Upazila roundup

JAMALPUR

AL attacks on Jamaat's meeting, 5 leaders injured

From Our Correspondent May 23: Five Jamaat-eislami leaders including Professor Abdul Bari, Ameer of Melandah Upazila unit were seriously wounded by the activists of Awami League at Kalibari Bazar under the same upazila on May 13.

Police sources said, when Jamaat-e-Islami supporters were holding a meeting, about 15 activists of Awami League attacked the meeting. As a result, the Jamaat leaders were seriously injured. Professor Bari was rushed to the hospital and the doctors there send him to Mymensingh Sadar Hospital in a critical condition.

The Jamaat-Shibir brought out a protest procession in Melandah bazar which demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

A case has been registered with the Melandah police in this connection and tension has been prevailing in the upazila town.

AGRI-VARSITY

BAU seminar on chicken

May 23: A seminar on "Etiology and Pathogenesis of Inclusion Body Hepatitis in Chicken" was held at the gallery of the Department of Micro-biology and Hygiene of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) recently, says a press release.

Arranged under the auspices of the BAU Central Seminar Committee, the seminar was presided over by Prof Dr ML Dewan of the Department of Pathology of BAU and it was participated by Dr M Saifuddin, Mohicular Virologist of Massasichutate Institute of USA as the keynote speaker.

The question-answer session of the seminar was participated among others by Dr Motahar Hossain Mondol, Dr Rafigul Islam, Dr Zohurul Karim, Dr Mostaftzur Rahman and others.

A large number of audience including teachers and postgraduate students of BAU attended the seminar.

SATKHIRA

BNP unit committee formed

From Our Correspondent May 23: The biennial conference of BNP, Satkhira district unit held at Shahid Abdur Razzak Park recently.

Advocate Shamsul Haque presided over the function while Dr AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Vice Chairman BNP and Deputy Leader of Jatiya Sangsad and Tariqui Islam, Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs were present as chief and special guest respectively.

Speaker Sk Razzak Ali, Mosharraf Hossain Shajahan, State Minister for Irrigation and Flood Control, Ashral Hossain, Whip, Prof Farida Rahman MP, Mrs Sclina Rahman MP spoke on the oc-

Later, a 110-member committee of Satkhira district unit of BNP was formed with Advocate Shamsul Haque and Kamrul Islam Farooq as President and General Secretary respectively.

KURIGRAM

Oath-taking ceremony held

From Our Correspondent May 23: The oath-taking ceremony of newly elected office bearers of Kurigram Govt College Chhatra Sangsad was held recently.

The oath-taking was administered by Principal Shyama Proshad Roy.

In this connection, a discussion meeting was arranged at the hall room of the college

with Principal Shyama Proshad Roy in the chair. State Minister for Finance,

Majibar Rahman was present as chief guest while Whip of Parliament Prof Shahjahan Mia, MP was the special guest.

Among others, Abdul Rahim Shamim, VP Abdul Wahab Mondal, GS of the Chhatra Sangsad, Rezaul Karim Sohel Kaikobad. Advocate Samsuddin, Omar Faruq and Professor Shyama Proshad Roy spoke.

It was concluded with a cultural function which was participated by the college students and local artistes.

PABNA

One held with heroin worth Tk 25 lakh

From Our Correspondent

May 23: Ishurdi Railway Police recovered heroin worth over Taka 25 lakh recently.

Acting on secret information, a police team searched Ishurdi bound Chapainawabganj local train at Kakonhat Rail Station and recovered 250 gms of heroin worth over Taka

Police also arrested one Shafiqul Islam (28), son of Tofazzal Hossain of village Bhabanipur under Shibgani Upazila of the district in this connection.

A case was registered with Ishurdi thana.

JESSORE

Power generators to be installed in BSCIC estates

May 23: Power generators will be installed in each BSCIC Estate to facilitate unhindered supply of power in the industrial units, reports BSS.

