upazila Health Complex, police said.

A case was filed in this connection.

CHANDPUR

Ershad Mukti Dibash observed

Dec 14 : Ershad Mukti Dibash was observed here Thursday demanding immediate release of the deposed President, reports UNB.

District unit of Jatiya Party held a rally on the occasion at the local Baitul Amin Mosque. It was presided by convenor Mahubul Haque Patwary.

Speakers at the rally severely criticised the government for keeping Ershad in jail and warned that they would launch a greater movement if their leader was not released immediately.

They also criticised government decision to repeal Upazila System saying that it had brought wide range of changes in the socio-economic condition of the rural people.

Later they brought out a procession which paraded the main streets of the town.

Reports from Jhainadish said district unit of JP also arranged similar programmes to observe the day.

RANGAMATI

Tk 6 lakh timber seized

Dec 14 : Forest officials have seized illegal timbers and furniture worth about Taka six lakh in separate raids within a week, reports UNB.

Police arrested 12 alleged wood pilferers and smugglers in this connection.

The arrested persons are : Fazlul Haque, Abdul Momin, Dattza Shakma, Nurul Islam, Becharam Majumdar, Nazrul Islam, Md Sharif, Anil Dey, Jahangir, Mr Kasem, A Mannan and Ninglha Auag Marma.

In one of the raid about 550 cubic feet of various timbers were seized while being smuggled from government reserved forests at Rangamati, official sources said here on Thursday.

Colam Habib, the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittagong Hill Tracts, South Division told UNB that new furniture made of the illegally extracted teak worth Taka one lakh was seized within a period of seven days.

In another raid about 300 cubic feet of timber and furniture worth Taka 1.5 lakh were seized on the transit route by the officials of Kaptai reserved forest.

Separate cases were lodged with Kaptai and Kaukhali upazila police.

KUSHTIA

Photographer stabbed to death

Dec 14 : A local photographer was stabbed to death by some unknown miscreants Tuesday night, police said, reports UNB.

The miscreants snatched away camera, cycle and wrist watch from the victim Jayanta Kumar Majumder (20) before killing him.

Owner of Raj Photo Studio of Hajt Market Asoke Kumar Dutta said, in the evening some people called his cameraman Jayanta, son of Jatindra Nath Mondol of Hariankarpur area of the town.

Asoke said he kept the studio open till 10 pm for Jayanta. But after a long wait, suspecting something unusual, he informed the police.

Police recovered the body of Jayanta bored with several marks of injury from the field of Housing Estate here.

The reason behind the killing could not be ascertained.

The body was sent to Kushtia General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was registered with Kushtia police in this connection. Police investigation is going on.

NARAIL

Bus journey hazardous

Dec 14 : Overloading of buses and minibuses plying on Kalia via Narail and Lakshimpasha via Narail to Jessore routes has become a regular feature resulting in frequent accidents, reports UNB.

The drivers hardly follow the traffic rules and drive at high speed endangering security of the passengers.

Besides, they stop on the roads frequently to pick up passengers, reaching its destinations very late.

Some passengers alleged that bus and minibus conductors realise excessive fares creating frequent altercation with the passengers. Moreover, roads on these routes are in bad shape and developed numerous potholes making the journey hazardous.

The authorities have been urged to take steps to remove problems.

BARISAL

Massive potato farming plan

Dec 14 : A massive scheme has been taken up to bring 4250 hectares of land under potato cultivation in 11 southern districts during the current winter season, reports UNB.

According to official sources, of the total, 550 hectares have been brought in Barisal, 850 hectares in Pirojpur, 100 hectares in Jhalakathi, 900 hectares in Bhola, 100 hectares in Bogura, 100 hectares in Patuakhali, 250 hectares in Rajshahi, 250 hectares in Madaripur, 450 hectares in Faridpur, 400 hectares in Gopalganj and 300 hectares in Shariatpur, the sources added.

At least 34,450 metric tons of potato are expected to be produced in these districts during the season.



PABNA: This is an electric pole of high voltage line. It has been covered by weeds for a long time. The PDB men do not bother to remove these. Accident can occur at any moment. — Star photo

No implementation of govt ban Buyer, seller indifferent to fish fry consumption

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, 14: Defying the government order the fish fry are being caught indiscriminately in different parts of the district.

It is reported that, a section of fishermen in Sadar, Poba, Moharpur, Tanore and Godagari upazilas of the district are catching fish fry of ruhi, katta, mrigel, magur and singhi from rivers and canals.

