Upazila roundup/

FARIDPUR

One held with

June 1: Police in an encounter arrested one of the four miscreants and recovered one pipe gun from his possession in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

Local people informed the police that a gang of four armed snatchers were in operation near the Muchikhali canal area in the town.

Sub-inspector Shamsul Huq of Kotwali thana along with one constable rushed to the spot by a rickshaw in disquise and the snatchers then swooped on them and asked to hand over their belongings at gun point.

At this, Huq jumped on them and tried to arrest one of the miscreants. When the other snatchers opened blank fire he in return fired at them from his revolver injuring one.

After a good chase Haq managed to arrest the injured miscreant Ujjal (26) of village Raghunathpur in Sadar upazila. He was sent to Faridpur General Hospital under police escort.

A case has been registered with the police in this connec-

GAZRIPUR

Moitry Kalyan Samity

committee formed From Our Correspondent

June. 1: The conference of Moitry Kalyan Samity was held at Tongi Nasimpur Govt. Primary School premises re-

Joynal Abedin presided over the conference. Addressed among others by Jamaluddin, Ahshanullah, Sayed Sirker, Abu Taher Khan and Altaf Hossain.

Later, a 11-member executive committee was formed with Ahshanullah and Syed Jamaluddin as President and Secretary respectively.

Another report adds: One Md Shaheed (22) killed his nephew Joynal Abedin(6) at village Soylat under Sreepur Upazila of the district recently.

According to the police sources. On the day of inci dent, the victim was sleeping with his mother. All on a sud den, Shaheed entered their house and attacked the victim.

Police recovered the body and sent it to the Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for post-mortem.

A case has been registered with the police in this regard.

KISHOREGANJ

Number of rickshaws

on rise From Our Correspondent

June. 1: The increase in the number of rickshaws has been causing a lot of sufferings to the residents of Bhairab river port town over the last one At last 5000 rickshaws are

now plying on the narrow 16 miles metalled roads within 5.07 square miles area of the pourashava,

The roads specially in the main commercial areas of the town remain all along blocked by rickshaws causing hindrance to the movement of pedestrians. The people while moving on the roads of the main town have to remain stranded from place to place due to rickshaw van. The school going children are the worst sufferers.

A part from this, the rickshaws from the outlying unions of Bhairab Pourashava make entry into the town aggravating the situation.

SATKHIRA

Dacoits loot Tk one lakh

From Our Correspondent June 1: Dacoity was com mitted in a shop of one Alhai

Keramatali of Rajnagar Bazar under Satkhira sadar upazila Saturday last. Dacoits looted away cash

Taka one lakh. It is reported that a group of armed dacoits numbering 10 to 15 raided the stationary shop of the said bazar at night and looted away the said amount.

Two persons were arrested by the police in this regard. A case was lodged with Satkhira

Another report adds: One Abdul Aziz Moral (65) of Jugipukuria under Tala upazila was killed by suffocation. It is reported that Abdul Gani, Nurul Islam and Momrej including others were erecting pucca building on the land owned by Aziz Moral on the day of occurrence which was resisted by the deceased. At one stage, they suffocated him to death on the spot. Two persons Gani and Nurul Islam were arrested by the police. A case was lodged with Tala PS.

COMILLA

One commits suicide

From Our Correspondent June 1: One Md Fazar Ali (30), of village Sri Nibash under Barapara

Union of sadar upazila committed suicide by taking poison recently.

It is learnt that he committed suicide over family feud. A case has been registered

with police in this connection. Another report adds: A three-day long workshop on Health and Family Planning for Imams concluded here recently.

The workshop was organised by Bangladesh Paribar Parikalpana Samity (FPAB) of the district unit. Twentyfive lmams from different mosques participated in the workshop.

CHUADANGA

Sharbahara Partyman held

From Our Correspondent

June 1: A Sharbahara Partyman named Samar Sikder alais Shishir was caught red handed by the local police while he was collecting tolls from the Manager of Sonali Bank, Dingedah Branch, three miles from here under Chnadanga Sadar Upazila recently.