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan said this in Jessore while talking to the entrepreneurs of the Jessore BSCIC estate on Thursday. The entrepreneurs apprised the Minister of the inadequate power supply in the estate.

Mr Khan said undisturbed power supply is a prerequisite for smooth operation of exist ing industrial unit as well as growth and expansion of the sector. He said, BSCIC will extend all possible cooperation for setting up generator in each estate by the private entrepreneurs collectively. He said, this will ensure uninterrupted production of the in dustries and will make the projects profitable.

The Minister visited a number of industrial units there and showed keen interest about their performance. He expressed his satisfaction to see the recycling of used and waste polythene bags in a plastic beat for producing con sumer plastic items.

lie said this will play important role in keeping environmental pollution within control caused by used polythene

The Industries Minister expressed his satisfaction over the quality of some other industrial products of the estate. He urged the management of the concerned units to further improve the quality and standard of the products for exporting these in the competi tive world market.

COMILLA

Husband gets life-term for killing wife

From Our Correspondent

May 23: Abul Kashem of Burichang Upazila has been awarded life-term and fined Taka 2000 in default to suffer one year more imprisonment for killing his wife Monwara Begum under Act 302 recently

The prosecution story is this that the accused, Abul Kashem and some members of his family used to torture Monwara after the marriage for

On the fateful day, Kashem beat her wife severely and Monwara died on the spot. A case was filed with the Burichang police in this connection.

The Investigation Officer af ter investigation submitted chargesheet against Kashem for killing his wife.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Md Nurul Wadud after examining the records and witnesses awarded Abul Kashem life-term and acquitted three others.

The acquitted persons are Abdul Hug, Abul Hashem and Rafia Begum.

FENI

5200 ring latrines to be distributed

May 23: Public Health Engineering (PHE) Depart ment will distribute 5200 ring latrines in five upazilas of the district during this year, reports UNB.

Among these, at least 2678 sets have already been distributed during last four

According to district Public Health Engineering (PHE) of fice the distribution of rest 2522 latrines will begin from June 30.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been financing the project for improving rural



MOULVIBAZAR: Paschim Bazar, the main fish and vegetables market of the town, has no shed. - Star photo

Aus farming plan on 6.12 hectares

Cotton output encouraging

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, May 23: The cultivation of cotton is increasing day by day in the district as the production is encouraging.

The Cotton Development Board has fixed a target to produce 11,000 metric tons of cotton on 10,600 hectares of land in four districts of the region during the current sea-

The district-wise cultivation target is: Bogra-2100 hectares of land with a production of 2100 metric tons, Rajshahi-4000 hectares of land with a production target of 4400 metric tons, Rangpur-3000 hectares of land with a production target of 3000 metric tons and Pabna-1500 hectares of land with a production target of 1500 metric tons of cet-

The Cotton Development Board will supply seeds, pesticides, fund and other necessary inputs to make the cultivation a success.

> Aus farming plan A total of 6.12 lakh hectares

of land has been brought under aus cultivation this season. Out of the total, High Yielding Variety (HYV) will be cultivated on 2.03 lakh

hectares and local variety will

be cultivated on rest of the The district-wise break up of the cultivation is : Bogra-HYV on 1854 hectares and local variety on 2995 hectares, Rangpur-HYV on 9500 hectares and local variety on

20,500 hectares, Naogaon-HYV

on 1800 hectares and local

variety on 10,340 hectares,

Natore-HYV on 700 hectares

and local variety on 15,000

hectares, Chapainawabganj-

hectares and local variety on 2000 hectares, Pabna-HYV on 1650 hectares and local variety on 52,000 hectares, Sirajganj-HYV on 4427 hectares and local variety on 22,634 hectares, Gaibandha-HYV on 9000 and local variety on 16,194 hectares, Kurigram-HYV on 10,526 hectares and local variety on 74,493 hectares, Lalmonirhat-HYV on 4850 hectares and local variety on 32,150 hectares, Nilphamari-HYV on 37,000 hectares and local variety on 31,100 hectares, Dinajpur-HYV on 34,400 hectares and local variety on 23,000 hectares, Panchagarh-HYV on 10,500 hectares and local variety on 6.000 hectares. Thakurgaon-HYV on 16,000 hectares and local variety on 10,000 hectares.

