

Upazila roundup

NETRAKONA

Acid thrown on girl: protested

From Our Correspondent

Feb 23: All the students of Netrakona Government Girls' High School brought out a procession Saturday last at Netrakona town and paraded main roads of the town on protest against throwing acid on Nahid Akter, a student of class nine of Netrakona Govt Girls' High School.

The processionists paraded main roads of the town and raised slogans against the incident and demanded capital punishment to those engaged in heinous incident.

They also submitted a memorandum to DC for necessary action. It may be mentioned here that when Nahid Akter were returning home at Nagra from her grandfather's house of Purba Mohendrapur three young boy threw acid on her body and she was received serious burn injuries. Later, she was hospitalised.

A case has been registered with Netrakona Thana.

SATKHIRA

Withdrawal of UNO demanded

Feb 23: The UNO the the Kaliganj upazila of the district was gheraoed on Wednesday by the local people demanding his immediate withdrawal for failure to verify the alleged misappropriation of wheat sanctioned for Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF), reports UNB.

They claimed 18 maunds of wheat allotted for VGF in Mathurespur Union of the upazila were totally misappropriated by members of the union parishad.

They filed petition to the UNO asking him to investigate the matter. But the UNO's lack of concern enraged the people gherao his office and demanded his withdrawal immediately.

DINAJPUR

Labourers in town for work

Feb 23: Thousands of unemployed labourers have pouring to town areas in search of work while thousands others still in village have either been selling their household articles or begging for sheer survival, reports UNB.

The prices of essentials have shot up abnormally in the local markets by crop failure due to natural calamities like floods, drought and storms. As a result, 90 per cent villagers have been passing their days in great hardships.

Rice is being sold between Taka 12 and 14 per kg while mustard oil is selling between Taka 55 and 60 per kg. The prices of vegetables and spices have also shot up.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to take massive uplift schemes under test relief and food for works programmes to contain the exodus of labourers from the villages without further delay.

JHENIDAH

Five AL workers arrested

From Our Correspondent

Feb 23: Police arrested five Awami League workers including an AL leader and UP chairman recently.

The arrested persons are: Shahidul Islam (AL leader and UP chairman of Jadabpur Union in Moheshpur Thana), Amirul Islam (UP member), Sohrab Hossain (Ex-UP member), Yousuf Mollah and Abdul Majid.

According to police, those persons were arrested in connection with a rioting occurred at village Jadabpur in the said upazila on February 20 causing about sixty persons injured and fifty houses damaged.

RANGPUR

Processionists for punishment to Golam Azam

Feb 23: Sammlita Sangskritie Jote brought out a big procession in the town here on Thursday demanding punishment to Golam Azam, the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, reports UNB.

Participated by members of the Shaheed Family and Mukti Joddha, the processionists paraded the streets and chanted slogans for hanging Golam Azam.

SIRAJGANJ

15 teachers not getting salary for six months

From Our Correspondent

Feb 23: All of the 15 teachers of Zahanara High School in Sirajganj town do not get salary for about six months and have been living in hardship.

It is learnt that the headmaster of the school was suspended in September 91 on various charges including defalcation, nepotism and misappropriation of Government money.

He was directed to hand over the charges to the assistant headmaster. But he did not hand over the charges. The managing committee of the school informed the Bank not to honour any cheque signed by the suspended headmaster.

Due to the reason, the teachers of the school are not getting salary for six months and the Government benefits are awaiting lapse in the Bank.

KISHOREGANJ

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

Feb 23: A young housewife committed suicide by hanging at Rathkhola of Kishoreganj town recently.

Deceased Nargis Begum (20) wife of Amirul Haque Milton hanged herself from the ceiling of the kitchen due to unknown reason.

A case of unnatural death was recorded with Kishoreganj police station in this connection.

The body was sent to the morgue for post-mortem.

PABNA

Ferries sank during Liberation War retrieved

Feb 23: Villagers on Saturday retrieved two ferries which had sunken in the Dighulle River 21 years ago during the Liberation War, reports UNB.

The ferries carrying Pakistani soldiers from Bahabari to Faridpur upazila of the district sank in the mid-river after it was attacked by the Freedom Fighters sometime in September, 1971.

Local people dug out the two ferries after a farmer discovered a part of one of the ferries tucked under the sands of the river that dried up due to siltation.

PATUAKHALI

Date trees use as fuel hampers molasses output

Feb 23: Production molasses from the juice of date trees in Patuakhali, Bogura, Barisal and Bhola districts is decreasing day by day because of depletion in the trees, reports UNB.

Hundreds of date juice extractors locally known as 'Oachhai' used to go out on their traditional round with sharp 'dao' and earthen jars for extraction of juice in winter season.

Juice is boiled into molasses, which is famous for its tastes and flavour and used widely for making various kinds of winter cakes locally known as 'pithas'.

