

Upazila roundup

JESSORE

Help improve economic condition

Apr 8: Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs, Tariqul Islam on Tuesday said, it had become imperative to successfully implement the Canal Digging Programme through concerted efforts of all to help improve the socio-economic condition of the vast rural people, reports BSS.

DINAJPUR

Property gutted, 8 cows roasted alive in fire

Apr 8: Property worth about Taka one lakh was gutted and eight cows roasted alive in a devastating fire at village Alokdhuti in Nawabganj upazila recently, reports UNB.

BARISAL

25,400 tons of mustard likely to be produced

Apr 8: About 25,400 metric tons of mustard is expected to be produced in eleven southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) this year, reports BSS.

MAJDEE COURT

Railway station needs improvement

Apr 8: Majdees Court Railway Station is beset with multifarious problems for want of proper care and maintenance, reports UNB.

COMILLA

One to suffer life-term for murder

Apr 8: A man has been awarded life imprisonment for murdering his wife, court sources said here today, reports UNB.

SUNAMGANJ

Limestone plant earns profit

Apr 8: Tekerghat Limestone Mining Project, the only one of its kind in the country, has earned a net profit of Taka 20.63 lakh during the first-half of the current fiscal year after suffering loss for several consecutive years, reports BSS.

MAULVIKAZAR

Marriages of minor girls increasing

Apr 8: Number of divorce and marriage of minor girls are gradually increasing in six upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

PATUAKHALI

Teacher dead

Apr 8: Nurul Huda, former Headmaster of Brahmanbaria Annada Government High School died of massive heart attack at his Hawaldarpara residence in the town of Tuesday, reports UNB.

HABIGANJ

Labourers of tea garden kill guard

Apr 8: A security guard of Amu Tea Garden of Chunarughat upazila in the district was allegedly killed by some unknown garden labourers, reports UNB.



SYLHET: The river Surma is going to be blocked by the silt day by day. — Star photo

Ponds, canals and beels dried up

Drought hits standing crops in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Apr 8: The continued drought for the last five months in Kushtia and its adjoining areas has caused widespread damage to the standing crops including the vegetables.

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Production target of rabi crops including IRRI-boro paddy has been badly affected. Twenty five per cent of the standing crops of the district have already been damaged by the persisting drought.

Bidis sold without handrolls

Bidis are being sold here without handrolls to evade duty causing great revenue loss to the government.

8 lakh children suffering from malnutrition in N-dists

From Our Correspondent

Our Kishoreganj Correspondent adds: Nearly 80,000 children of 13 upazilas of the district have been suffering from malnutrition and other relevant diseases.

Adulterated pesticides on sale

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 8: Sale of adulterated pesticides has become rampant in the district hampering pest management and causing a setback to food production, reports UNB.

Rivers in Sylhet silted up Navigation, irrigation threatened

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 8: Siltation of the rivers flowing through the Greater Sylhet region has been posing a threat to Irrigation, Pisciculture and Navigation.

Government official that for the last few years, colossal damage to crops and property are being caused by this situation in all the four districts of Greater Sylhet region.

The water level of the rivers Surma, Kushiara, Manu, Khowai, Dholoi, Sutang, Juri, Gowain, Plain, Chengerkhal, Sari, Chela and Bouhal have fallen to knee-deep in places bringing a total standstill position in the riverine communication throughout the region.

The source further informed this correspondent that programme for dredging some parts of these rivers were taken up by the authorities few years ago. But it has reportedly been shelved due to fund stringency, the source added.

Due to the emergence of big char lands in different places, flow of the rivers are being hindered seriously in places during the dry season.

3 beheaded bodies recovered

JAMALPUR, Apr 8: Jamalpur police recovered three beheaded bodies from different places under Sadar upazila during the last four days, reports BSS.

Police sources said that the corpses were recovered from Old Brahmaputra at Daohola Tuishirchar union, Hachandra in Jamalpur town and Bamonjee Bridge on Jamalpur-Dhaka Road under Titpala Union.

Property worth Tk 50 lakh gutted

Property worth about Taka fifty lakh was gutted in a fire broken out at Dhakayipatti at Tamtila here on Monday night.

About fifty rooms of hosiery shops were burnt to ashes. The cause of the fire could not be known. Fire Service personnel and the members of the public controlled the fire.

Tk 14 lakh smuggled goods seized in 5 days

FENI, Apr 8: Bangladesh Rifles and police seized Indian sarces worth about Taka 11.30 lakh from trains at Feni station and border areas of the district from March 23 to 27, reports UNB.

Taka 60,000 were also recovered from the Feni Railway Station building.

According to official sources BDR stopped the Mohanagar and Karmaful Express trains at Feni Station and seized 1200 pieces of Indian sarces along with other goods.