HYV on 2000 hectares and lo-

cal variety on 4210 hectares,

Jaipurhat-HYV on 10,000

Soil fertility decreases, agri production falls

From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, May 23: The fertility of the soil has decreased and consequently the agricultural production has also fallen considerably.

It is learnt that the flood waters from Ujanchar and Char Luxmipur left behind huge quantity of sands on the lands of Rajbari Sadar, Goalando, Pangsha and Baliakandi upazilas of the district. At least 1000 acres of land have already been silted up.

Most of the ponds, tanks and canals in the villages of

Faridpur hospital supplies medicines to patients

FARIDPUR, May 23 Faridpur General Hospital is probably the only government hospital in the country which supplies necessary medicines

to its patients, reports UNB. Inmates of the 100-bed hospital informed Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf that they are not required to purchase any medicine as all those are supplied from the hospital

They expressed satisfaction at the care taken by the doctors when the minister visited the hospital Thursday. He went round different sections and enquired about the facilities patients were receiving in the hospital. He also expressed satisfaction over the cleanliness and maintenance of the

hospital. Officials informed the minister that on an average 150 patients are accommodated in the hospital.

Binodpur, Gudarbazar and Dunchi under Sadar upazila have almost silted up. As a result, various trees including

mango trees have been scriously affected. If this situation is not re moved, all kinds of trees and crops are likely to be destroyed, it is apprehended.

thousands of betel nut and

Stomach ailments and skin diseases have broken out alarmingly in four upazilas of the district creating concern among the people.

Doctors of the upazila health complexes informed that large number of patients are coming from different ar eas to the hospitals with the

A BSS report says Communications Minister Oli Ahmed has said that BNP believes in deeds, not hollow

He was addressing a public meeting here yesterday. He said, 'We want to estab-

lish people-oriented politics on a solid ground." Mr Olf Ahmed said BNP is committed to stick to the politics of development. "In no

case we would base our politics

on arson", he added The Communications Minis ter said the government of Begum Khaleda Zia was relentlessly trying to develop all parts of the country gradually

Presided over by Prof Jahangir Hossain Mia, the meeting was also addressed by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum, local BNP leaders Showkat

Siraj and Khandaker Moshiul

Earlier, Mr Oli Ahmed while addressing the public meeting at Pangsa, gave a clarion call to leaders of all political parties and people of all walks of life to be associated in the nation-building process sinking petty political differ-

State Minister Prof Jahanara Begum also ad dressed the meeting presided over by local BNP leader Nastrul Haque Sabu.

Tagore's birth anniversary observed

The Shashirkar Chhatra Samity observed the 131st birth anniversary of Poet Rabindranath Tagore with much enthusiasm at the Shashikar High School premises. says a Press release.

In observance of the day, the samity arranged discussion meeting, recitation and drama.

The discussion meeting was presided over by Anadi Biswas, unit President of the samity which was participated by Tapan Majumder, Prabir Halder, Atul Krishna Barot Assistant Headmaster, Shashikar High School and Dulal Sarker, Professor, local Shaheed Smrtti College.

The members of the samity recited poems and rendered Tagore songs, at the function.

A drama based on the short story of Tagore 'Madhabartiny' was staged on the occasion where the artistes of the samity participated.