Everyday a huge quantity of different varieties of fish fry are being sold in different markets, hats and bazars of the districts.

It is learnt that some of the fishermen are using current nets for catching these fish fry. The government has banned the catching of fish fry below nine inches to implement its open water fish production programme.

It is alleged that, law enforcing agencies are often play a silent role to take any stringent action against the illegal catching of fish fry.

If indiscriminate fishing goes on unabated, it is apprehended that the quantity of fish in the district will be declined.

Obscene films

Obscene films are being exhibited through VCR and VCPs in different parts of the district for long time without any hesitation.

A section of dishonest video shop-owners of Rajshahi city have been exhibiting obscene and blue films through their mobile unit of VCR and VCPs on the very nose of law enforcing authority of the district. These shows are also arranged in the rural areas.

Local social workers opined that such exhibition of naked films vitiated the social atmosphere in the district greatly contributing eroding moral values of the young boys and girls. Moreover, with the screening of blue-film, the number of anti-social activities has increased alarmingly in the rural areas of the district, they further alleged.

Besides, the video business has been going on unabated throughout the district including Rajshahi city without licences for years together.

It is alleged that the owners of a good number videoshops have been running their business by paying monthly payments to a section of officials of the Customs Department.

As a result, the government is deprived of a huge revenue in this sector from Rajshahi District.

BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) supported Arif-Ashraf panel bagged all the posts in Abdulpur Government College Students' Union polls held recently.

Md Arful Islam and Ashraf Ali were elected Vice-President and General Secretary respectively.

The polls were participated by four student organisations: Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A), Bangladesh Students Union, Islami Chhatra Shibir and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

Principal of the college Mr Shamsul Islam conducted the election as chief Returning Officer.

Notes from Borguna

Dec 14 : Sixtynine projects under Food for Works Programme have been completed in 5 upazilas of the district during the current season, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the government sanctioned about 2,000 metric tons of wheat worth about Taka 1.50 crore for the implementation of the projects.

The projects are: Construction and reconstruction of roads, clearing of jungles and development of play grounds.

Of the total projects, 22 were implemented in Sadar upazila, 23 in Amtali, 13 in Betagi, 5 in Bama and 6 in Patharghata upazilas.

According to another report, a scheme has been undertaken to reconstruct nine bridges in the district this year.

According to Local Government and Engineering Bureau, Taka 5 lakh will be utilised for the execution of the schemes.

Lack of civic amenities

Bamna Upazila Headquarters of the district has been without civic amenities that are essential for running the local administration.

Deplorable condition of roads coupled with faulty drainage system and absence of sanitary latrines and insufficient number of street lights, have turned the urban life miserable.

Most of the roads having cracks and potholes not only damage vehicular transport but also cause physical injury to pedestrians who step into them in darkness.

Besides, encroachments by makeshift shops, narrowed the roads and made them inaccessible to buses and trucks.

Erratic power supply has become a common factor in the town which often plunges into darkness after sunset due to frequent power disruption.

Uplift scheme

The pourashava sanctioned Taka 17 lakh for 33 uplift schemes during the current fiscal year, official sources said here today.

The schemes include reconstruction of roads and culverts. The work will be started soon and is expected to be completed by the end of December.

With the implementation of the projects road, communication in the area will be developed to a great extent, sources added.

Payra river silted up

Siltation of Payra River bed has disrupted transportation between the district headquarters and the Amtali upazila.

A large number of shoals has emerged on the river forcing suspension of launch services on the route.

According to the sources, trade and commerce have been badly affected due to transportation difficulty.

Traders who deal in perishable items are the worst sufferers.

Scarcity of pure drinking water

Acute scarcity of pure water has been prevailing in 5 upazilas of the district with 414 tubewells having gone inoperative.

Of the total, 165 tubewells have gone out of order in Amtali, 90 in Sadar, 27 in Bama, 63 in Betagi and 69 in Patharghata upazilas.

It is learnt, that a group of middlemen and rich landlords are taking agri-loans in fictitious names depriving genuine poor farmers who are unable to put up security bonds.

Attempt to resist dacoits: four hurt

KUSHTIA, Dec 14 : Four people were injured when they tried to resist a gang of dacoits in village Kushalibass Karimpur of Kumarkhali upazila recently, reports UNB.

According to police, the dacoits numbering about 12 with fire arms entered the house of Munshi Abdul Jalil. Villagers gheraoed the house on being alarmed by the hue and cry of the inmates.

But the dacoits fired gun shots injuring MS Ali (30), and stabbed Rabul (35), Sadaruddin Mondol (38), and Giasuddin Mondol (32).