In another operation at Modugram border, BDR seized Indian sarces worth about Taka 1.09 lakh on Sunday from a house at Chhaganliya upazila.

Three political activists killed

JHENIDAH, Apr 8: Three political activists including one Sharbahara man were killed in the district in separate incidents, reports UNB.

Seized goods were handed over to Customs authorities and cases were lodged with the local police.

A report from Satkhira says: Bangladesh Rifles arrested two alleged smugglers and recovered smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka 2.50 lakh from their possession from Kalaroa Bazar on Tuesday.

They also arrested two smugglers Md Balal and Md Shajahan in this connection. Indian sarces worth about

While the smugglers were carrying the goods to the bazar BDR personnel chased them and managed to nab Monirul Islam and Fakir Ahmed.

According to police and villagers, Azizu alias Zuilhaj (27), of village Jairampur in Kotchandpur upazila, an activist of Bangladesh Biplobi Communist Party (Hoque) was slaughtered to death allegedly by the armed cadre of Purba Bangla Communist Party on the night following Eid-ul-Fitr.

Later, the seized goods were deposited with local Customs godown and the arrested smugglers were sent to jail hajat.

His body was recovered from a paddy field at village Dora in the same upazila at about 8 pm.

A case was filed with the police station.

In another incident Azizur Rahman alias Azibar (35), a worker of the same Communist Party of village Boxipur in Shaiklupa upazila was killed by the armed activists of Sharbahara Party on April 3, at about 7 pm. He was shot dead in a tea stall at Baipur Bazar.

BSS from Jhenidah adds: Anti-smuggling drive has been intensified in the border areas of Khulna, Jessore, Jhenidah and Satkhira border belts.

Earlier at 8 pm on 1st April, Shukat Hossain Mona (25), a Sharbahara Party activist who was released on bail recently was slaughtered to death.

During the last two months atleast one hundred and seven smugglers were nabbed by law enforcing agency personnel from these border areas.

The source disclosed that law enforcing agency has seized smuggled goods worth two crore and fifty one lakh Taka during this period.

This includes in-coming smuggled goods worth two crore and forty lakh taka and out-going goods worth eleven lakh taka.

The source said that smuggling have, however recorded sharp fall due to intensified drive.

On completion of the work, about 6,000 acres of land will be get irrigation facilities in the area, it is learnt.

According to an official source, the drive began from January 1 as per government decision. Since then at least 1335 smuggling cases have been filed with different police stations of the districts.

Rly sleepers worth Tk one lakh recovered

Akhaura Railway Police recovered a good number of railway sleepers worth about Taka one lakh.

1.80 lakh sets of book distributed

A total of 1.80 lakh sets of books have been distributed free of cost among the primary students of the Maulviikazar district.

According to an official source these books were distributed among the students of different classes in 911 primary schools of six upazilas under the district.

Notes from Brahmanbaria

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 8: A five-day training programme on afforestation, nursery and gardening was concluded at sadar upazila here recently, reports UNB.

A total of 55 BRDB and VDP members of sadar upazila of the district took part in the programme.

Gas field earns profit

Bangladesh Gas Field Ltd earned a net profit of Taka 11.13 crore during the last financial year.

This was disclosed by Petro Bangla Chairman, MA Latul Main at the 36th annual general meeting held here recently.

The meeting was informed that it was the highest net profit earned during the last 36 years. The corporation deposited Taka 504.92 crore as Customs Duty and 1.17 crore in the government revenue fund.

Cold storage needed

Potato farmers of the district are facing great difficulties for want of storage facilities of their produce.

Informed sources said, there is no cold storage in the district. During the current season huge quantity of potatoes has been produced in the district exceeding all previous records, but most of them were being sold at Taka 100 per maund much below the production cost, for want of cold storage.

The growers have urged the authorities to take initiative to set up a cold storage to help solve their problems.

Disit uplift body review projects

BSS adds: A meeting of the District Development Coordination Committee was held at the local Circuit House recently.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr Khabiruddin Ahmed, the meeting was attended by district level officers and Upazila Nirbahi Officers (UNO) of seven upazilas.

The meeting reviewed the progress of various development activities taken up in different sectors including agriculture, health, family planning, EPI programme, compulsory primary education, cooperatives and animal husbandry.

Canal re-excitation in progress

The re-excitation work of six canals in six upazilas of the district is in full swing.

According to an official source, the canals which have been brought under the re-excitation programme are Bogang, Lalunia, Zia, Atal Kha, Adal Marik and Bomalba canals.

A total of 401.16 metric tons of wheat have been sanctioned for the programme taken up under voluntary and Food for Works Programme.

On completion of the work, about 6,000 acres of land will be get irrigation facilities in the area, it is learnt.