Increase in female

labourers unusual

He was sent to Radampur

Bangladeshi Gabeshana Ke-

ndra (BRC) held a discussion

meeting on 'historic March

and Liberation War' at the

premises of the weekly Naba

Rahman Belal, it was ad-

dressed, among others, by

Forkan Ahmed, Salim Farazi,

Shahabuddin Ahmed, Golam

The speakers urged the

people to resist terrorism

unitedly and give democracy

an institutional shape in the

country. They expressed con-

cern over the deteriorating law

and order situation by some

known quarters to destabilise

Shantibahini's

two mortal shells

recovered

mortal shells reportedly aban-

doned by outlawed Shan-

tibahini have been recovered

from the edge of Karnafuly lake

near Technical Training Cen-

tre in the town, reports UNB.

Acting on an information

from fishermen, security

forces recovered the mortal

shells from the lakeside and

defused them on Friday, offi-

cials said.

RANGAMATI, May 23: Two

the democratic government.

Azom and Ibrahim.

Presided over by Khaledur

Nirman office here recently.

subjail to serve his term of

imprisonment.

MADARIPUR, May 23

Unusual spurt of women labour

force in the district in recent

days has been causing concern

among the social welfare activ-

and labour leaders, thousands

of female day labourers are

seen husking paddy, working

in the brickfields and taking

Unmarried girls and di-

vorcees constitute the majority

of the women labour, they said

adding opportunities for their

work have been shrinking for

and other natural calamities

for the last few years have

caused extensive damage to

crops affecting the small and

tive, distressed women are

forced to come out of their

homes and take up labourious

works in search of livelihood,

government to create job op-

portunities for poor women by

extending soft credit facilities

for small and cottage indus-

tries in order to make them

ing accused from Khoajpur

village in Sadar upazila of the

Howlader was awarded one

year's rigorous imprisonment

in a criminal case some time

past. But he turned fugitive to

Police arrested an abscond-

The accused Azizul Haque

The leaders called upon the

Finding no other alterna-

Recurring floods, drought

According to social welfare

ities, reports UNB.

part in earth digging.

various reasons.

marginal farmers.

they said.

self-reliant.

avoid arrest.

district recently.

SYLHET: A man is donating blood in a programme organised jointly by Kewapara Kalyan Samity and 'Sandhani' local M A G Osmany Medical College unit - Star photo recently.

Smugglers snatch goods from BDR men

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, smugglers snatched away the recovered Indian goods worth about Taka two lakh from the BDR personnel at Kotchandpur Bus Stand at 11 am on Monday. After getting on informa-

tion, a BDR petrol party of Mandertola Camp of Jessore Two Battalton followed a Kaliganj bound bus (Meherpur-When the bus reached at

Kotchandpur, the next bus stand. Four BDR men boarded the bus and recovered the above mentioned Indian goods. Suddenly, some people

standing at the bus stand attacked the BDR jawans and started pelting stones at them. At one stage, the people snatched away seven bundles of clothes from the BDR fawans. The BDR jawans later re-

covered two bundles of cloths from the smugglers. The remaining five bundles could not be recovered.

Five persons including a BDR jawan were injured in the incident.

No case has been filed till

writing of this report. About one hundred unemployed youths observed a 4hour sit-in infront of Civil Surgeon Office, Jhenidah protesting the appointment of only female candidates in the

posts of Health Assistance.

According to report, 44 female candidates were appointed earlier in the said posts in Jhenidah. But recently another circular has been issued asking appointment of 56 more female candidates in the Protesting the circular, the

aggressive youths gheraoed the Civil Surgeon and observed sitin from 10 am to 2 pm and confined about 100 employees of the department in their office rooms. They will go on hunger

strike infront of Deputy Commissioner's Office to implement their demand, it is

BSS report adds : Eminent Alcem and Peer Shaheb Al-Hajt Kazi Hafiz Md Omar died of old age complications early yesterday at his village home

Phone exchange

Demand for capacity enhancement

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, May 23: About one thousand appli cations seeking new telephone connections have been lying pending with the authorities concerned for years together but no positive steps have yet been taken to enhance the capacity of the telephone exchange

The existing 400-line telephone exchange is quite inadequate to meet the rising demand of the local businessmen and organisations. Despite repeated remainders, the

which has also been causing huge revenue loss to the government. Some times the local staff hint positive signals but in fact

authority is doing nothing

nothing is found in practical. They also blame the local representatives of the public for not placing the matter with the higher authorities. It may be mentioned here

that the importance of Chapainawabganj has increased considerably after its upgradation into district

Notes from Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 23: Acute scarcity of drinking water in most parts of local Municipal area has been prevailing for a long period causing untold sufferings to the town dwellers.