The actual figure of date trees and annual yield of molasses of these areas are not available. But knowledgeable circle said that date molasses could be turned into an exportable item with the application of modern technology.

The great threat to this industry comes from the brick furnaces which use thousands of date trees as fuel.

FARIDPUR

Re-excavation of canal inaugurated

Feb 23: Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibn Yusuf on Saturday inaugurated the re-excavation of Bhubenswar Khal t Dierir Char in Sadar upazila, reports UNB.

Addressing a meeting on the occasion the Minister said, the Canal Digging Programme will increase agriculture production and promote irrigation facilities in the dry season.

He called upon the all concerned to participate spontaneously in Canal Digging Programme and make it a success for the wellbeing of the masses.

After the re-excavation of the six and half kilometre long canal from Tapkhola to Char Bhadrason, 6,000 acres cultivable land would be brought under irrigation facilities.



CHANDPUR: The shops at Munsirhat of the district were damaged by a storm that lashed over here recently. —Star photo

Tributes paid to martyrs of Language Movement

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Feb 23: The immortal Ekushey February was observed in the district Friday with due solemnity and enthusiasm with a call for establishing the spirit of Language Movement and wider use of Bangla in all spheres of national life, reports UNB.

Different political and socio-cultural organisations chalked out elaborate programmes which included Probhatyery, placing of floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar, discussion meetings, painting competition and cultural functions.

District Shilpakala Academy organised a juvenile art competition at its premises. A discussion meeting was held at the Shaheed Shatu Hall with Principal Toriqul Islam in the chair.

BNP, Awami League, Jatiya Party, UCL, CPB, NAP and their front organisations also hold discussion meetings and brought out Probhatyery, Zila Press Club also organised a discussion meeting and Milad Mahfil on the occasion.

A Dinaipur report says, the Amor Ekushey was observed here in a befitting manner by all political parties, student and other socio-cultural organisations.

Deputy Commissioner of the district placed floral wreaths formally at the Central Shaheed Minar at the government college at 6 am.

The other programmes of the day included discussion meetings, recitation of poem and cultural functions.

Another message from Kushtia adds; Elaborate programmes had been chalked out in observance of the day. The day's programmes began with placing of floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar of the government college just after midnight. Different political and socio-cultural organisations brought out Probhatyery.

Sammlita Sangskritie Jote and Islamic Foundation organised separate programmes on the occasion. Shilpakala Academy organised a juvenile art competition which was inaugurated by Editor of the Bangladesh Baria and district Press Club Secretary Abdur Rashid Chowdhury.

Narail Correspondent says that various political and cultural organisations of the district chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

The programmes included placing of floral wreaths at the Shaheed Minar, discussion

meetings, essay and hand writing competitions, Milad Mahfil and cultural functions.

Tangail

BSS from Tangail reports: A function marking the Ekushey February was held at the village home of former President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury here on Friday.

Noted Folklorist and Chairman of BSS Board of Directors, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, attended the function as the chief guest while local Educationist Abu Siddiqui presided.

The speakers at the function underscored the need for establishing Bangla in all spheres of life.

Earlier, an Ekushey procession was brought out from the graveyard of late Justice Chowdhury. It was participated by the students of local schools and colleges and villages. The processionists sang in chorus — 'Amar Bhayr Rakte Rangano Ekushey February ...'

Blacksmiths face fund crisis

PATUAKHALI, Feb 23: The blacksmiths of the district have been facing manifold problems in carrying their ancestral occupation, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, the prices of main ingredients like firewood, coal, iron and chemicals have shot up in the market while the prices of their products have come down alarmingly causing great hardship to them.

The blacksmiths used to produce agricultural appliances — axes, daos, nails etc. But due to fund shortage and absence of bank loan they are facing problems to continue their age-old occupation.

A large number of blacksmiths in Sadar, Bauphal, Mirzapur, Dasmina, Galachipa and Kalapara have already left their profession. Many of them have turned beggars and day labourers to earn their livelihood.

They urged the authorities to come forward to save the industry by providing loans and other assistance.

Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd. (BS&FIC) PO Thakurgaon Road, Dist. Thakurgaon