Acting on secret information, police raided Maudhabagh Rail Station and recovered the sleepers.

A case was filed with Akhaura Railway Police in this connection but none has been arrested so far.

Local people complained that pilferage of railway sleepers is going on for a long time. They also alleged a section of unscrupulous employees are engaged in this heinous act. But no action has yet been taken against them.

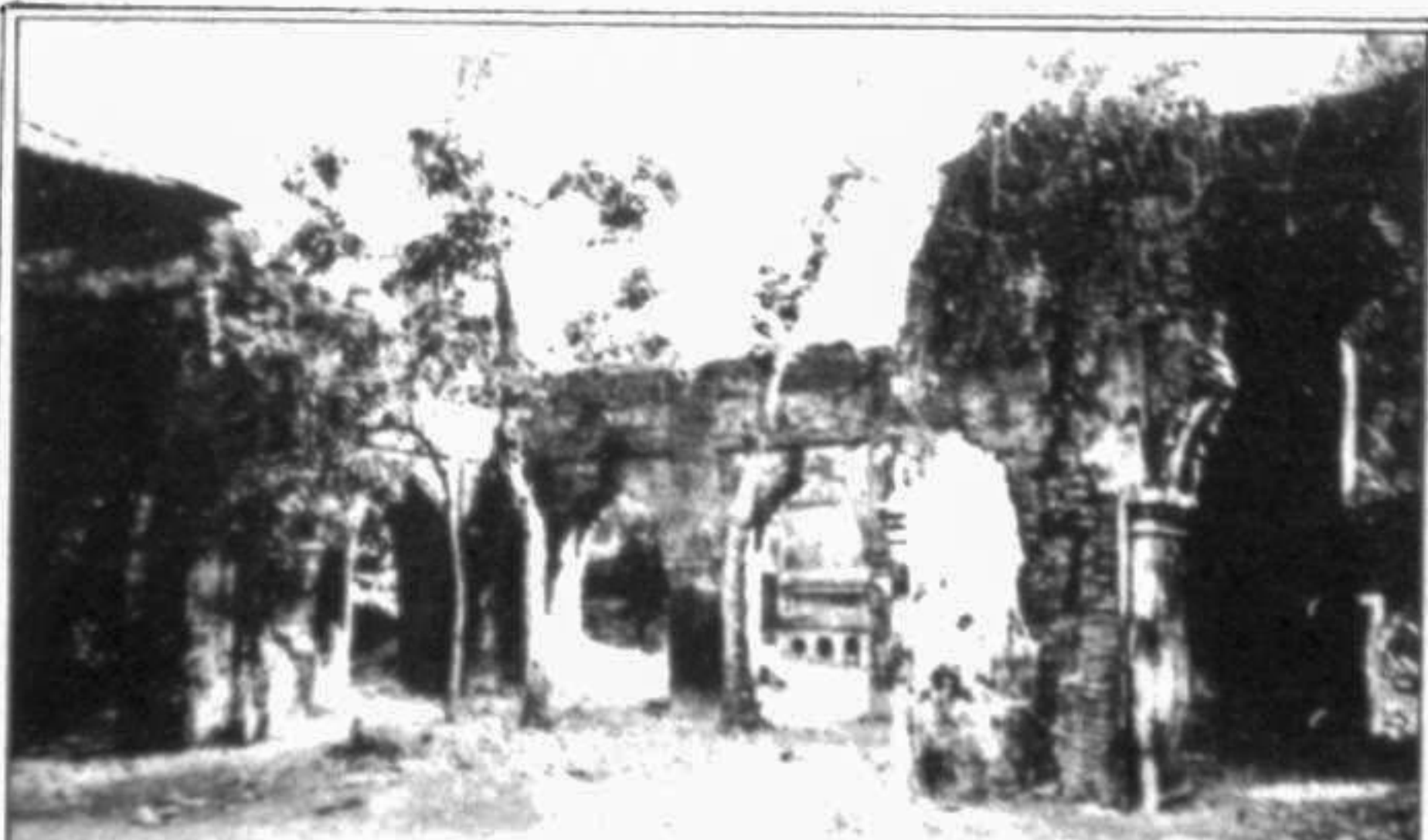
They demanded of the higher authorities to stop pilferage of railway sleepers and brought the miscreants to book.

Weekly Hetaishi has been published from here recently, reports UNB.

Weekly Hetaishi was first published in the year 1922.

Akbar Hossain, a renowned social worker of the district is the Editor of the new weekly.

It has been alleged that due to non-availability of local advertisement the owners were facing difficulty in publishing their newspaper.



BOGRA: Bhawanipur Temple of the district was built by Nawab Mir Zumbia, the then Subadar of Bengal in 16th century. The temple needs care to preserve the ancient heritage. — Star photo