Out of total seven deep tubewell pumps which supply water to the town, two have gone out of order and the rest five are working with half of their capacity due to fall of ground water level.

According to an estimate, 20 lakh gallons of water are needed daily for consumption of one lakh fifty thousand people. But only 10 lakh gallons of water are available at present.

There are more than 20,000 domestic water connections and 350 hand tubewells in the town.

Road needed The need of a road over the

Hardinge Bridge on the Ganges has long been felt by the people of north and southern zone of the country. The ferry service in be-

tween Bheramara and Paksey is very unsatisfactory because of unusual long time it takes to cross the river. Moreover, the rise of water

level makes constant shifting of ghat from one place to another. It may be mentioned here that ferry service is greatly affected in dry season due to constant fall of water

Construction materials prices increase

Sudden price hike of construction materials like cement, bricks and M S rods has been hampering construction work in the district.

The importers of cement in Khulna and the local traders said that huge quantity of cement have been diverted to Chittagong from Khulna. The want of required ships in the International carrying market have caused dislocation in supply position from abroad and this has contributed greatly for scarcity of the same. Cement at present is sold

per bag while a month back it was being sold at Taka 215 per The M S rod is being sold at

between Taka 240 and 250

Taka 20 per kg while it was being sold at Taka 18 per kg two months back.

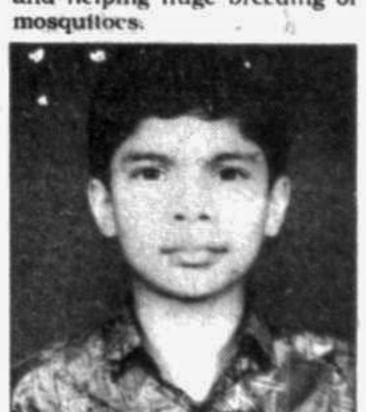
Development of hats, bazars demanded

Hats and bazars of all the six upazilas of the district are in pitiable condition causing great inconveniences to both

the buyers and sellers. Shopkeepers said, most of the hats and bazars have bad drainage system and the situation become worse during the

rainy season. Absence of public toilets in the rural hats and bazars had been causing immense prob-

lems to the people. Moreover, filths and garbages are being dumped in the bazar areas omitting bad odour and helping huge breeding of

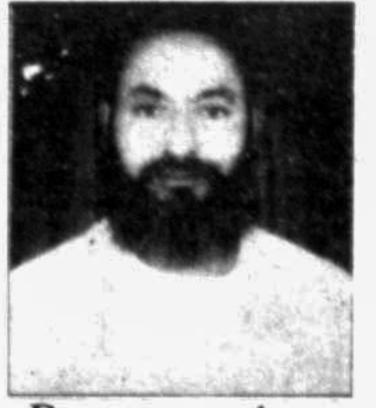


Shishir obtains Talentpool Pry Scholarship

Md Fuad Khan Shishir obtained talentpool primary scholarship from Chandpur Press Club sponsored "Udayan Shishu Biddalaya" under Chittagong Division of the examination held in the year of

He has secured first place in Chandpur Sadar upazila.

He is the second son of Professor Md Hossain Khan and Mrs Shirin Akhter. Shishir seeks blessings from all-



Best secondary school teacher Safiqui Islam, B Sc. B Ed.

Asstt Teacher of Rajarampur Hasina Girls High School under Nawabganj Municipal Area has been selected as the best Secondary School teacher in Chapainawabganj district for