The alleged Sharbahara Partyman Samar Sikder identified himself as a member of the outlawed Sharbahara Party and showed a letter of his Party Commander to the Manager of Sonali Bank, Dingedah Branch demanding a toll of Taka 300 while the local people caught him red handed and handed over him to the Chandauga thana police.

According to a confessional statement made by him to the Chandanga thana police, he confessed that he had collected a sum of Taka 300 as tolls from the officers of Chnadanga Water Development Board along with his accomplice Shahin.

A case has been started in this connection with the Chandanga thana police under Section 387 BPC. Investigation is going on.

JHENIDAH

Tk 1 lakh contraband goods seized

From Our Correspondent June 1: Kaliganj police

scized contraband goods worth about Taka one lakh from a night coach on Friday night reports UNB.

Acting on tip, a contingent of police led by ASP Shamsul Huda searched a Dhaka bound night coach 'Chitra Paribahan' from Chuadanga at Mobarkgani Rail Gate They seized 82 pieces of

Indian silk saree and 175 bottles of phensidyl syrup from the coach. None was arrested in this connection.

A case has been filed.

CHAPAINAWABGANG

Newsman held June 1: Police arrested the

local correspondent of "Ajker Kagoj" on Saturday here, reports UNB.

The police action followed a case filed by UNO in the Upazila Magistrate's court against the correspondent Anwar Hossain Dilu, alleging that he was hindering the work of state affairs.

Sources said, in January this year Anwar Hossain went to local UNO to obtain some information about the Food for Works Programme. Instead of giving him data UNO is said to

have misbehaved with him. The local journalists and political leaders took up the matter with Deputy Commissioner and it was understood that it had been

The arrest about four months later has come as a surprise to all. Different political leaders and organisations have strongly condemned the arrest and demanded his unconditional release.

MAGURA

Girl kidnapped

June 1: Nazmunnahar (14) daughter of Nastruddin of village Chandikhali in Sreepur Upazila and a student of class eight of Nabagram High School has been missing since last one week, reports UNB.

According to a police case. the girl had been kidnapped by some students when she was returning home from the school.

Sreepur police have been investigating but there has been no trace of the girl or the kidnappers so far.



BOGRA: The marriages of four orphan girls of local 'Sarkari Shishu Paribar' were solemnised recently where Additional Deputy Commissioner, Abul Kashem was present. Each couple was given a sewing machine including other household utensils. - Star photo

Poor return discouraging jute cultivation

SHERPUR, June 1: The cultivation of jute has been decreasing every year in the district. The production target could not be achieved in the last decade, reports UNB.

Sherpur is one of the largest jute producing areas of Bangladesh. About 20,000 acres of land were brought under jute cultivation during the current season. Jute plants in many areas have also been attacked by pests and other dis-Every year, jute production

is going down in the district in absence of patronisation by the concerned authorities. Farmers were not reportedly given jute seeds at fair prices. The farmers alleged that jute market was dull for last several vears. In the absence of stability of

jute price the cultivators did not get price for their production, and were now shifting to paddy.

Many government and private jute purchasing centres of the district have already been

MAGURA, June 1: The gov-

ernment has sanctioned an

amount of Taka 65 lakh for

construction of a bridge on

Chitra River during the cur-

rent fiscal year under Annual

Development Programme.

source, the construction work

of this bridge has started and

it would be completed by

bridge, road communication

would improve between

Magura and Narail district

Another report adds: Local

Government Engineering

Bureau (LGEB) has sanctioned

an amount of Taka 85.60 lakh

for completion of 26 projects

in the district during the cur

rent fiscal year under Annual

Executive Engineer, LGEB,

Development Programme.

According to an official

On completion of the

reports UNB.

December next.

headquarters.