A case has been registered with the Kumarkhali Police Station.

Another dacoity was committed in the house of Md Mojibar Rahman of village Islampur Dangapara of Daulatpur upazila on Wednesday night, according to a delayed report received here from police source.

Dacoits inflicted knife injury to the inmates of the house and looted cash Taka 24,500 and gold ornaments worth about Taka 50,000.

A case has been lodged with the Daulatpur Police Station in this connection. None has so far been arrested.

One Jayanta Datta (16) son of Jotindranath Datta of Hariankarpur was killed by unknown assailants.

His body was recovered by police on Wednesday from housing estate area here.

He was a photographer of a commercial studio. He was missing since Tuesday evening.

A case has been registered with Kushtia police. But none has been arrested in this connection.

Hartal observed

A half-day hartal was observed peacefully here in all

upazilas of the district.

The hartal from 6 am to 2 pm was called by the Upazila Parishad Chairmen Samity throughout the country protesting the dissolution of the upazila system.

A procession was also brought out in the town.

The business establishments, schools and colleges remained closed while banks functioned partially.

Vehicles except rickshaws were off the road during the strike but offices and factories functioned normally.

Polls candidates

A total of 306 candidates for chairmen and 1924 candidates for members for 57 union Parishads in 6 upazilas of the district submitted their nomination papers.

According to Election Commission Office, elections of Ailchara Union of Sadar upazila and Malihad Union of Mirpur upazila were declared postponed due to court cases.

In three unions of Khoksa — 15 candidates for chairmen and 126 candidates for members, in 6 unions of Bheramara — 30 candidates for chairmen and 177 candidates for members, in 13 unions of Sadar — 65 chairmen candidates and 38 candidates for members, in 11 unions of Mirpur — 62 chairmen candidates and 387 candidates for members, in 10 unions of Kumarkhali — 55 chairmen candidates and 351 candidates for members, in 14 unions of Daulatpur — 81 candidates for chairmen and 500 candidates for members have submitted nomination papers in a peaceful atmosphere.

Farmers in Borguna becoming destitutes

BORGUNA, Dec 14 : Farmers unable to procure bank credit and earn their living from the small holding are being compelled to sell out their farm land turn destitute, concerned observer said here, reports UNB.

The situation aggravated after the natural calamities lashed the district several times during the year.

Farmers who lost crops needed credit support to restart production but unscrupulous elements and corrupt officials stood in the way.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other rural credit institutions in Borguna region without proper directions for distribution of credit to the farmers, were either holding up or diverting credit to non-productive sectors, they said.

Most of the small and marginal farmers are reeling under the rigorous of certificate cases instituted against them.

The existing rules on advancing loans to the marginal farmers through pass books are reportedly not working well.

It is learnt, that a group of middlemen and rich landlords are taking agri-loans in fictitious names depriving genuine poor farmers who are unable to put up security bonds.

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According to informed sources, a huge amount has already been sanctioned to non-productive commercial business sectors like cinema halls, printing presses, transportation and hotel management at the influence of powerful bureaucrats.

Patharghata Upazila Hospital has turned practically inoperative for lack of facilities and medicine.

A large number of patients both male and female coming from far flung areas for treatment return home without medicines. The patients also go back for shortage of beds.

According to sources, life saving drugs like dextrose saline, ATS and antibiotics even common medicines of daily use are not available in the hospital.

The patients who stay on in the hospital are required to buy medicines from the markets.

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One gets life-term for killing wife

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 14 : Mr Binoy Kumar Bose, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sylhet while passing his judgement in a murder case found one person guilty and sentenced him to suffer life-term imprisonment on charge of killing his wife.

The court also sentenced him to pay a fine of Taka 5,000 in default of which to suffer imprisonment for one year more.

The prosecution of the case in brief is that the accused Sam Uddin alias Sam of village Demar under Jakkiraj Upazila beat his wife Kamala mercilessly on November 25 in 1989 as a sequel to a family feud. She died later on.

The holding enquiry, police

Wheat farming scheme in Magura

MAGURA, Dec 14 : A massive scheme has been undertaken to bring over 2.16 lakh acres of land under wheat cultivation in 10 southern districts of Jessore Agriculture Zone during the current season, reports UNB.

The districts are Magura, Jhenidah, Narail, Jessore, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur.

Regional Director of Agriculture Extension Department said the production target has been fixed at 1.72 lakh metric tons during the season.

For the success of the programme, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation will supply high yielding variety seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and other necessary inputs to the growers of these districts.