#### roundup Upazila

#### GAZIPUR

## Shilpi Gosthi unit committee formed

From Our Correspondent May 24: The annual conference of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi of Gazipur district unit was held at Kazi Azimuddin College

premises recently. The function was presided over by Prof Mukul Kumar Mullik while Bonasree Ghosh (Dali) and Ataur Rahman attended the function as chief guest and special guest respec-

The function was addressed among others by Dr Abdul Mannan, Shahidul Islam and Prof Azizur Rahman.

A 33-member executive committee was formed with Mukul Kumar Mullik and Shahidul Islam as president and secretary respectively.

Later, the Shilpi Gosthi performed a cultural show.

## MANIKGANJ 2 killed, 15

#### hurt in road mishap From Our Correspondent

May 24: Two passengers were killed and 15 others injured in a road accident on Singair-Dhalla Road of the district recently.

It is learnt that a Dhallabound minibus skidded off the road and fell into a ditch. As a result, two passengers, Rezaul Karim (25) and Abdul Malek (20) died on the spot. Minibus driver and his as-

sistant managed to escape. Police seized the minibus. A case was registered with po-

lice in this regard. Another report adds: Bamboo production in the seven upazilas of the district is declining fast due to lack of proper maintenance and nursing.

Bamboo clusters on 2500 acres of land are decaying in large scale.

No steps has yet been taken to increase the bamboo production in the district.

#### GAIBANDHA

## Founding anniversary celebrated

From Our Correspondent

May 24: The 9th founding anniversary of Sundergani Press Club was celebrated here at Sunderganj Upazila audito-

Golam Mostafa Batul, Editor of the Daily Dabanol, Rangpur was present as chief guest. On this occasion, Advocate Abdul Hamid presided over a discussion meeting. Those who spoke were Mahatabuddin UNO, Sunderganj, Mahabubul Islam of Dabanol and local leaders. Later local artistes of Taranga Gosthi rendered cultural function.

Another report adds: Police arrested a notorious inter-district gang leader, Chand Mia. in a drive recently. Accused Chand Mia was the inhabitant of village Kataduer under Pirganj Upazila. He had been absconding since long. There are several cases against him with Ghoraghat, Dinajpur, Pirganj and Palashbari thanas regarding theft, dacotty, snatching, and toll collection.

On a secret tip off, a police contingent of Palashbari thana led by Idris Ali, OC, launched a drive and was able to arrest the long wanted gang leader.

## BARISAL

## New telephone exchange

set up May 24: Bangladesh

Telephone Board has constructed a new telephone exchange at Mehendigoni Upazila headquarters at a cost of Taka one crore in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

The telephone exchange was inaugurated by Mir Md Mujibur Rahman, Executive Officer of the board, recently The inaugural function was at tended by district and upazila level officers and local elite.

#### FENI

## Tk 50 lakh for cyclone shelter construction

May 24: A cyclone shelter will be constructed at Elahiganj Primary School premises in Panchgachhia union under Feni Sadar upazila, it is learnt, reports BSS.

According to facilities department of the Ministry of Education, the government sanctioned Taka 50 lakh for construction of the cyclone shelter-cum-primary school.

#### TANGAIL

## Bhasani Hall to be renovated

May 24: The Zila Parishad has taken up a programme to repair and renovate the Bhasani Hall, the only public hall of the town, at a cost of Taka five lakh, reports BSS.

An official source said that the programme includes repairing of the building, a permanent stage, improvement of the electricity, water and sanitation facilities. The programme would be completed during the current fiscal year.

#### KUSHTIA

### Traffic jam frequent

From Our Correspondent

May 24: Frequent traffic jam on the busy roads in the town obstructs the movement of pedestrians and vehicles.

It is reported that plying of large number of rickshaws. haphazard parking of vehicles in the busy areas and unauthorised occupation of footpaths by small traders create frequent traffic jams here.

According to the sources, only a limited number of rickshaws plying on the roads have valid licence while more than 2000 rickshaws ply without licence. Besides, rickshaws from the adjacent areas of the town also ply on the roads aggravating the situation further.

Moreover, due to lack of proper knowledge of traffic rules, the rickshaw pullers are multiplying the problem.

#### NARSINGDI

## 2 beheaded bodies recovered

From Our Correspondent

May 24: Two beheaded bodies have been recovered here recently.