Hats and Bazars of all the five upazilas of the district are in pitiable condition causing great inconvenience 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 problems to the people. Morcover, filths and garbages are being dumped in the bazar areas polluting the environment and creating

health hazards. Local people urged the authorities to take up schemes to modernise the hats and bazars for the interest of buyers and

Cold storage facility demanded

Potato and onion farmers of the district have been facing difficulties due to lack of cold

Local sources said, a huge quantity of potatoes and onion

Bridge on river Chitra by '92

Magura informed UNB, out of

the total amount Taka 16 lakh

has been sanctioned for con-

struction of two roads, Taka

43.60 lakh for construction of

24 culverts and Taka 26 lakh

for construction of a bridge on

Radhanagar Canal in Sreepur

that all the construction works

have started and would be

completed by this month. On

completion, the projects

would facilitate rural road

communication and irrigation

ment Board (BRDB) has sunk a

total of 246 irrigation pumps

source, of them, 240 were

shallow and 6 deep tubewells.

the scheme, a total of 2,700

acres of land will get irrigation

Bangladesh Rural Develop-

According to an official

With the implementation of

The source also informed

Upazila.

in the district.

in the Sadar upazila.

Works on 26 projects in progress

have been produced in the district exceeding previous records. But these were being sold between Taka 120 and 160 per maund, much less than the production cost Adequate storage facilities could have improved the price situation, growers said.

The growers have urged the authorities to take steps for setting up a cold storage to help solve their problem.

Traffic jam

Innumerable rickshaws and violation of traffic rules have been causing serious traffic congestion in the town.

Most of the rickshaws plying on roads do not use lamp at night and many of them have no licence.

Passengers alleged that the rickshawpullers park their rickshaws indiscriminately on the roads creating obstacles to the movement of vehicular traffic and pedestrians. Town dwellers have urged

the authorities to implement traffic rules strictly and take action against its violators.

facilities in Sadar upazila.

metric tons of wheat.

sufficiency.

The BRDB also re-excavated

The ponds were handed

Nasirul Islam (17), son of

two ponds at village Borasoloi

and Amuria by distributing 24

over to the members of land-

less Samabaya Samities for fish

cultivation for attaining self-

Ali Akbar of village Khalia in

Mohammadpur Upazila of the

district was seriously injured

in a clash between two rival

the quarrel ensued over supply

of water in a paddy field under

IRRI-scheme recently. Nasirul

Sadar Hospital in a critical

condition, but they referred

him to Dhaka Medical College

with the Mohammadpur police

in this connection. Police in-

vestigation is going on but no

in a road accident on Magura-

Abul Kalam (20) was killed

According to police, the

The body was sent to

filed and further police inves-

arrest has yet been made.

A case has been registered

Islam was beaten with bamboo

He was admitted to Magura

According to the witnesses,

groups at village Saratola.

sticks and sharp weapons.

Hospital for treatment.

The passing out parade of the second batch of police constaof Noakhali Police Training Cantre was held at

Inspector General of Police M. Enamul Huq inspected the parade and took the salute. A total of 243 trained constables

BAU admission test for bachelor

session 1991-92 will be held

been advised to collect the admission form and guide book from the office of the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science. during office hours from June 1 to 9 and June 20 to 30 by depositing a sum of Taka 100 for each set of admission form and guide-book. Candidates are required to submit the forms within July 7.

total of 540 students will be admitted into bachelor level part one classes, says a Press

seats is as follows: Faculty of Veterinary Science 60, Faculty of Agriculture 250, Faculty of Animal Husbandry 50, Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology 60, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Technology 60 and Faculty of Fisheries 60.

Indian sarees seized

sonnel seized Indian sarces worth over Taka 12 lakh from a loaded truck in sadar upazila of the district recently, reports UNB. Acting on secret informa-

truck near Kazinbag Area and arrested two alleged smugglers in this connection. The truck was seized and the arrested smugglers were

The contraband item was handed over to the local customs officials.

Tk one cr crops, houses damaged by storm

DURGAPUR (Rajshahi), June 1: A severe nor wester has brought havoc on standing crops and kutcha houses in Durgapur Upazila of the district, reports UNB.

The worst-hit villages are Ratugram, Baroil, Kayamajampur and Nandigram.

According to a delayed information, the violent storm with a windspeed up to 120 km per hour lashed the upazila on the night of May 14. The total loss was estimated at about Taka one crore.