Tender for Sale of Steel Tank Molasses

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the General Manager, Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd. PO Thakurgaon Road, Dist. Thakurgaon for sale of 1000 (one thousand) M.Ton (Approx 26,792.30 Mds.) Steel Tank Molasses of the production season 1991-92. But the Mills Management reserves the right, in its own discretion to enhance the tendered quantity of Molasses. The sealed tender must be submitted in the specified tender schedule containing all the terms and conditions of this sale notice which will be available on payment of Tk. 250/- (Taka two hundred fifty) per set (Non refundable) from the following offices on all working days during working hours of those offices (1) The Finance Manager, Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd. P O Thakurgaon Road, Dist. Thakurgaon (2) The Addl. Chief Accountant (Cash) BSFIC, Head Office, Purbani Annex Building 1, Dikusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 and (3) The General Manager, BSFIC, Shipping Office, Arag Chamber, 68 Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong. The sealed tender shall be received simultaneously up to 11-30 A. M. on 08.3.92 (Sunday) in the specified Tender Boxes as will be placed in the Administration Building of Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd. and in the office of the Chief (Sales) Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation Purbani Annex Building (3rd Floor) 1, Dikusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 respectively which shall be opened on the same day at 12-00 (Twelve) Noon at those places in presence of tenderers, if any. No tender schedule shall be sold on the due date of opening. The Mills Management reserves the right to sell the entire quantity of Molasses as tendered for sale to the highest tenderers, if his rate is accepted or may distribute saleable quantity of Molasses at the said accepted highest rate of the tender to several participating tender either the tendered quantity of Molasses or the enhanced quantity at the sole discretion of Mills Management.

S.F.—434 DFP(G)-1149-15/2 G-187

Tk 25 cr for uplift of Sylhet poura areas

From Our Correspondent
SYLHET, Feb 23: The works on the development of the municipal areas at a cost of Taka 25 crore are expected to be started soon.

AFM Kamal, Chairman, Sylhet Pourashava said recently at a press conference that the six-year long "10 town development plan" has been taken up which will be financed by the Asian Development Bank.

The programmes include construction of connecting roads, reconstruction of old roads, extension of water supply facility system, construction of modern slaughter house, construction of Kaucha bazar and construction of drains to remove water stagnancy.

Besides, the number of slum development schemes has been increased to 9 from earlier 4 schemes and additional Taka 10 lakh has been sanctioned for the purpose.

During the current year, nine roads will be developed at a cost of Taka 21 lakh. During the last financial year, works on 9 development projects had been completed at a cost of Taka 27 lakh. The works include reconstruction of roads, construction of drains, culverts

One killed, 15 hurt in post-polls clash

One person was killed and 15 others were injured by gunshot in a clash that took place at village Lautala under Patil Union of Jagannathpur Upazila on February 14 last. The incident occurred as a post-polls clash.

According to the reports, clash ensued at about 11 A M on the day of incident between two rival groups of people, stated to be the supporters of two contesting candidates of the union parishad.

Mokhlis Miah (40) of village Rasulpur received bullet injuries who later died at the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital.

The victim Mokhlis Miah was a cousin of a chairman candidate. It is reported.

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

Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the approved Class-I Bldg. Contractor of PWD, Class-11 Bldg. Contractor of PWD Zone, Khulna & Class-III Bldg. Contractor of PWD Circle, Jessore for the "Work of Constn. of 200 bedded Hospital at Faridpur (S:H-Improvement to site Block-B) and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Jessore, Kushtia, Jhenidah, Rajbari, Narail, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Magura of PWD Circle, Jessore in their respective Offices upto 12-00 Noon of 4-3-92. The estimated cost of the work is Tk. 8,11,921/= only and the Earnest money Tk 16,240/= in Bank Draft (CD,SDR, PO etc.) of any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh, Treasury Challan, Pratrakha Sanchaya Patra, 5 Years BD Sanchaya Patra and Bonus Sanchaya Patra must accompany each tender duly endorsed to the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur otherwise his/their tender shall be declared informal. No tender form schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. will be sold after 2-3-92. The tender papers, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. may be obtained from any of the Divisions under PWD Circle, Jessore.

Details may be seen from the Office of the undersigned during office hours.

DFP(G) 2391-15/2 G-177 Executive Engineer, Faridpur PWD Division.

Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the approved Special Class-1 and Class-I Bldg. contractors of PWD for the work "Construction of 200-Bedded Hospital Bldg. at Faridpur (Back Part investigation, Minor O.T Observation, Surgical Ward and Male Ward, G.F., 1st floor and 2nd. floor) including Emergency Ward (G.F.) Gr. No. II" and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kushtia, Magura, Jessore, Jhenidah, Narail, Rajbari, Kushtia and Meharpur of PWD Circle) Jessore in their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon of 4.3.92. The Estimated Cost of the work is Taka 60,96,745/= only and the Earnest Money Taka 12,193/= in Bank Draft (GD, SDR, PO. etc) any scheduled bank of Bangladesh, Treasury Challan, Pratrakhya Sanchaya Patra, 5 Yrs. B.D. Sanchaya Patra and Bonus Sanchaya Patra must accompany each Tender duly endorsed to the Executive Engineer, PWD, Division, Faridpur otherwise his/their tender shall be declared informal. No tender Form, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. will be sold after 2.3.92. The tender papers, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. may be obtained from any of the Divisions under PWD Circle, Jessore.

Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Shusil Kumar Saha Executive Engineer Faridpur PWD Division DFP(G)2392-15/2 Faridpur PWD Division Phone No. 3257 G-175