It is learnt that the body of one Abul Kalam, son of Hasan Alt of village Kangalia under Belabo Upazila of the district, was found in a ditch in beheaded condition.

No reason has yet been ascertained behind this incident.

Another victim, Zahirul Haque, son of Mubbarak Hossain of Thadi Baluakandi village under Raipura Upazila of the district. His beheaded body was recovered from a

Both the bodies were sent to the hospital for post mortem. Separate cases have been lodged with the police.

### RAJSHAHI

#### Medicine shops without licence

From Our Correspondent May 24: The growth of unlicensed medicine shops in different parts of the district have been posing a serious threat to the health of the

It is learnt that there are atleast 500 drug shops in nine upazilas of the district. Higher antibiotics and life

savings drugs are being sold in these shops without any prescription of registered physi-

Most of the items of drugs in these unlicensed medicine shops are reportedly substan-

Local social workers have called upon the authorities concerned to take drastic action against these unscrupulous medicine traders for the sake of public health.

### FARIDPUR

## 5 Sharbahara Party men held

May 24: Five members of the outlawed Sharbahara Party were arrested from Patrail Union in Bhanga Upazila of the district recently, reports UNB. Acting on a tip, Bhanga po-

lice arrested two brothers Basudev and Rasudev of village Dalkundi, Jahangir and Kohinoor of village Brahmanpara and Abdul Jabbar of village Korri of Patrail Union.

### MEHERPUR

## Tributes paid to Tagore

May 24: Tributes were paid to Rabindranath Tagore at a discussion held at Public Library auditorium here recently to mark the 131st birth anniversary of the Nobel Laureate, reports BSS.

Organised by Bhairab Shahitya Sangskritik Gosthi the discussion was presided over by Abdur Razzak Khan. Former Member of Parliament Ahmad Ali was present as chief



JHENIDAH: The members of the Unemployed Youths Parishad brought out a procession here recently demanding jobs. -Star photo

## Transaction of forged notes rempant in border areas

From Our Correspondent

notorious criminals of border

areas who use to go to India

frequently are engaged in this

unlawful activities. They have

some stations in the upazilas

and do the business with the

not active to find out the root

and the real culprits, local

Maslondapur, Basirhat, Bon-

gaon, Gobardanga and Sealdah

in West Bengal are the centres

from where supply of the

that police maintain the net

work of intelligence service all

over the country to keep watch

on activities and movements of

every person. But it is surpris-

Savings Week

observed

MEHERPUR, May 24

Savings Week-'92 sponsored by

the district Savings Bureau was

observed in Meherpur district

at sadar upazila parishad audi

Deputy Commissioner, Meh

speakers highlighted the sig-

ntficance of savings for the

greater interest of our national

torium was attended by the

erpur as chief guest. The

The inaugural function held

recently, reports BSS.

There is no denying the fact

forged notes is being made.

The law enforcing agency is

is reported that

help of their paid agents.

their possession.

people say.

JESSORE, May 24 Transaction of forged notes of Bangladesh currency is rampant in border areas of the district and its neighbouring places for quite some time past causing concern to the

It is learnt that forged notes are now available in different markets of Sharsa, Keshabpur, Chowgachha, Monirampur and Jhikargachha upazilas of the district.

One Akbar of Mithapukur Upazila and one Lutfor Rahman of Jaynagar under Kalaroa Upazila in Satkhira were caught and handed over to the police by local people with four forged notes of Taka one hundred on May 3 last.

One Keta with forged notes of Taka five hundred and some Rafigul with seven notes of Taka one hundred were caught by the police on April 26 last. Two owners of hotels were also arrested with forged notes of Taka one hundred on the same day. Six other persons were arrested for the same cause during the last two

A note of Taka five hundred was seized by the staff of main branch of Sonali Bank, Jhenidah when a peon of the Deputy Commissioner placed it before the counter for exchange.

Two students of Jessore Government College residing in hostel have been facing the charge of holding forged notes

which were recovered from ing that the persons involved in such activities are not iden-Sources inform that some

#### Tk one cr Indian goods seized in 4 months

Indian goods worth over Taka one crore were seized by the law enforcing agencies from different parts of the district and a total of 675 cases have been registered with the concerned thana during the last four months from January to April.