Villagers and officials said

the storm uprooted tress, blew off roofs of many tinshed houses and destroyed a number of thatched structures rendering hundreds of people shelterless. The nature's fury also de-

stroyed vast areas of the preharvest IRRI-boro crops, about 100 betel leaf farms (Boroj) and banana plantations. "Most houses at our village

have been damaged - some to-

tally while others partially -

and there is no tree left in-

tact," said Durgapur College Lecturer Abdur Rafiq Sarker of Ratugram village.

The affected people have urged the authorities to provide them with relief and

grants to help them rehabilitate without further delay of direct bus service between the town and Rajshahi is causing immense suffering to hundreds of passengers travelling

on the route. It has been alleged that despite repeated request to the concerned authorities to solve the problem, no step has been taken to so far in this regard. The passengers on the

route have to stop at Sapaihat and Kasurhat bus stands to change transport to reach The sufferers have demanded immediate solution of the problem and urged the

government to set a direct

service on the route without

further delay. Erosion of the Teesta rendered several hundreds families homeless in Hatibandha and sadar upazila under Lalmonirhat district recently,

Fund crisis hampers betel leaf farming

BARGUNA, June 1: The betel leaf growers in the district are facing manifold problems hampering its cultivation. reports UNB. At present about 10,000

families of Amtali, Betagi and Sadar upazilas have been engaged in betel leaf cultivation. But due to lack of necessary inputs, bank loans, marketing facilities and high transportation cost, the cultivation of betel leaf is decreasing. On the other hand, prices

of inputs such as straw, oilcake, fertilizers and jute stalks have increased abnormally. But according to the growers, the market price of their products has not increased proportion-

A huge quantity oilcake is required for betel leaf farming. Sheds over betel leaf plantation have to be changed at least thrice in a year, which shots up the expenses due to high price of bamboo.

The 131at birth anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore was observed here by various socio-cultural organisation with due favour.

Barguna Shilpakala Academy and Adarsha Girls School jointly organisation a discussion meeting on May 19. Speakers paid rich tributes to the poet for his immense contribution to Bengali language and literature. The discussion meeting was

presided over by Chitta Ranzan Ray. Among others Syed Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of Barguna, Professor Protab Chandro Biswas, Abdul Alim Himu and Chitta Ranzan Shil too part in the discussion. A 49-member district

and Jahangir Kabir as President and Secretary fespectively. The biennial conference of the district unit elected mem-

committee of Awami League

has been elected here with

Dhirendra Devnath Shambliu

bers of the committee for a two-year term recently. Central Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Tofacl

Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu and KM Jahangir attended and addressed the council session.

Hospital needs more treatment facilities

NATRAKONA, June 1: The modernised hospital at the district headquarters has failed to provide the required medical facilities to the people here especially town dwellers, patients and local leaders alleged, reports UNB.

The 50-bed hospital cannot accommodate the patients due to shortage of beds. Hundreds of patients are denied admission in time of epidemic. About 1000 patients come

to the hospital every day from the rural areas with the hope of getting proper treatment but most of them have to go back disappointed.

Shortage of medicine persists in the hospital round the year although the Civil Surgeon denied the allegation saying supplied medicines were not utilised properly. But the hospital authorities

said medicines supplied to the hospital could not meet even 30 per cent of its requirement.

The Surgical Department is not furnished adequately with modern apparatus. There is no consultant in the eye, children, gynecology and ENT departments.

The supply of power and water in the hospital is irregular causing immense suffering to the patients. Frequent load-shedding in

different upazilas including Sadar is hampering irrigation for standing IRRI-boro crops. The upazilas badly affected by load-shedding are Barhatta, Madan, Kendua, Mohangonj

and Purbadhala. It has been alleged that the frequency of load-shedding is sometimes as high as 15 times day, the consumers told

Anti-social and criminal activities have reported from areas including the hats and bazars which remain in darkness for at least three to four hours every night.