Saree, cosmetics, paddy, cloths, fruit, cattle, sugar and salt were the items seized by the law enforcing agencies.

According to a detailed information, the BDR personnel seized the highest quantity of goods. They seized goods worth Tk 50,65,976 and they registered 361 cases against the involved persons.

goods worth Taka 16,44,373 and registered cases against 69 persons. The Customs Department seized goods worth Taka 6,483

and filed cases against eight persons. The Task Force comprising the BDR, Police and Customs seized goods worth Taka

30,96,754. They lodged cases against 267 per sons. incidentally, not a single person was nabbed during the

operation. Who are to be blamed for this is a question of the people.

#### the source added. Smüggled Indian sarees seized Smuggled Indian sarees

worth about Taka 20,000 were seized by the police of Kanaighat Police Station of Sylhet district recently.

According to the reports, on the day of incident, a police party searched a minibus

(Chittagong Metro-2288) at Sarker bazar. Smuggled Indian sarees worth about Taka 20,000 were recovered from the minibus. However, none claimed the clothes. Police seized these sarees. A case had already been

Notes from

Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

ond founding anniversary of

the Kewapara Samajkalyan

Samity of Sylhet was observed

cussion meeting and blood do-

nation camp was also held at

Commissioner, Sylhet was pre-

sent as chief guest in the

function with M N Anwar,

president of the organisation

in the chair. Jahirul Haque

Chowdhury, Editor, Dainik

Sylhet Bani, Abul Hashem, N D

C and Haidaruzzaman, Town

Social Welfare Officer were

It was also addressed

among others by Mrs. Masuda

Akhtar Chowdhury, Principal,

Babycare Academy, Golam

Abbas, president of the M A G

Osmany Medical College unit of

Sandhani and Rafiqul Islam

Chowdhury, Secretary of the

9 kg of ganja

recovered

women were arrested from the

According to a police

source, on getting secret in-

formations, a police party

headed by an Inspector of the

Department of Liquur and

Narcotics went to the bus

terminal and caught the three

women from there with nine

The arrested women were

Fatema Begum, Saleha Begum

and Saleha Khatoon hailed

from Bhairab, they came to

Sunamganj district to work

during the harvesting season,

had already been registered

under Narcotics Control Act,

A case in this connection

Sylhet town recently.

kilograms of ganja.

it is reported.

Nine kilograms of ganja

bus terminal of

organisation.

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present as the special guests.

the office of the organisation.

In this connection, a dis-

M A Latif, Deputy

here recently.

SYLHET, May 24: The sec-

registered with the Kanaighat Police Station in this connec-

### Armyman kills wife

The wife of a sepoy of Bangladesh Army was killed by her husband at their residence at Jalalabad Cantonment, Sylhet recently.

Following his confessional statement, the authority had put him under suspension, and was handed over to the police later on.

According to the reports, Bulu Khan, a sepoy used to live alongwith his wife at an official quarter at 52/11 at the Jalalabad Cantonment. As a sequel of family feud, he beat his and the victim Mosammat Shahnaj Akhtar Sheuli died next day due to torture. But her husband kept the body hanging with the ceiling fan of their quarter to show it as a case of suicide.

On getting the facts, the authority caught him and sent the body to the M A G Osmany Medical College Hospital for post-mortem. The Army authority put him under suspension and handed over him to the police.

He hails from village Sitarajib Dhundi of Kishoregani upazila under Nilphamari district. Bulu Khan was employed at the Jalalabad Cantonment as a sepoy (bearing no 3985683) with the 20 East Bengal Regiment.

#### Cow-lifting rampant

Cow-lifting has become rampant in different area of Goainghat upazila for the last two weeks causing great inconveniences for the farmers especially for the poor and marginal ones.

Most of the cow-lifters have been realising ransom for their cattleheads from the poor farmers, it is reported. According to the reports,

the farmers in this upazila had been passing sleepless nights for their cattleheads. Some of them had been using their living rooms for keeping the cattleheads, it is reported.

As many as 22 cows were taken away by the criminals from different villages of Jaflong union namely, Baurbhag, Naya Gangerpar, Asampara.

The local people had demanded upon the administration for immediate steps to stop such practices. At last 280 dwelling houses

were gutted, an old woman was burnt alive and three others sustained burn injuries in two separate fire incidents at Chirirbandar upazila recently.

## 500 children rally for release of AL leaders

SIRAJGANJ, May 24: More than 500 children staged a demonstration in the town on Saturday demanding immediate release of Awami League leader Abdul Latif Mirza and Freedom Fighter Abdul Bari, reports UNB.

The demonstrators also demanded withdrawal of cases against 51 people, including Latif and Bari, filed by Jamaate-Islami in connection with the killing of its activist Abul Kashem.

Kashem was killed on May 13 in a clash between the activists of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee and Jamaat in the

Police arrested Latif and Bari on May 15.

The juvenile protesters from different schools and families of the accused marched through the roads of the town and later submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

Muktijoddha Sangsad sour ces said six degree examinees could not appear in the examination which commenced on Saturday due to arrest warrant against them.

Earlier report adds were recovered and three Opposition chief Whip Moha mmad Nasim recently accused Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia of trying to protect "war criminal" Golam Azam. The "secret entente" be-

tween the BNP and the Jamaat has been nakedly exposed to the people. Nasim told a public meeting at the Shaheed Minar premises at Ullapara.

He wondered how Begum Zia, the widow of a Freedom Fighter, could come out on the street to protect a branded killer of 1971. "Her efforts in protecting Golam Azam had even surpassed those of the anti-liberation Jamaat-e-

The Opposition chief Whip alleged that the parliament had failed to adopt a agreed resolution on the question of Golam Azam because of noncooperation and intransigent attitude of the ruling party.

Charging the BNP leadership with making the parliament ineffective and rendering parliamentary democracy meaningless, Nasim said the opposition was not allowed to discuss the vital problems facing the nation.

The government has totally failed to run the country, he said and warmed that people will remove the present inefficient government through movement.

Presided over by Ullapara Thana Awami League President Prof Zakaria, the meeting was also addressed by Shahidul Islam, Abdur Rouf Pata and Litif Mirza.

Earlier, Nasim inaugurated the Ullapara Thana Awami League conserence which elected a 39-member new committee with Prof Zakaria and Shafiqul Islam Shafique as President and General Secretary respectively.

## BSF loot eight bullock

RANGPUR, May 24: Indian Border Security Force (BSF) took away eight bullock from Nagashori upazila border areas forcibly, reports UNB.

According to villagers, some BSF men recently entered inside the Bangladesh territory near the Border Pillar No. 1939 and looted the animals from the custody of the farmer Nagabullah. He was grazing the bullock.

Bangladesh Rifles lodged protest against the incident and proposed a flag meeting to arrange return of the bullock. But BSF turned a deaf ear to the proposal.

A 51-member executive committee of Rangpur district Awami League was formed Friday with Anisul Haq Chowdhury and Advocate Elias Ahmed as President and General Secretary respectively.

Awami League presidium member Matiur Rahman at tended the district conference that unanimously elected the executive committee for next A report from Borguna says

Acute shortage of bullock prevailing throughout the Betagi upazila of the district for a long time has been hampering cultivation, local farmers say. About 60 to 70 per cent families in the upazila do not

have bullock to till their land.

Consequently, about 60 per cent land in the area could not be cultivated properly resulting poor production over the last few years. Farmers, most of whom are share-croppers, cannot afford

to buy bullock due to high prices. A pair of bullock costs Taka 6000 to 7000 in the market. As a result, farmers very often hire bullock to cultivate

their lands. Sometimes, they

till their lands with spades and

draw harrows themselves. Many of them use milch cows to plough the land resulting in fall in the production of

## Problems hamper proper treatment in hospital

From Our Correspondent

SERPUR, May 24: The local Sadar Hospital, the largest in the district has been facing shortage of staff, equipment, medicines and accommodation problem for a long time causing immense sufferings to the patients.

The two-storied hospital building has become almost unfit for use especially for the health services. The 50-bed hospital can not accommodate the increasing number of patients and consequently a number of serious patients are to stay on floor and verandah. The hospital have only one

ambulance which has been lying out of order for a long time. So, the guardians of serious patients are to face a lot to remove the patients else-There are no ENT, cardiol-

ogy specialist and medicine

consultant in the hospital for which the patients are suffering much as they are not getting proper treatment. Local people informed that

the admitted patients including the operate ones are to purchase medicines from outside at an exorbitant price. The doctors of the hospital informed this correspondent that the medicines supplied by

the government is quite inad-

equate to meet the increasing demand. The existing blood bank of the hospital remains almost nil for most of the times for which the relatives of the patients are to go far away to collect neces-

sary blood Some staff of the hospital informed that the water supplied here contains much fron which causes damages to the equipment of the hospital.