3.45 lakh couples use FP devices

BARISAL, June 1: Family Planning activities in Barisal district are satisfactory in view of the number of people practising permanent and convendevices.

reports BSS. According to an official source, the total number of fertile couples in this district is about 3,45,080

Of the total, 73,097 women have been taking oral-pills regularly, 19,601 men using condoms, 12,478 women Copprer-1, 20,489 people injections and rest one or other devices. A total of 43,911 persons including 38,892 women took permanent Family Planning devices, the source

The percentage of fertile couple brought under Family Planning devices was 65. A total of 502 field workers have been working in ten upazilas of Barisal district, the source said. Besides, there is one Health and Family Welfare Centre in each upazila of the district. One Medical Officer. one office assistant, one nurse, three other staff etc have been working in each of these health centers, the source

added. Bangladesh Karishi Bank (BKB) has disbursed Taka 4.40 crore through 23 branches of the bank among the farmers of the district during the last 11

sanctioned Taka 6.49 crore for disbursement among the farmers of the district this year. The bank has realised Taka 2.23 erore from the farmers

According to the bank

sources, the government has

during the period.

The loan is meant for the cultivation of aus, aman, and rabi crops, the source said.

The 93rd birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed here recently in a befitting manner. Different socio-cultural or-

ganisation chalked out programmes to observe the day. The programmes included discussion, extempore speech, recitations and cultural fune: A discussion meeting was

held at Barisal Government Women's College. It was presided over by Alhai Md Shamsuddin Khan, Principal of the college. The function was addressed among others by Prof Khatun Mahmuda, Prof. Monsur Ahmed, Prof M A Jalil Vice-Principal Md Abdul Motleb, and Prof Rakhal Chandra Dev

Sharbahara partymen loot two guns From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 1: The member of the Sharbahara Party looted two guns from the villages of Kala Luzmipur and Kashimpur under sadar upazila

on Saturday afternoon. It is reported that a group of Sharbahara Party men num bering about 25 raided the house of one Fashiur Rahman of Kala Luxmipur and looted away his single barrel gun with

37 rounds of cartridges. The Sharbahara Party men also raided the house of another Golam Mustafa of village Kashimpur and looted his single barrel gun.

Two cases were filed with

the Jhenidah police in this connections. Acting on a secret information, the Additional Police Super along with a police party rushed to the spot and started operation to recover the guris.

could not recover the guns. A dacoity was committed in a house in which property worth Taka one lakh were

It is reported that the da-

cofts numbering about 10

forcibly entered into the house

The police party arrested a

man in this connection but

under the district at dead of night and beat the inmates of the house mercilessly and looted cash; ornament and other valuables worth about Taka one lakh and decamped with the booty safely. No case has been registered with the Police.

of one Abdur Rob of village Garaganj of Shailkupa Upazila

Jhenidah Road near Alomkhali victim while returning home from a local bazar was hit by a speeding truck from behind recently. He died on the spot. morgue for post-mortem. The driver managed to escape with the vehicle. A case has been

tigation is going on.

COMILLA: Shelu Barna rendering song at the national function here in celebration of 93rd birth anniversary of Poet Nazrul Islam - Star photo

Shortage of rly wagon hits carrying of fertilizer JAMALPUR, June 1: Short

age of railway wagons is ham pering the carrying of fertilizer from Jamuna Fertilizer Factory to Chittagong Port, reports Factory sources said it has

signed contracts to export

72,000 metric tons of fertil-

izer to abroad. Accordingly

supply of fertilizer to Chit-

tagong Port has begun on May 22 by railway wagons. The factory has the capacity of supplying 100 wagons of fer tilizer per day. But the Railway department said they can hardly provide 50 wagons for

the purpose. As a result, only 7000 met ric tons of fertilizer were despatched to Chittagong Port

during the last week. Meanwhile, due to the want of storage facilities, the factory is now producing 1400 metric tons instead of 1700 metric

Police men asked to serve nation with devotion MAIJDEE COURT, June 1

tons of its capacity per day.

the centre's parade ground on Saturday, reports UNB.

participated in the parade.

classes Aug 27 AGRI-VARSITY, June 1: The written admission test for the candidates seeking admission into the bachelor level part one classes under various faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University for the

on August 27, reports UNB. Intending candidates have

It may be mentioned that a

Faculty-wise distribution of

Tk 12 lakh FEM, June 1: The BDR per-

tion, BDR jawans raided a

sent to police custody.