## Power supply irregular

Power disruption has become a regular phenomenon in the town over the last few days causing untold suffering to the consumers, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, power supply goes off at least five to six times a day and resumes after an interval of one to two hours. The frequency of power

failure reaches its peak in the noon hampering local industries greatly. Many electronic gadgets are also being dam aged due to power disruption. The local mills, factories, shop and press owners have

been suffering much due to irregular power supply. If the situation continues. production in mills and factories will decrease abnormally,

local people said. Businessmen of the town urged the authorities to take immediate steps to ensure smooth supply of electricity. Uncontrolled rickshaw ply-

ing and parking in and around the town has been creating multifarious problems to the dwellers for a long time.

Most of the rickshaws plying on roads do not use light

FENI, May 24 : Public Health and Engineering Department (PHE) has taken

have already been sunk for making drinking water available in rural areas.

#### MADARIPUR, May 24 during the night and many of them have no licence.

Passengers alleged that the rickshawpullers park their rickshaws indiscriminately

> movement of passengers and pedestrians. Rush of rickshaws at local bus stand also creates traffic hazards. Whenever, a bus reaches at a stoppage, a lot of rickshaws gherao the bus blocking its door creating dif-

ficulties to the passengers to

get in and out of the bus.

creating obstacles to the

## 914 deep, shallow tubewells to be installed

up a programme for installing 914 deep and shallow tubewells in five upazilas of the district during the current financial year, reports UNB. Of them, 796 tubewells

# Bamboo production on decline

KURIGRAM, May 24 Bamboo clusters in Sadar. Rawmari, Chilmari, Rajibpur, Rajarhat and Ulipur upazilas are on the verge of extinction due to indiscriminate cutting Thousands of bamboos are cut and sold in the haats and

deluge during 1991 has not yet been repaired.

bazars of the villages of the district to meet the daily need of the people According to reports, large number of bamboos are, brought to the towns for higher prices by some farias. These bamboos are bought by

the contractors who use those

for constructing buildings.

Only a small number of bam-

boos are used for domestic

An unofficial source informed that there were 100,000 bamboo groves in this area. But most of these groves are now in poor condition with a few bamboos in each grove. Many groves have already been destroyed. The poverty-stric ken village people not only sell their bamboos but also uproot the bamboo roots and sell

### From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR : Katir Pool, a vital bridge in Darsana Union under the district damaged in a

those as fuel to the brickfield owners or potters. Poor people with scanty in come or no income are com-

pelled to sell the last bamboo to earn their livelihood Bamboo groves are also destroyed sometimes to procure land for house building or agriculture purposes. These are not replaced by planting new saplings. The abnormal use of bamboos in other sectors has rendered about 75 per cent bamboo-based artisans jobless. The situation has forced the people to purchase bamboo at skyhigh prices for meeting the

Observers think that government should take necessary steps to increase per capita income of the rural poor and encourage the plantation of bamboos. Our Narsingdi Correspondent says : Bamboo production

is declining very fast due to lack of proper maintenance and nursing of bamboo clusters in Belabo, Raipur and Mono-It can be mentioned that

Belabo and Raipura are the two main bamboo producing places of the district. It is learnt that Sallabad. Narayanpur, Umlab, Ulipur and

Shaherchar unions were once

-Star photo

famous for bamboo production. There were thousands of clusters in these unions. As a result, acute scarcity of bamboos has been prevailing in these areas and consequently. the prices of bamboos have

is being taken to save the bamboo clusters from decaying in these areas The owners of the bamboo clusters do not know how to

On the other hand, no effort

selling bamboos frequently. Bamboos are less grown than cut. The shortage of bumboo and its high prices have affected the cottage industry of the country.

nurse the clusters but they are

Meanwhile, the repair and reconstruction of kancha houses have been greatly hampered due to the shortage of bamboos in some areas of the

## The police followed the BDR personnel. They seized